

Special Commission Meeting Minutes October 31, 2023 – 4:00 pm 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Joe Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Commissioners Present:

Rick Stokoe, Joe Taylor, Kelly Doherty and Joel Peterson

Staff Present:

Lisa Mittelsdorf, Mark Patton, Eileen Hendricks, Miff Devin

and Brandy Warburton

Guests Present:

Brian Jackson, Kelly Morgan,

By Zoom Meeting:

(Commissioners) John Murray

(Guests) Sam Tucker, Michael Campbell, Brent Baglien, Harry Esteve, Erika Lasater, Gary Conkling, Ryann Gleason,

Karen Pettigrew

II. OREGON DEQ MUTUAL AGREEMENT ORDER – Joe announced that the executive session is available if any of the commissioners would like to ask further questions on the MAO. Joel stated that he had a few questions.

Joe recessed the regular session meeting at 4:05pm and executive session started at approximately 4:06pm for the permissible reason stated below.

Regular session resumed at 4:11pm.

Introductions were given of any new attendees.

Michael Campbell gave a quick summary of the DEQ Mutual Agreement Order to the group including permit modifications, upcoming deadlines, fines and penalties, compliance plans, and the Supplemental Environmental Project with Oregon Health Authority. No more discussion was had at the time.

Rick moved to approve the Mutual Agreement Order with DEQ, the Supplemental Environmental Project and the funding agreement with Oregon Health Authority and authorize the Commission President or Executive Director to sign on behalf of the Port of Morrow. Joel seconded the motion. No further discussion was had and the motion passed unanimously.

III. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lisa explained that the next step would be for her to sign the documents and send them to DEQ. At that time, both DEQ and the Port would send out press releases with the announcement of the signing of the agreement. A draft copy of the press release was given to all commissioners to review.

All commissioners noted that they appreciate the hard work that was put in by everyone to get to this point and they appreciate the relationship that we have with DEQ.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Joe read the following:

The Port will hold an executive session meeting for the permissible reason(s) stated below under ORS 192.660(2). Representatives of the news media and designated staff and other persons shall be allowed to attend the executive session in-person. All other members of the audience will be asked to leave the room. The public virtual Zoom Meeting link will be closed during the executive session as permissible executive session meetings are not subject to HB2560. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision will be made in this executive session.

A. For the Purpose of Consultation with Counsel Concerning the Legal Rights and Duties of a Public Body with Regard to Current Litigation or Litigation Likely to be Filed – ORS 192.660 (2)(h)

The regular session was adjourned at 4:13pm.

Submitted by:

Joe Taylor, Commission President

Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director