

**Moffat County Local Marketing District
Special Meeting
Moffat County School District Admin Building
Board Room**

October 23rd, 2017

In attendance: Chairman Dave Fleming; Dave DeRose; Roger Richmond Kirstie McPherson; Tom Kleinschnitz; Shannon Moore; Michelle Balleck; Andrea Camp;
CMEDP Board Members: Eldon Holland, Rich Thompson, Neil Folks, Derek Duran; Jay Oxley;

Call to Order

Call to Order: 6:33 PM

Agenda

Discussion to merge CMEDP with the Local Marketing District.

Michelle Balleck; EDP board is frustrated with the process of merging, and was urged to wait, with no response, and continued to push the conversations further. Now that there are budget cuts and without a clear plan for 2018, we need to have a discussion on what this merger might look like, without sway from local government.

Rich Thompson; went to the County Commissioner meeting on the previous Tuesday, and listened to the budget as well as different structures for the multiple different boards. The biggest thing taken from this meeting is that CMEDP and LMD really are running the same paths. Thus the meeting tonight.

Dave DeRose; no political involvement from elected officials, with this potential merger, there is a revenue source separate from local government. There would still have to be a division somewhere where the LMD could continue to operate with several of the outlined statues that are required of the LMD.

Dave Fleming; to the group; what are the expectations that everyone has?

Eldon Holland; the thing that is threatening the most is the lack of funding. There has been a lack of consistent funding, including that from the LMD.

Victor Updike; the buy-in from the LMD has been evident with the funding of a new position, the business toolkit, and more.

Eldon Holland; When you look at spending money for an executive director, location office space, and more you're anticipating spending \$150,000... why would you do that when CMEDP already has those items?

Dave Fleming; We have paced ourselves in the organization to be able to bring in a director when needed.

Jay Oxley; It's almost as if you need an operating board and then a board that addresses the budget.

Roger Richmond; Our operating plan addresses the need for various committees. I'm an individual that is very structured. It's about building a structure that you can continue to uphold.

Discussion continued of the merger with CMEDP and LMD, recorded meeting minutes are attached.

Public Comment

Cindy Looper; keep in mind of the laws with quorum, etc. when scheduling a committee.

Shannon Moore; There has been at least one person that is not in this room, that has brought all of these boards together to communicate more, and to be open to working together more, inadvertently or not.

Jay Oxley; we need someone to be doing Economic Development, and then someone that needs to be doing community development, and we need both for our community. We need to figure out an entity that can do capital improvement projects.

Richmond; is there enough interest between the board to create an exploratory committee to look at the options for a merger between both entities?

Richmond, motioned to authorize the chair of the LMD and the chair of the CMEDP to form a seven person exploratory committee to review the options of a merger. Second, Dave DeRose.

DeRose; point of discussion, being that the board president for CMEDP is not here, do they have the authority to state him in the motion. Yes.

Updike; "I'll have to vote no on this because I feel that both boards are present to fill vital roles in the community."

Richmond; responding to Updike, this is an exploratory committee.

Updike; yes, I'm just getting fed up with these exploratory groups.

Thompson; Could you do a six person committee rather than a seven for an even split with LMD and CMEDP.

Fleming; all this committee is, is to explore the option and develop the facts as well as providing the recommendation to the boards.

Motion: Approved 4, Object 1

Motion to adjourn: First, Camp; Second, DeRose