

ARPA Task Force

Minutes for 01.11.2022, 8:10 am-9:40 am

Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B

Presiding: Steve Matheson, Kootenai County Treasurer

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM.

Task Force

In-person: Steven Matheson, Jim Brannon, Nanci Plouffe, Dena Darrow,
Jody Bieze, Julina Hildreth (late arrival), Kaitlin Smith

via Teams: Pat Braden

Other Attendees

In-person: Amy Voeller (Innovia)

via Teams: Jessie (North Kootenai Water District), Necia Maiani (Welch Comer),
Suzanne Scheidt (North Kootenai Water and Sewer District)

2. Changes to the Agenda (Action)

No changes to the agenda were proposed.

3. Presiding Officer's Remarks

Presiding Officer Steve Matheson reiterated for attendees that the ARPA Task Force is a working group of employees assigned by the BOCC, and will not be using strict parliamentary protocol.

4. Announcements

Steve Matheson announced his attendance of the ARPA workshop held yesterday at the CDA library. The workshop was hosted by the city of Coeur d'Alene, and had upwards of four dozen public attendees. Today's Kootenai County ARPA Task Force meeting was moved to Meeting Room 1A&1B so that these persons could be accommodated if they chose to attend this meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes (Action)

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for 4 January 2022 was made by Steve Matheson. Motion seconded and passed.

6. Public Comment

No public comments.

7. Adoption of SLFRF Final Rule (Discussion)

The Treasury has adopted a Final Rule for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds on January 6, 2022. The effective date for the Final Rule shall be April 1, 2022. The Task Force discussed preliminary thoughts on how differences between the Interim Final Rule and the Final Rule might affect the evaluation of projects for Kootenai County ARPA funds.

The Task Force concurred that the Final Rule should not materially change the evaluation framework, but may impact the eligibility of certain types of projects.

Considerations include the addition of a "standard allowance" of \$10 million for revenue loss, as well as tightened eligibility for Capital Expenditures, including construction.

The Task Force discussed the possibility of tracking revenue loss category expenditures through a separate project or account from other ARPA expenditures.

Steve Matheson requested that members of the Task Force share points of interest with the Task Force mailing list as they review the Final Rule.

Nanci Plouffe advised that the Overview of the Final Rule provided by the Treasury so far seems to be a thorough and effective summary of the contents of the Final Rule.

The Task Force also discussed whether it would be wise to hold a hearing on potential project recommendations, or an evening meeting, or both. The consensus was that a hearing is not required by statute, and Pat Braden and Jim Brannon advised that the BOCC would be the appropriate body to hold any potential hearings, not this task force. The Task Force will address the scheduling of an evening meeting in a future agenda.

8. Project Scoring Review: Fourth Batch (Discussion)

North Kootenai Water & Sewer: Rimrock

North Kootenai Water & Sewer: Twin Lakes

BOCC: Airport Sewer Lines

Hayden Lake Sewer District

Bayview Water and Sewer District

Coroner: Mobile Morgue Trailer

Sheriff: Jail Generator Upgrade

Item #8 was skipped in light of considerations brought up by the adoption of the Final Rule.

9. Project Evaluation Update: Fifth Batch (Action)

Item #9 was skipped in light of considerations brought up by the adoption of the Final Rule.

10. Eligibility Assessment Update and Signature Needs (Action)

Batch #4 Eligibility Certification Forms

Score Sheets

Item #10 was skipped in light of considerations brought up by the adoption of the Final Rule.

11. Updates: Ongoing Tasks/Project Information (Discussion)

Master Plan Meeting Docs

Revenue Loss Calculation

EO Meeting

KC EMSS PPE for CARES

Steve Matheson stated that he believes the update prepared for the Elected Officials at the EO meeting should also be an update for the Board of County Commissioners, and should address the adoption of the Final Rule as well as the Task Force's project evaluation process so far.

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting (Action)

The next ARPA Task Force meeting has been confirmed for Tuesday January 18th at 8:10 AM.

13. Adjournment

Presiding Officer Steve Matheson pronounced the meeting adjourned at 8:51 AM.

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