
Special Commission Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2024 – 11:00 am
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Joe Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Commissioners Present: Rick Stokoe, Joe Taylor, Kelly Doherty, and Joel Peterson

Staff Present: Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Miff Devin and Brandy Warburton

Guests Present: David Sykes, Matt Jensen, and Vincent Guerrero

By Zoom Meeting: (Commissioners) John Murray
(Guests) Ryan DeGrofft, Ryann Gleason, John Doherty and Brandon Hammond

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None given

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Land Donation and Infrastructure Discussion – Heppner Industrial Park

Joe explained that the purpose for today’s meeting was to discuss the infrastructure needs for the Heppner mill site and what the Port Commission is willing to commit to financially. Lisa reported that the original conversation was to offer the land to Morrow County as a site for the relocation of the Circuit Court but she had an idea to donate the land for relocation of the Morrow County Fairgrounds which would require a little more infrastructure. Morrow County has looked at different sites for the Circuit Court and is supposed to make a final decision soon. Discussion was had by all on the infrastructure needs, sewer and water, to the site and the estimated costs. Mark and Jacob were not in attendance to answer those questions for the commission. Eileen pointed out that we are potentially facing some restrictions on capital projects with our WIFIA financing. Those possible restrictions are not fully known yet. Morrow County has estimates available for moving the courthouse to that site for \$1.1 million for fire suppression system and \$225 thousand for a well and treatment system. John would like to see us get water to the entire site for all users, incubator building, homeowner, and extension office by tapping into the city water lines. That would require significant investment. Lisa gave an update on the flood plain work to date in answer of John’s question. If the courthouse is chosen to move

there and nothing else at this point, a well will be sufficient to deliver water. Morrow County Commissioner David Sykes wanted to point out that the commission has never discussed moving the fairgrounds to that site. All they are asking for is a firm commitment from the port as to the amount of money they are willing to contribute to the infrastructure needs of the mill site. Rick questioned when this needed to be done and if our crews were available to do the work. He doesn't believe they are in a position to commit time or money to so many unknowns.

John made the motion that the Port designate up to \$500 thousand dollars to do the labor installation of a 12-inch water line from the City of Heppner connection to the edge of the Port property to provide water to Kinzua site. If there are additional grants available, then all parties' expenses should be reduced. Kelly seconded the motion. Discussion was had by all. Motion passed 4-1 with Rick voting no.

Chair Sykes asked if someone could attend their next BOC meeting on Wednesday, June 5th at 9am to let the board know what the Port is committing to. Lisa will be out of town, so she offered to commit Mark to attend the meeting. Joe also offered to attend, or John could but one of the commissioners could attend.

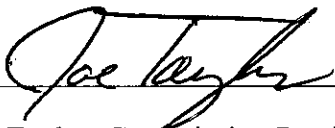
B. OTHER –

No other discussion was had.

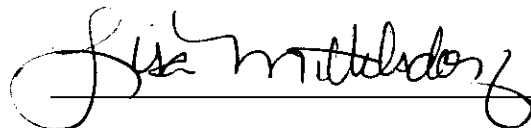
IV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The special session was adjourned at 11:51am.

Submitted by:



Joe Taylor, Commission President



Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director

PORT OF MORROW
Special Commission Meeting
May 24, 2024

SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME PLEASE PRINT	COMPANY REPRESENTING	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS (If we don't have it)
Nath Jensen	Morrow County		
Vincent Guerrero	Morrow County		

Port of Morrow Commission
Public Comment Sign-in Sheet



If you are interested in addressing the Commission under the Public Comment portion of the Agenda, please sign-in below before the meeting starts. A copy of the Public Comment Policy is available to any member of the public who wishes to speak.

DATE: 5/24/24 _____

FULL NAME:

PHONE:

TOPIC:

FULL NAME:	PHONE:	TOPIC: