

**WHITMAN COUNTY BLUE RIBBON
ADVISORY TASK COMMITTEE
Commissioners' Chambers
April 20, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Mitch Chandler, Chair
Ron Wachter, Pullman
Roy Schulz, Tekoa**

**Michele Beckman, Colfax
David Nails, Colfax
Marie Dymkoski, Palouse**

Staff: Maribeth Becker, BOCC; Elinor Huber, Clerk; and Corey Mitzimberg, observer.

Presenters: Kylie Fullmer, Whitman County Library; Jeff Pietila, LaCrosse Community Pride; Whitney Bond, Colfax Downtown Association; Lannette Ring, Colfax Downtown Association.

7:04 p.m. – Mitch Chandler convened the meeting with introductions of members.

MOTION by Ron Wachter and seconded by Marie Dymkoski to elect Mitch Chandler as Chairman and David Nails as Vice-Chairman. Motion passed.

MOTION by Michele Beckmann and seconded by David Nails to approve the minutes from July 21, 2020. Motion passed.

The Chairman reviewed the projects that have not yet been completed.

- The 2019 Colfax Golf Course \$70,000 project has received two extensions for final completion by February 22, 2022.
- The 2020 Town of Oakesdale Library ADA Ramp, \$15,000 is scheduled for completion by the original deadline.
- The 2020 Colfax Downtown Association, \$38,500 is scheduled for completion by the original deadline.

The Chairman announced the 2021 applicants will each have about ten minutes to present their project, after which the Committee will have a question and answer period. Each of the Committee members will then score the projects based on established criteria followed by report of the scoring and recommended award of the funds.

The first presentation was from the Colfax Downtown Association by Whitney Bond, Executive Director. They are asking for \$99,000 to improve Main Street and the downtown corridor by producing attractive storefronts and promote tourism.

The second presentation was from the Whitman County Rural Library District by Kylie Fullmer, Director. They are asking for \$40,000 to continue the LaCrosse Rock's project in partnership with LaCrosse Community Pride, to renovate the rock gas station for the Ice Age Museum and Visitor Center and complete the work inside the bunkhouses for use as a bed and breakfast.

MOTION by David Nails and seconded by Roy Schulz to award \$40,000 to the Whitman County Rural Library District for the Ice Age Museum and Visitor Center and award \$60,000 to the Colfax Downtown Association for improving Main Street and the downtown corridor. Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2022.

MOTION by David Nails and seconded by Roy Schulz to adjourn. Motion passed.

8:05 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.