

# Special Commission Meeting Minutes May 7, 2025 – 12:30 pm 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818

## I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Joe called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rick Stokoe, Joe Taylor, John Murray, Kelly Doherty, and

Joel Peterson

Staff Present: Lisa Mittelsdorf, Mark Patton, and Miff Devin

Visitors Present: Mike Hughes, Justin Nelson

By Zoom Meeting: (Staff) Eileen Hendricks

(Guests) J Fletcher Hobbs, Karen Pettigrew

## II. NEW BUSINESS

**A.** General Discussion – Tax Abatement Programs – Lisa opened the discussion stating that it can be held in open session and an executive session would not be necessary.

The Port is a partner in both SIP and CREZ and potential applicants can apply for either program. This meeting was scheduled so the commission can talk about the two types of programs.

John said he had questions regarding the unique position of the ability to be a part of SIP with multiple possible projects. At a recent meeting, he had requested additional time from the CREZ board to allow for input from the Port commission rather than trying to make decisions alone. He presented several questions regarding tax abatement and the issue of school bonding. Justin Nelson provided input regarding SIPs based on his involvement with them from the county perspective. Lisa said we will be working on an IGA with the county on SIP agreements, likely using CREZ III agreements as a starting point.

There was a lengthy discussion by all regarding pros/cons, differences, factors, options, bonding, and how funds are disbursed for the two abatement programs available.

#### B. Other - None

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

Joe adjourned the meeting at 1:26 PM.

Submitted by:

Joe Taylor, Commission President

Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director