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Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation

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TRANSITIONS

Transitioning at the end of 2016 were two EPEDC board members, Dawson County Commissioner Adam Gartner and Fallon County Commissioner Bill Randash. Their talents and passionate support for EPEDC will be missed. A big welcome is extended to their successors: Dennis Zander, Dawson County Commissioner, ph. (406) 345-4102; and Roy Rost, Fallon County Commissioner, ph. (406)778-8152.

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Next Board Meeting:

April 26, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Prairie County
Courthouse
Terry MT



MAKOSHIKA PARK UPDATE

Also experiencing change in 2016, was EPEDC's sister organization, Dawson County Economic Development Council. DCEDC's executive director Cathy Kirkpatrick retired in 2016 and Craig Anderson assumed the role of interim executive director thereafter. Kirkpatrick and EPEDC's Beth Epley worked closely to gain funding and to write a business plan for infrastructure improvements at Makoshika State Park. In a local newspaper article published in December 2016, Director Anderson credited Ms. Epley for her early aid to find grant sources which assist operations of non-profits functioning under guidance of the federal Economic Development Act. Continued cooperation with DCEDC and its new leadership is certainly one of EDEPC's goals for 2017 and beyond.

EASTERN MONTANA BROWNFIELDS COALITION

EPEDC, as member the Eastern Montana Brownfield Coalition's (EMBC), joined in EMBC's proposal for brownfields assessment grant funds which was submitted to EPA on December 20, 2016. The coalition includes the Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC), the Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC) and the Southeast

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Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC). The coalition is applying for a \$300,000 hazardous substance and a \$300,000 petroleum assessment grant to complete assessments on brownfield sites located in the 15 easternmost counties of Montana, including the Fort Peck and Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservations.

PRAIRIE COUNTY HOSPITAL

With assistance from EPEDC, Prairie County Hospital District received a \$12,000 grant from The Sample Foundation for installation of an upgraded WanderGuard patient monitoring system. This addition was a necessary part of PCH's larger construction project, which will provide the hospital with new boilers, hot water heaters, a fire suppression system, a backup generator, air handlers and distribution systems and components needed for the new equipment to function efficiently. Oversight of the construction project funding stream is provided by EPEDC's executive director, Beth Epley. To date, payments for the construction segments have amounted to over \$600,000.

Every blade of grass is a study; and to produce two, where there was but one, is both a profit and a pleasure.

Abraham Lincoln, 1859

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 Elkalaka, the City of Glendive, the Town of Plevna,
the Town of Richey, the Town of Terry, and the Town of Wibaux.



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