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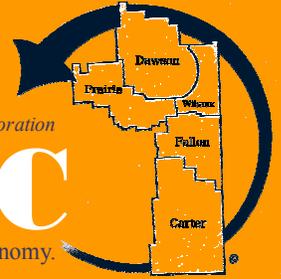
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Infrastructure Town Hall Planned

The Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) is planning to host a town hall meeting regarding infrastructure in Billings on October 13, 2015 from 2 – 5 p.m. Certain meeting details are still being worked out, but the purpose of the gathering is to begin discussing solutions for the state's growing infrastructure issues. Please keep your calendars open, so that you can be a part of this important conversation.

Next EPEDC Quarterly Board Meeting

Wednesday
October 21, 2015
Ekalaka, MT
at the Carter County Event Center
9:30 a.m.

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Local Project Updates

Now that grant funding needed for the Town of Terry and Fallon County Water & Sewer District projects has been secured, efforts to get the projects into engineering design for an early 2016 bid are fully underway. EPEDC Executive Director Rittal attended the Treasure State Endowment Program Administration Workshop in Helena recently on behalf of both projects and will be working through the startup requirements for grants related to these projects in the coming months. Meeting these requirements includes securing loan funds for the Town of Terry.

In addition, the information necessary to secure loan financing for the Dawson County/West Glendive Sewer Project is nearly complete. That project will also be in full design into winter with an early 2016 bid opening. If all three projects remain on their current schedules, the EPEDC will be busy next summer handling infrastructure project management.

For those of our members considering infrastructure projects, please note that planning grant funds are now available, and applications for both the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) and

Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program (RRGL) are due next spring. If you would like to discuss the process for preparing for and submitting an application, please let us know as our docket is filling up with potential submittals.

Town of Plevna Water Project

The Town of Plevna is in the middle of its second summer of construction. The second phase of the town's water project is well underway and progressing on schedule toward a September completion. While there are no grant funds being utilized in this phase of the project, the EPEDC is still providing project management services. The second phase of the project will complete the replacement of the system's water mains, making the town's system fully renovated (with the exception of the town's wells). Last year a new mechanical/pumping system, a new water storage tank, and a portion of the water mains were installed.

"The secret is to gang up on the problem, rather than each other."

-Thomas Stallkamp, businessman

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Carter County, Dawson County, Fallon County, Prairie County, and Wibaux County,
as well as the City of Baker, the Town of Ekalaka, the City of Glendive, the Town of Plevna,
the Town of Richey, the Town of Terry, and the Town of Wibaux.**