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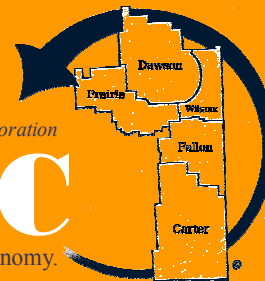
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MT Main Street Conference

EPEDC staff was invited to speak at the 2014 Montana Downtown Conference held September 24 -26 in Helena.

EPEDC Assistant, Elizabeth Smith, and Cindy Henderson with Cynroc, Inc. of Billings put together a presentation regarding the Town of Terry's recent marketing and branding efforts. Conference attendance was high, so development personnel and community leaders were able to share success stories and best practices from all over the state.

Next EPEDC Quarterly Board Meeting

Wednesday
January 21, 2015
Terry, MT
at the Prairie County Courthouse
9:30 a.m.

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Local Project Updates

Phase I of the Plevna Water Project is nearly complete after a long summer of torn up streets and other disruptions. A good portion of the town will be served by new water mains. In addition, the new storage tank (pictured above) and pumping system have been installed. Phase II design is underway; construction slated for next summer will complete the system overhaul.

Meanwhile, the Town of Terry and the Fallon County Water and Sewer District are anxiously awaiting word on their TSEP and DNRC/RRGL construction grant applications. Rankings should be announced in early November or, at the latest, in conjunction with the release of the governor's budget.

CDBG announced that the Makoshika Estates rehabilitation project was awarded the requested \$450,000. However, additional funding must be obtained before final design and construction can begin.

A VISTA, under the direction of the Montana Wilderness Association, was recruited to compile information related to the regional geotourism mapping project. Forrest Theisen will be traveling through the area gathering data that will be utilized to create a physical map and web content for interactive tourism applications.

Finally, Terry successfully completed its \$55,000 renovation of the town's pool facility. Caulking and new paint helped seal the pool interior to prevent further leaking,

resulting in a 94% water savings over last year. The town is happy to report there were no closures due to water clarity issues, and roughly 45 swimmers per day were able to enjoy the warm water.

Development Notes

The past few months have gone by very quickly with EPEDC Director, Jason Rittal, attending many different events and conferences, including those hosted by the MT Association of Counties (MACo), the MT League of Cities and Towns, the MT Nonprofit Association (MNA), and the MT Ambassadors. Rittal was also on hand for SEMDC's Energy Open and a meeting of the Certified Regional Development Corporations (CRDC). Each presented unique opportunities to build relationships, not only with folks from the EPEDC region, but with those from other areas as well.

Director Rittal is currently serving on the MT Non-profit Association Board of Directors, while continuing his duties as the President of the MT Economic Developers Association (MEDA). Both positions offer exciting opportunities to work with other non-profits on issues that affect our region, while allowing another eastern Montana voice to be present at the table.

"All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual."

-Albert Einstein

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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.**