

# Ag Development Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

Called to order 9:02am

Attendees: Council – John Wicks, Megan Hedges, Sara Hollenbeck, Dean Folkvord, Lars Hanson, Department of Agriculture Director Christy Clark, Department of Commerce Director Scott Osterman.

Department of Agriculture – Bailey, Aly, Caitlin, Jim, Hailey, Andy, Marty.

Members of the Public – Shaylee (GNDC), Anna (GF), Lacey (Glendive), Terra Burman (EPED), Grace (RCEDA), Ben Thiem, Julie (RCEDA), Abby (Snowy Mtn), Tori (GNDC), Christy Cummings, Alison, Eric Seidensticker (MBAC)

No public comment

Minutes review (9/21/23); Dean Folkvord – motion to approve; Sara Hollenbeck 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Pre-app review:

Ranked, discussed top 10 in depth, moved down to top 40.

ADC discussed pre-apps with higher standard deviations.

Megan Hedges made motion to approve highlighted pre-apps, Dean Folkvord 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Discussion on allowing up to \$5,000 in grant funding for equipment purchases through BAM program; Megan Hedges made motion to approve, Scott Osterman 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Next meeting date: February 13-15<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned 11:14am

Pre-apps invited to submit full apps:

Business Name	Project Title	Application Contact	Amount Requested
Big Mountain Ciderworks	Big Mountain Ciderworks Expansion Project	Leonard Desmul	\$150,000.00
Big Sky Butcher LLC	Big Sky Butcher LLC: Expansion for Inspection Project	Matt Baca	\$50,000.00
Bloom Technologies Co.	Advancing the Agriculture Industry through Algae-based Fertilizer	Herlin Kadriu	\$14,800.00
Bruce Seed Farm, Inc.	Seed Processing Facility	Bruce Seed Farm, Inc.	\$50,000.00
Carbon County Meats, LLC	Carbon County Meats value added expansion.	Sabina Giovetti	\$50,000.00
Casey Bailey DBA Clearcreek Farm	Revolutionizing On-Farm legume diversity through advanced handling systems	Casey Bailey	\$50,000.00
Country Compost LLC	Country Compost LLC Expansion Project	Andrew Bartel	\$8,000.00
County Rail Farm DBA Field Five Flowers	Winter Tulip Production at County Rail + Field Five Flowers	Tracy Potter-Fins	\$50,000.00
Crooked Yard Hops LLP	Hop Production Facility Infrastructure and Safety Improvements	Jake TeSelle	\$14,065.00
Eagles Acres LLC	Pastured Poultry Expansion	Gizem Nance	\$6,175.00
EdenFeeds	Feed Manufacturing Equipment to Increase Production and Create a Safer Work Environment	Thomas Kropf	\$100,000.00
Educatio Learning Studio	Montana Local Ag Ice Cream Brand Project	Emily Post	\$100,000.00
Farmer Boy Eggs	Farmer Boy Eggs Equipment Upgrades	Alex Verlanic	\$20,000.00

Farmer's Choice LLC	New Business expanding into Montana, bought building and put in a soybean treating system	Steve Knorr	\$150,000.00
Farming Logistics, LLC	Business expansion through improvements of our current hops facilities and practices.	Hunter & Mackenzie Riddle	\$50,000.00
FTT Livestock LLC	FTT Livestock Quality Expansion	Cali Malkovich	\$25,000.00
Gally's Brewing Company LLC	Addition of Distilling Operations to Gally's Brewing Company	Matthew Speed	\$50,000.00
Glacier Processing Cooperative	Glacier Processing Cooperative equipment and efficiency improvements to the former Vandevanter Meats business.	Glacier Processing Cooperative	\$50,000.00
Homestead Organics Farm	Cooking up Opportunity!	Laura Garber	\$11,000.00
Horizon Biologics LLC	Expansion of production capacity for bovine amniotic fluid products	Nancy Jane Shelby	\$46,361.00
Lame Jones Meats	Cooler Expansion- GTA	Cassie O'Connor	\$35,000.00
Montana Premium Processing	Project Manager	Agricultural Cooperative (Members Are Owners)	\$50,000.00
Moon River Ranch, LLC	Add value to Montana's agricultural industry by providing reliable and accessible produce to rural communities throughout Southwest Montana, using innovative growing techniques, and supporting additional local agricultural producers.	Derek Campbell	\$38,853.50
Natural Solutions LLC/Hi-line Farmacy	Hi-Line Farmacy Health Grows Locally A vibrant farm to table store coming to Chester Montana to serve the local communities with Healthy locally grown agricultural products.	Jillien Streit	\$50,000.00
NEW ENGLAND CHOWDER, LLC dba YELLOWSTONE SOUP CO	YELLOWSTONE SOUP CO FACILITY AND MARKET EXPANSION	JENNIFER RIEF	\$147,903.00
Old Salt Meat Company	Growing Montana Value-Added Meat Products	Cole Mannix	\$50,000.00
Pelz MT LLC	Machine for Mass Production of Local Montana Pelmeni Dumplings	Linzie Norman	\$25,000.00
River View Livestock LLC	Melrose Mercantile & Meat	Travis & Holly Carpenter	\$50,000.00
Schmitt Organic Farm	Vertical Integration of Organic Grain Processing	Craig Schmitt	\$149,534.00
Skattum Revocable Living Trust (Skattum Dairy and Ranch)	Skattum Dairy Expansion to meet market demand for Montana made milk	Dennis Skattum	\$66,675.00
Speedy & Flo's Sweet Corn	Green House Expansion	Flocelo Ramirez	\$50,000.00
Taste of Paradise LLC	Taste of Paradise, converting a Grade-A cattle dairy to an independent creamery for the production of cheese and ice cream in Livingston, MT. Adding dairy goats to the line of production for a combination of milk allowing for a unique product.	Lorelei Hallock	\$50,000.00
Yellowstone Pasta Company	Expansion of Yellowstone Pasta Company in both regional distribution and addition of employees.	Henry Kennah	\$50,000.00
ZEGO	Building a collaborative, vertically integrated value chain for Montana-grown, gluten-free specialty grains in Belgrade, MT.	Colleen Kavanagh	\$130,000.00
Bias Brewing	Developing Non-Alcoholic Beverage Manufacturing with Local Agricultural Products	Adam Robertson and Gabe Mariman	\$49,300.00
Wildflower Raw Milk LLC	Raw Milk Dairy Operation Expansion	Bobbi McIntosh	\$8,050.00