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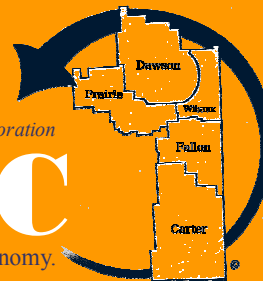
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### Local Project Updates

The EPEDC helped Prairie County submit a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funding application at the end of March.

A TSEP application for construction funds will be submitted before the state's May 4<sup>th</sup> due date. Both applications are related to the county's Milwaukee Road Bridge Rehabilitation project.

USDA funding for the Prairie Community Hospital project is nearing formal approval.

GTA grant recipient, Cross Country Brewing, should be opening a new brewery in Glendive within the next few months!

### Next EPEDC Quarterly Board Meeting

Wednesday  
July 20, 2016  
Wibaux, MT

at the Wibaux County Courthouse  
9:30 a.m.

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Comments or questions?

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### EPEDC Transition

After over eight years as Executive Director, Jason Rittal will be moving on to other opportunities. Mr. Rittal has served as the Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation's first and only Executive Director, building what regional leaders viewed as an opportunity into a relevant organization with a record of success in the region. The EPEDC under Mr. Rittal's direction has secured and managed millions of dollars in grant funding, added an additional staff member, encouraged local support, developed relevance at the state level, and assisted many businesses in the region through consulting and/or the organization's revolving loan fund.

In addition to work in the region, during his tenure at Eastern Plains Mr. Rittal also served as the President of the Montana Economic Developers Association and continues to serve on that board of directors. He serves as the Treasurer of the Montana Non-Profit Association and was recently selected as a vice-chairperson for the newly formed Montana Infrastructure Coalition.

Mr. Rittal will not be leaving the region. He has accepted a position with Fallon County, one of the EPEDC's core partners. The search for his replacement is ongoing and the position will be filled as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition with projects. Mr. Rittal will also be available to assist if needed through an agreement being developed with Fallon County.

### A note from Executive Director Jason Rittal

Members, colleagues, clients, and friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I leave the Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation. Please know I have thoroughly enjoyed working with, for, and beside each and every one of you, and I hope that my new endeavors allow me to continue to cross paths with you all. I also hope that, although I will be working for Fallon County, my involvement in statewide discussions and activities provides a continued benefit to all of eastern Montana.

While I move on to my new adventure, I am grateful that an opportunity came forward that allows me to stay in the region. I hope that you know my heart is here. Thank you all. Please stay in touch.

Jason

"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work."

- Steve Jobs, American businessman

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**The EPEDC serves the following participating counties and municipalities:  
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.**