

**Port of Morrow  
Regular Commission Meeting**

December 14, 2011  
#2 Marine Drive, Riverfront Center  
Boardman, OR. 97818

**PRESENT**

**Commissioners:** Marv Padberg, Larry Lindsay, Jerry Healy, Joe Taylor, and Don Russell

**Staff:** Gary Neal, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Ron McKinnis, and Dori Drago

**Others:** As listed on sign-in sheet

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The regular session was called to order by Marv Padberg at 1:30 pm.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 9, 2011**

Joe Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011 regular meeting. Don Russell seconded the motion, motion approved.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Commission Meeting November 22, 2011**

Joe Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 Special Commission Meeting. Don Russell seconded the motion, motion approved.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group**

Sheryll Bates said that George Koffler has continued to meet with the property owners and has sent a letter out to the local contractors asking what their bid would be should this be built. He has gotten all the estimates back from the contractors and has an idea of what the construction will be proforma.

They will be facilitating an investors meeting with some of the seniors that are interested in possibly living there or maybe just investing in it, this should take place in the next couple weeks.

2Morrow Energy is trying to set up programs at the High Schools to teach students about working on the windfarms.

**B. Rail – Connect II project**

Ron said the Contractor got here today and started clean-up of all items and maintenance work on existing rail; it should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

The Union Pacific and the State have signed off on both of the new rail facilities.

The last piece is the future rail that will be going under Lewis and Clark, we have laid about 1500 feet of rail that needs to be regulated and tamped and this is what the Contractor will be doing next week.

The rail lube system will be delivered in 6 to 8 weeks. LB Foster will install the system.

**C. T3 – Connect III**

Gary said he still needs to meet with Greg Zanovich with Tidewater regarding the Super Chassis.

Ron said he met with Kone today about coming to closure on the crane, there is only one outstanding issue and they said they will get that done.

**D. SAGE Center update**

Gary said they have poured 230 yards of concrete and have finished about 13,000 square feet of surface area. They are getting ready for another pour next week, weather permitting. We should have one more small pour after that. The steel should be delivered on Thursday or Friday of next week. The Display and Design Consultant is corresponding with the Industries regarding the display concepts. Lisa said she has received emails from various Industries with their input. Gary said he got an email from OPC and they are interested as well.

Gary said he gave a SAGE center presentation for the Oregon Department of Agriculture last week and is scheduled to give one for UEC next week.

**E. LRA Update**

Congressman Walden got the LRA back on the table and the amendment to the Bill will put us back into moving forward with it, which means we need to get the Grant request in to keep us ahead of the efforts on the transition of the implementation procedures. Gary said he has had phone conversations with the partners to try and figure out how to proceed.

**F. Other**

None.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Audit Report**

After reviewing the report briefly, Don Russell moved to approve the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011 Financial Statement as presented, Jerry Healy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**B. East Beach Road Name**

Gary asked the Commissioners to consider a name for the new road out at East Beach. There was discussion about it and some suggestions. Gary asked the Commissioners to think about it and get back with him before Tuesday of next week.

**C. RC&D Update**

Joe said in his opinion he should no longer be on the RC&D Committee. Gary suggested we remain a member and pay our membership dues but not be a voting representative on it. All Commissioners were in agreement. Gary said he would work up a letter to that effect.

**D. Transmission Easement Request**

Gary said he would like to discuss the request for a Transmission Line easement project that will connect the 2Morrow Energy project to the new BPA Substation that is being proposed in the Port area. It was decided that it should be discussed further in Executive Session.

**E. Willow Creek Valley informational meeting on activities at the Port of Morrow (February or March)**

Sheryll Bates asked the Commissioners when they would like to have a Willow Creek Valley informational meeting on activities at the Port of Morrow. She suggested they either do it at a Chamber Luncheon or an evening at the City Hall. They decided Gary will give a presentation at the Heppner Chamber Luncheon on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Commissioners will be there to answer any questions.

**F. Other**

Gary said there will be a hearing here December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with the Morrow County Planning Commission, regarding the Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP). The City of Boardman has a hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> if they are able to get a quorum, if not they will postpone it but they have to have it by the 11<sup>th</sup> of January according to Karen Pettigrew.

Gary reminded the Commissioners about the PNWA Mission to Washington March 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

Gary also reminded the Commissioners of the SDAO Conference February 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.

Gary said he received a request to join Oregon Rail Users League (ORRUL) he thinks it is a good idea and the Commissioners agreed.

Karen Pettigrew said they have hired a new Chief of Police.

Karen also said that Jim Piro of PGE would like to come out February 9<sup>th</sup> to give an update. The Commissioners asked her to find out if the 8<sup>th</sup> would work for them. The City, County, Port meeting is scheduled for January and if the 8<sup>th</sup> works for PGE Karen suggested moving it to that date, the Commissioners agreed.

V. **STAFF REPORTS**


Building use, container activity and water usage were all discussed.

There being no further business, the regular session was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

**Executive Session under Leases and Legal Action – ORS 192.660**

Submitted by:

  
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Gary Neal, General Manager

  
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Marvin Padberg, Commission President