

Regular Commission Meeting
April 12th – 1:30 pm
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jerry Healy called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

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

By Phone: Rick Stokoe

Staff: Gary Neal, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Tim Patton, Mark Patton, Ryan Neal, Ron McKinnis, Andrea Orcutt and Brandy Warburton

Guests: As listed on sign-in sheet

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –March 8th Regular Commission Meeting

Marv moved to approve and Joe seconded the motion to approve the minutes. No discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group

Dave Sykes reported on their activity, including housing in the area and advertising for the Community Enhancement Grants that are funded by CREZ.

B. Boardman Chamber Update

Julie Gisi reported on the Chamber's current activities which included the new updated Chamber Directory and the Chamber Luncheon at the Boardman Senior Center on April 19th at noon, featuring Scott Green of the Boardman Parks and Rec District as a speaker. BMCC Workforce Training Center is now open and will have a ribbon cutting on April 27th from 4pm to 7pm. April 21st Rep. Greg Walden will be at Riverside High School for a Town Hall meeting. Also, there will be an Oregon State Chamber meeting in Hermiston on April 21st.

C. SAGE Center Update

Kalie Davis was unable to attend the meeting so Andrea Orcutt reported on The SAGE Center upcoming activities including, the new Key Ingredient upgrades that will be installed on April 17th. The commercials started airing in Portland on KATU on April 3rd. The map that highlights the businesses in the Industrial Park is being updated to reflect current businesses. Painted Hills will have their 20th anniversary customer appreciation dinner at The Sage on April 21st. April 22nd will be a reception for Heppner High School art students and their art work will be featured in the gallery. The SAGE Center will be participating in the Ag Fest on

April 29th & 30th in Salem. May 4th will be the Morrow County Foster dinner and reception. Kalie and Andrea will be attending the Governor's Conference on Tourism in Salem during the second week of May. May 15th is the Army Corps of Engineers Columbia and Snake River Navigation Meeting at the SAGE Center.

Also, the SAGE Center is now an official Oregon State Welcome Center.

D. Pipeline Project Update

Mark Patton reported we have approximately 80,000 feet in the ground. Tapani is finishing up their punch list and they will be done. Windwave is finishing up their part and should be able to start testing communications by the end of April. Port crews have finished up almost all of the manifolds. A written start up procedure will be written and signed off on by everyone involved to avoid any potential issues.

E. Freezer Warehouse

Ryan Neal reported on the freezer warehouse for the month of March. They hired 2 new employees for a total count of 49 and will probably need to hire a couple more to maintain efficiency. Overall tonnage didn't go up a lot but they did handle 900 more trucks than the previous month.

F. Bridge Schedule for HB2001

Mark Patton reported that the crew was working on moving dirt around as of this morning. Ron McKinnis is working on the plans and will have them done by the end of the week.

G. Dredge Project

Tim Patton reported the time frame allowed for dredging has closed as of March 31st. They didn't get as much done as they had hoped and will regroup next year with a new plan.

H. Early Learning Center

Mark Patton reported that the crew is now framing and is still planning on being done by the beginning of the school year.

I. PNWA Trip

Gary Neal reported about the PNWA trip that he and Lisa Mittelsdorf attended in Washington DC in March. They had meetings with BRAC to discuss the schedules for the transfer of the depot land. They also met with Rep. Greg Walden and Sen. Ron Wyden's staff.

J. Rail Users Meeting

Ron McKinnis reported on the meeting that is held a couple times a year to help connect Union Pacific and the local users of the rail to discuss any issues. The common theme was the service issues which Union Pacific accredits to employee turn-over. Gary would like to see a third party agreement to service the rail in this area.

K. Other

No other old business was discussed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2017-04 – CREZ Board Agreement

A resolution to approve the agreement between the sponsors of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and Va Data. Joe moved to approve the resolution and Marv seconded the motion. No discussion was had and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 2017-05 – Transfer Budget Appropriation

Eileen reported that operations at the freezer warehouse have expanded more quickly than was anticipated which necessitated a transfer of funds. Joe moved to approve the resolution and Marv seconded the motion. No discussion was had and the motion passed unanimously.

C. One Energy Renewable Option Agreement

Gary reported on a lease option agreement for land off of Hwy 730 that One Energy Renewable is considering for a solar project. Joe would like some further discussions to be had at the Strategic Planning meeting before a motion is considered.

D. USDA Direct Seed Farm Project

Gary and Marv reported on a project that would reward the owners for keeping their properties weed-free with federal grant dollars. The Port was asked to support the program by agreeing to pay \$40,000 a year for five years, for administration costs, if the grant application is approved. Joe moved to approve the agreement of \$40,000 a year for five years and Rick seconded the motion, subject to the grant being approved. No further discussion was had and the motion was passed unanimously. Marv abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

V. STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed and discussed.

Upcoming events –

5/10/17 1:30pm Port of Morrow Regular Commission Meeting

The meeting was recessed at 2:45 pm. Executive session started at approximately 2:55 pm. The commissioners came out of executive session; and there being no further business adjourned the regular meeting at 3:30 pm



Gary Neal, General Manager



Jerry Healy, Commission President

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SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME PLEASE PRINT	COMPANY REPRESENTING	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS (If we don't have it)
CHRIS ECKERT	CEC		
Andrea Gault	SAGE Cent		
Juan Gisi	Brdm Chamber		
Marie Lunne LL	Lamb Weston		
Debae Radie	BoasdmnFOODS		
Brian Mary	BoreamnsFOOD,		
Thomas Flaherty	BoreamnsFOODS		
George Plaven	EO		
Karen Rattymur	City Bldm		
Jimmy Gray	LOCAL 701		