

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 2nd.

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 2nd, 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 2nd, all in favor.

Next meeting date: February 13-15th

Meeting adjourned 11:14am

Pre-apps invited to submit full apps:

| Business Name | Project Title | Application Contact | Amount Requested |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |