

**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**September 13<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 pm**  
**2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Jerry Healy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Commissioners:** Jerry Healy, Larry Lindsay, Joe Taylor and Rick Stokoe. Marv Padberg was excused. He had surgery this morning.

**Staff:** Gary Neal, Eileen Hendricks, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Mark Patton, Ryan Neal, Tim Patton, Ron McKinnis, Kalie Davis, Heather Cannell, Gabe Hansen and Brandy Warburton

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –August 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission Meeting**

Rick moved to approve the minutes from the last Regular Commission meeting and Joe seconded the motion. No discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Sheryll Bates reported that they are still working on the current housing situation in the area. Port of Morrow is conducting a land survey for them on the land that they currently have so that they make the best use of the property.

**B. Boardman Chamber Update**

Julie Gisi was not in attendance so no update given on the Chamber.

**C. SAGE Center Update**

Heather reported on the SAGE Center activity for the past month including the number of visitors and the number of surveys submitted from visitors. Movie night is September 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Harvest Festival is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Pipeline Project Update**

Mark reported that they awarded the bid for the excavation of the pond to Rotschy and they plan to start October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our crews are excavating a pond right now for construction water for Rotschy. The HDP liner is out to bid for the pond until October 5<sup>th</sup>. The framing is done for the Sand Dune station and the metal should be put up soon. We have four buildings that need to be built over the manifolds on Madison's farm before winter.

**E. Freezer Warehouse**

Ryan reported on the Warehouse activity for the month of August. Overall the monthly activity levels were up a little partly due to the fact that ConAgra west plant started running again on August 14<sup>th</sup>. A new retail program has been implemented and is causing a little more employee time until they get comfortable with the program. The old Planer facility is almost ready to go and will have a food safety inspection on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Ryan showed pictures to the group on the progress of the building.

**F. Bridge and Road Schedule for HB2001**

Mark reported that Granite has finished the paving on the Hwy 730 acceleration lane and it's scheduled for striping on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The bridge is a little behind schedule due to transportation issues with the roads being closed from fires. The box beams will not be delivered until October 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. Gar Swanson Drive will not be paved this year due to the delay.

**G. Early Learning Center**

Mark reported that the Early Learning Center is completed and the dedication was held on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**H. Workforce Training Update**

Kalie reported that over the last couple of weeks she has met with all the businesses in the port to see what training needs they have at their facilities. First event will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> and it's a manufacturing event with 23 students enrolled. She showed the group the current website for the Workforce Training Center that is up and running. The address is [www.workforceportal.org](http://www.workforceportal.org)

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution to Amend Resolution 2017-09 Authorizing the Series 2016 Bond Financings**

Eileen explained that the verbage on the resolution was changed slightly. A copy was given for review to all Commissioners.

Joe moved to approve the Resolution to Amend Resolution 2017-09 Authorizing the Series 2016 Bond Financings. Rick seconded the motion. No further discussion was had and the motion was passed unanimously.

**B. Other**

**V. STAFF REPORTS**

Staff reports were reviewed and discussed.

Gary reported on the Columbia Ethanol Plant project where we allowed them to modify their closure permit, agreeing to not require them to remove certain assets from the facility at closure.

Tim reported on activity at the shop for the last month. They will be making an offer today for the Purchasing Agent position that will be available when Peggy retires. Marti Campos and Tim will travel to Indianapolis for training on the rail the following week.

Karen Pettigrew announced that at the last city council meeting she told them she would like to retire within the next year. They will be looking for an Assistant City Manager to train with her and then hopefully take her position when she retires.

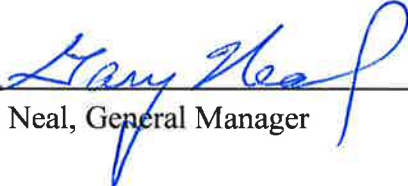
Don Russell reported that the County has signed an agreement with Nexterra Energy. The County will earmark 1 million dollars of the funds for education in Morrow County.

Upcoming events –

9/15/17  
10/11/17

Pendleton – Governor’s Luncheon (RSVP)  
1:30 Regular Commission Meeting

The meeting was recessed at 2:16 pm. Executive session under **ORS 192.660** started at approximately 2:25 pm. The commissioners came out of executive session at 3:33 pm and there being no further business the Commission meeting was adjourned.

  
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Gary Neal, General Manager

  
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Jerry Healy, Commission President

