

**PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

The Stevensville Town Council came together for a public hearing at Town Council Chambers for the purpose of obtaining public comments regarding the community development needs and priorities of the Town of Stevensville for economic development, housing and community revitalization, and public facilities, and particularly as those needs affect low and moderate income persons.

The Town is considering submitting an application to the Montana Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development Program (CDBG-ED) grant and wants to obtain public comment on the needs of the community.

Present were Mayor Mim Mack, Councilperson Perrin, Councilperson Klaphake, Councilperson Holcomb, and Councilperson Crews, as well as several citizens. See sign-in sheet for others present.

RCEDA Director Julie Foster gave a presentation on the 2014 CDBG Programs.

Mayor Mim Mack reviewed the history of the Town projects funded through the CDBG program.

➤ **Public Comment**

Citizen Kim French asked for clarification of the purpose of the hearing. Mayor Mim Mack and Julie Foster responded.

Citizen Clayton Floyd inquired whether the water and sewer projects would qualify. Mayor stated there is a possibility of application for the water storage project in the future, but not currently.

Clayton Floyd commented on using these funds for low income housing and education/training for work skills. Julie Foster responded stating that the education part of the program would not fund housing, but would fund training for new jobs created.

Julie then reviewed what projects this program has funded in the past using Bitterroot Tool and Machine, and Glaxo Smith Kline as examples.

Discussion ensued with regard to sewer project and the TIFD district and using funds for future infrastructure.

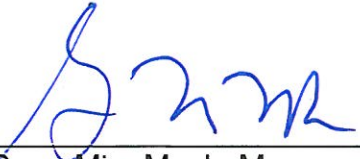
Citizen Jim Lester commented on the need for fiber optic cable for high speed internet and the possibility of wireless access for public to promote growth.

There was no further public comment.

The hearing adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk