GM Minutes 1/8/2025
4pm @ House of JuJu

- **Welcome!** 4:06pm by director

- **Guests/Introductions: self-introductions**

- **Executive Director/Erica Holland:** reports available to anyone requesting; John G. audited the financials yesterday and approved, rounding up data to get 2024 FY balanced with Presnell Gage

- **Committee Reports:**
    - **Legislative - Chris Goetz:** Legislative sessions started this week; School Choice Bill is top of agenda, Governor proposed to set aside money that will not impact our districts; fixed penalty on Marijuana possession Bill; criminal investigation on County is done by AG but not on Cities, HB 2 to change; urban renewal tax district recognition needed per Susan; Outfitter tag allocation rules limit; Tourism Tax for Recreation being talked about; Unemployment weeks covered being reduced; Medicaid expansion by Fed may affect low income population.
    - **CCED - Susan Jacobson:** broadband townhall held in Dec 2024 had great participation with all providers in our area (except Ziply); Community Pool project moving forward, match opportunity by Jan 15; CCED provides free business counseling. Joe commented that Fiber is more reliable than satellite for internet to support businesses in the valley.
    - **Strategic Planning - CC Horton/Heather Storms:** finalizing event calendars, please send by Jan 17

- **Program/Speaker: Clearwater Economic Development Association/Deb Smith, Kaleena Moulton & Dodd Snodgrass - Dodd:** 55 years, 5 county regional organization, conduit for resources; workforce development, community development, $78 mil grant work since early 1990s, built senior center in Weippe, park restrooms, broadband middle mile project funding Idaho County is currently building, public dollars paying for public access, business lending program, gap financing; County representatives on board of directors. **Deb:** 15 yrs with CEDA, planner for 13 years, invite businesses to join the regional planning committee meeting, workforce development struggles through manufacturing offering skill set education; technical careers 2 day event; while educating the public created Dream It Do It conference 2nd week of May annually, modified to approach younger students throughout region, 13 industries represented; resource pipeline development to assist with educating and protecting the public; data collection and delivery; Get Healthy Idaho walkability projects from Kamiah to Orofino; operation RED File to provide EMS with timely and vital information, granted $ to supply 20k. Child Care providers early learning kits. Clearwater Basin Youth Conservation Corp needs crew leaders 21 or older for summer and 16 year olds can sign up to work, organized with Theresa Root. Business cards and brochures provided for contact and input. Heather asked for workforce training during winter layoffs.

- **Announcements/Discussions:** CVFDA Firemen's Ball - Feb 1 at BW Lodge, call for tickets, limited seating, $40 ea., no auction fundraiser dinner and music
  LCCU offers to help those with financial struggles, school lunch program balance assistance contribution $5k
  Orofino Farmers Market seeking Assistant Manager and input on new year planning, open meeting will be posted and held soon
  Branch & Vines giving tree raised $380 for backpack lunch program; new farmstead cheese cooler has arrived for product availability at store
  Clearwater Memorial Public Library is looking for an Orofino board member
  Big Canyon Acres scheduling Farm to Table Dinners for 2025, looking for great chefs and ideas

Door Prize Drawing: Barbara Lee

- **Next meeting: February 5 at 4pm at Fiesta En Jalisco**
- **Adjourn to Happy Hour!** 5:05pm

SIGNED:

_____ CC Horton, 2025 President

_____ Erica Holland, Executive Director