

**Port of Morrow
Special Commission Meeting
April 13, 2020
#2 Marine Drive, Riverfront Center
Boardman, OR 97818**

PRESENT:

Commissioners: Rick Stokoe, Joe Taylor, Marv Padberg, Jerry Healy and John Murray

Staff: Ryan Neal, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Mark Patton and Brandy Warburton

Others present: County Commissioner Don Russell, Karen Pettigrew

Staff by Video Conference: Eileen Hendricks, Erika Lasater

Other by Video Conference: Heather Baumgartner, Sandy Toms, Greg Sweek, David Sykes, Ryan Degroff, Kim Cutsforth, Gregg Zody, Mike Gorman, Aaron Palmquist, Torrie Griggs, Matt Scrivner, Craig Cutsforth, Stephanie Case, Barry Beyeler, Matt Scribner, County Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, County Commissioner Jim Doherty, Justin Nelson, Roberta Lutcher, Darrell Green, Sheriff Ken Matlack

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The special session was called to order by Commissioner Stokoe at 11:00am.

II. CREZ APPLICATION

Commissioner Stokoe explained that there has been discussion for several weeks on the current CREZ II application and the future CREZ III application moving forward between the City of Boardman, Morrow County and the Port of Morrow. The current CREZ application will expire in June of this year. Commissioner Lindsay sent a packet to the Port Commissioners with a series of maps for reference in the discussions.

Commissioner Doherty reiterated a motion made at a previous county meeting and Roberta read it from their minutes, to co-sponsor with the Port of Morrow and have Greg Sweek move forward with the application, for the Port Proper or using the expanded part of the map that they looked at the previous week. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindsay. Commissioner Russell voted nay.

Commissioner Stokoe opened the floor for discussion on the CREZ application going forward. All Port Commissioners and County Commissioners as well as others stated their preferences with the CREZ application going forward.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to not accept the proposal by Morrow County Commission. Commissioner Padberg seconded the motion. No further discussion was had, and the motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Murray being the nay vote.

Commissioner Healy reminded Commissioner Stokoe of the Port's prior request to the county.

Commissioner Stokoe asked for the County Commission to vote on whether they would consent to the Port of Morrow moving forward with a sole sponsored CREZ application. The County Commission did not make a motion to consent to the Port of Morrow making a sole CREZ application.

Commissioner Stokoe asked for Morrow County Commission's acceptance of a City only CREZ application. Both Commissioner Doherty and Commissioner Russell agreed that the city does not need the County Commission's approval.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to move forward with a co-sponsored application of City, County and Port using the fire district boundaries to determine which entity would have a vote on a project and the disbursement of funds. Commissioner Healy seconded the motion. No further discussion was had, and the motion passed unanimously.

Morrow County Commissioner Russell made a motion to agree to the Port of Morrow's proposal to move forward with an application of the City, County and Port as co-sponsors. No second was made and the motion failed.

Commissioner Murray made a motion to amend Commissioner Taylor's motion to increase the votes from each voting entity to three votes each instead of two. No second was made and the motion failed.

Karen Pettigrew stated that she would like the city to be a co-sponsor on the Enterprise zone application.

Lisa Mittelsdorf made a proposal of using the taxing districts that are affected by the businesses as a third-party vote in the enterprise zone. Morrow County Commission didn't think that was a feasible option due to the amount of notices that would be needed with that many districts.

Commissioner Murray made a motion to move forward with a co-sponsored application for an enterprise zone with the County and the Port but always having a third-party vote. He amended his motion to say the third-party would be determined by using the fire district boundary map as currently set with additional acreage added around Lexington to include the airport property. Any area that doesn't have a fire district or is included in a neighboring county's district would be treated as if it were in the nearest Morrow County fire district. Commissioner Taylor seconded that motion. No further discussion was had, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Morrow County Commission asked for clarification on the details of the motion and decided they will discuss further and get back to the Port.

The Port of Morrow Commission decided to table the City of Boardman's request to approve a sole application from the city until a later date.

There being no further business the Special Commission meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm

Submitted by:


Rick Stokoe, Commission President


Joe Taylor, Commission Secretary