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Topics for 2018

Quote of the quarter

EPEDC Highlights of 2017

Accomplishments Achieved 2017Cont...

Topics for 2018:

2019 Economic Development Program Funding

Eastern Montana Coalition- "redevelopment tool"

CO-Ops in Montana filling the void of missing business sectors

Updating Infrastructures & Growth and Development for Eastern Montana

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."

-Helen Keller

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Next Board Meeting:

4/11/2018

9:30

**Evelyn Cameron
Heritage
Terry, MT**

EPEDC HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017

New Members:

Dawson County Commissioner- Denis Zander
Fallon County Commissioner- Deb Ranum
Wibaux County Chamber- Renee Nelson
Town of Ekalaka- Kitty Schmid

Elected Positions:

Chairman- Denis Zander.
Vice Chairman- Todd Devlin.
Treasurer-Darin Miske
Representative for EMBC - Mona Madler
Representative for RLF- Kevin Dukart

New Staff:

Shari Robertson filled the Administrative position in June with her office located at the Evelyn Cameron Heritage in Terry.

Accomplishments Achieved:

Quarterly Meetings & Newsletters

February 8, 2017 – Glendive -Newsletter #31
April 26, 2017- Terry - Newsletter #32
July 19, 2017- Ekalaka- Newsletter #33
October 25, 2017- Wibaux- Newsletter #34

2017-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – completed

Director Epley attended the MEDA Rotunda Day, supporting the impacts of economic development and infrastructure funding.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) relocated to Miles City.

Director Epley provided testimony for Dawson Community College at Montana's legislature.

Eastern Montana celebrated National CO-OP Month with a variety of events focusing on the crucial impacts of CO-OP's to the future generations and rural communities.

Training & Activities Attended:

*University Agriculture Technology Training
*Building Active Communities * 2017 Nonprofit Kaleidoscope* Cooperative Impact Week*Building Active Communities* Grant Writing Bootcamp*Leading Local Board Leadership & Management *MEDA Conferences

Accomplishments Achieved 2017 Continued...

District recognition and support was built by assisting and providing services that address infrastructure and economic projects, needs, and other activities to citizen's, communities, and businesses in Carter, Dawson, Fallon, Prairie, and Wibaux County. Director Epley and Administrative Assistant Robertson met with members of the county, city, and town councils, chambers of commerce and development organizations which include the following:

Carter County:

Dahl Memorial Hospital
Pool
Fire hall

Dawson County:

Makoshika Park
Dawson County Waste Water Project
Brownfield assessment for Richey
Richey Historical Society
Richey Senior Center and Library

Airport

Richey Shop

Small Business Assistance

Fallon County:

Water and Sewer Improvement and Expansion
Downtown Kiosk

Update of their Sub Division Regulations

Small Business Assistance

Prairie County:

Town of Terry- Sewer Improvements
Community Hospital Renovations
Milwaukee Bridge Project
Evelyn Cameron Heritage Renovations
Prairie County Economic Development-
Yellowstone Trail

Fallon Village Council

Wibaux County:

Library
Senior Center and Food Bank
Sewer Lagoon
Small Business Assistance

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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