

**PORT OF MORROW
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**Riverfront Center, #2 Marine Drive Boardman,
Oregon**



**October 15th, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

Zoom meeting information is available on our website.



**Regular Commission Meeting
October 15, 2026, 9:00am
2 Marine Dr., Boardman, OR 97818**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. September 9, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CDA Update**
- B. Morrow County Clean Water Consortium Update**
- C. Strategic Business Plan Update**
- D. Secondary Treatment Update - Aqua**
- E. Other**

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2026-12 – Legal Policy**
- B. Other**

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Projects Update**
- B. Maintenance Update**
- C. Financial Update**
- D. Usage Reports**
- E. Other**

VII. OTHER REPORTS

- A. Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group**
- B. BCDA**
- C. ICABO**
- D. Other**

VIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 15th

November 11th

1:30pm

POM Commission Tour – following Regular Meeting

POM Regular Commission Meeting

(Date change?)

AGENDA

Zoom meeting information is available on our website.



X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. The public virtual Zoom Meeting link will be paused 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. At the end of the executive session, we will return to the room, start the public virtual Zoom Meeting link again open the regular session meeting.

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)

Next Resolution 2026-13

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Port of Morrow provides the option for Zoom Translated Captions.

Instructions: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/6643133682957-Enabling-and-configuring-translated-captions>

**Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2026 – 1:30 pm
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

John Murray called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rick Stokoe, John Murray, Kelly Doherty, Joel Peterson, and Jerry Rietmann

Staff Present: Eileen Hendricks, Mark Patton, Miff Devin, Jacob Cain, Marcine Brangham, Jeff Wilson, Jeff Montgomery, Tim Patton, Jason Hendricks, Brandy Warburton, and Erika Morton

Visitors Present: Mindy Wilson, Torrie Griggs

By Zoom Meeting: (Staff) Lisa Mittelsdorf, Angel Aguilar, Jessica Esparza
(Guests) Karen Pettigrew, Sam Tucker, Ryann Gleason, Kirby Garrett, Michael Miller, John Doherty, David Ulbricht, Ryan Smith, MC Planning, Jim Doherty, Michael Schrader, Jared Tesch, joe, Brandon Hammond, Misha Isaak, George Cress

Conflict of Interest Declarations - None declared

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None given

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. August 3, 2026, Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

B. August 20, 2026, Special Commission Meeting Minutes

Rick made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Jerry seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - Yes

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann - Yes

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- A. State** – Ryann gave the update for the Oregon Legislature. The September legislative days are currently going on. She should have a more robust report by the end of the week and next month. August was a quiet month. The revenue forecast for the biennium has improved, although challenges still exist. Northwest Container Services announced an abrupt closure of their Portland site last month. The topic of data centers is a hot topic, especially with the upcoming election. Connect Oregon is in the final stages of the process with public comment being received until September 22. She has reached out to Jacob and Walter for additional partners who can submit comments in support of Terminal 3 improvements. She has received a draft back concept from the Port's bond attorneys regarding the Local Improvement District. The deadline for submittal is this Friday.
- B. Federal** – Kirby gave the update for the federal legislature. The August recess is over, and legislators have returned to Washington. We are 55 days away from Election Day. Regarding government funding, congress has avoided an imminent deadline and come to a resolution without drama, although the funding deadline has simply been moved to December. On the transportation front, congress extended the programs through December. There is potentially encouraging news regarding appropriations. Staff has said they could start releasing information at the end of September. The project we have pending is the Lone Business Incubator Project for \$1.8 million. We continue to wait for DOT to announce awards for the Port Infrastructure Development Program. We have a \$2.2 million dollar request for Terminal 3 improvements. Similarly, we are also waiting on the \$7.3 million grant request through the CRISI Grant Program for the Port's South Spur project to replace aging rail infrastructure. Finally, we submitted a grant application to MARAD's Marine Highway Program for Terminal 3 for planning funding for rehabilitation of the gantry crane and geo-technical analysis.

Lisa remarked that Connect Oregon is also moving forward. She had a call from Margaret Barber with questions about Terminal 3. She should be reaching out to talk with Jacob.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CDA Update** – John read the following statement.

"The first item of old business is a CDA update in two parts. The first being an update on current happenings and the second part of discussion of the recent OGEK concerning the past CDA Executive Director. You are all aware of this report, I'm sure.

The purpose of its inclusion today is to bring closure to this topic one way or another as far as the Port of Morrow was concerned. At least that is my hope. I am asking you, commissioners, to finish the cleanup of systems and obligations none of us implemented. This has been a black cloud over the Port long enough. This topic could have been discussed in executive session, but I felt it was important to have an open session for transparency and forthrightness.

We have in the meeting today our Port attorney, Misha Isaac of Stoll Reaves, to give us information toward an informed course of action, whether action is decided upon or not. I asked him to address the Port's options based on this recent finding, and on a meeting I asked him to have with Mr. Smith's legal representative, Mr. McClain, who I don't think was in attendance, at least I don't think I saw him in the beginning of the meeting anyway.

As we go through this topic, I will be asking you to voice your opinion based on the information presented today. To me, it is vitally important that this issue be dealt with decisively today so that we can better focus on issues such as secondary water treatment, its funding, and the \$632 million budget of public money for which we are currently responsible."

He asked if the request sounded reasonable to everyone and the consensus was yes.

Joel began with the current CDA update. He doesn't have final good news about the real estate agreements, but an agreement is still "getting close". The employee handbook and contract were accepted. They continue working on policies and procedures. They are also looking at long-term planning regarding the role of the CDA.

Wage Discussion – John thanked Misha for joining the meeting and invited him to speak. He provided a report regarding the Oregon Ethics settlement with Greg Smith, the issue of repayment of compensation, and his conversation with Greg Smith's attorney. A lengthy discussion by the commission, Misha, and Sam, followed. The consensus of the commission was to defer the responsibility to the CDA board.

- B. Morrow County Clean Water Consortium Update** – Jerry gave an overview of the meeting, which was last night. A month ago, we had 2 bidders for the design work for West Glenn. Concern was expressed that one of the bidders wrote the RFP so we directed them to go back and do a third-party RFP. Legal advised that everything was done correctly, but this way, it will be done cleanly. He expects bids to be received next month. We also had opportunity to look at a couple of technologies that would remove nitrates for a whole house. Progress is being made. Kelly brought up ORA 340-071-0130. A discussion was had regarding septic tanks and drain fields.

Jared was on Zoom and agreed with Jerry's summary and provided a few additional comments.

- C. Strategic Business Plan Update** – Lisa said the last update she had was from August 20. We are waiting on the waiver approval. She would like to get the RFP ready to go out so we can send it out once we're approved.

- D. Willow Creek Golf Course** – Mindy provided information the commission requested at August's meeting. John offered his opinion that if we are supporting the golf course in Boardman, we should also support the one in Heppner – especially considering that it's promoted as an economic development tool. There was a lengthy discussion.

John made the motion to support the Willow Creek Golf Course with \$30,000 a year on a continuing basis until the commission decides otherwise, including a single membership for Port employees. Kelly seconded the motion. There was additional discussion. Rick expressed concern that this would open the door to other organizations asking for funding. Kelly remarked that the Port has supported other sports and activities in other communities. The motion failed.

Joel Peterson – No

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - No

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann - No

There was further discussion regarding alternatives to support the course. Rick asked if she knew how many Port employees currently use the course. Mindy replied no, the course uses the honor system with a drop box for payments. Jerry asked about course employees and Mindy responded that they have one part-time, seasonal employee who works three days a week.

Joel made the motion to support the Willow Creek Golf Course for \$25,000 per year, including a single membership for Port employees. Jerry seconded the motion. Rick restated his earlier concern. He said that he would be willing to explore the option that we pay Port employee memberships if they want to sign up as a member. Brandy mentioned Port-paid membership to the Boardman Recreation Center, but usage is low although almost everyone signs up. The motion passed 4 to 1.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - No

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann - Yes

- E. Resolution 2026-11 Port of Morrow Commission Bylaws** – John asked for clarification on any changes and Brandy answered. The clean version is in the packet today along with the Resolution.

Joel made the motion to approve Resolution 2026-11, A Resolution of the Port of Morrow Board of Commissioners Adopting the Amended and Restated Port of Morrow Bylaws. Rick seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes
Rick Stokoe - Yes
Kelly Doherty – Yes
Jerry Rietmann - Yes

- F. Amended Audit Contract** – Eileen explained that the amendment has to do with federal dollars and we did not exceed that amount. It's a reduction in cost.

Rick made the motion to approve the amended audit contract. Jerry seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes
John Murray - Yes
Rick Stokoe - Yes
Kelly Doherty – Yes
Jerry Rietmann - Yes

- G. Other** - No other old business was discussed at the time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2026-10 – Amending Financing Authorization** – Eileen and David explained the resolution and answered questions. She also needs to be added as an authorized representative so that she can sign.

Joel made the motion to approve Resolution 2026-10, Resolution of Port of Morrow, Morrow County, Oregon Amending Resolution 2026-09, Which Authorized the Execution and Delivery of Full Faith and Credit Refunding Obligations, Series 2026 and Related Financing Documents and Agreements and Other Related Matters and authorize Eileen to sign. Jerry seconded the motion. Rick remarked that it's a lot of money. Kelly said this is the second time borrowing short-term and asked why we aren't thinking long-term? Mark replied that we're working on an LID, which will take a couple of years. Kelly asked if federal funding was out, and the response was federal funding is no longer an option. She asked Mark if we know what the total cost for secondary treatment is. Mark answered no, because we haven't gone out to bid. We hope to have an update next month. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes
John Murray - Yes
Rick Stokoe - Yes
Kelly Doherty – Yes
Jerry Rietmann - Yes

- B. BPA Substation Road** – Mark introduced a new road located at the Airport which needs a name. It will be used for the BPA substation. Rick suggested "Power".

Jerry made the motion to name the new road “Power ---” with the county making the designation of “Road or Lane”. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Peterson – Yes

John Murray - Yes

Rick Stokoe - Yes

Kelly Doherty – Yes

Jerry Rietmann - Yes

C. Other - No other new business was discussed at the time.

VII. STAFF REPORTS – In Packet

A. Project Updates – Erika showed photos of projects while Jeff and Tim provided updates on the progress. Highlighted projects include the Surface Water Treatment Facilities, booster stations, Transload 1, paving projects, Digester, Vector Control, landscaping, the SAGE Event Center sign, Marker 40 Beach, and HDPE pipe welding certification.

Mark asked if the commissioners would like a tour of the projects and they responded yes.

B. Maintenance Update – Combined with the project updates.

C. Financial Update – Eileen gave the financial update.

D. Usage Reports – The commission reviewed the usage reports in the packet.

E. Other - No other staff reports were discussed at the time.

VIII. OTHER REPORTS

A. WCVEDG – None present.

B. BCDA – Torrie was present and gave a brief update. The biggest project is the new business space. Pickleball courts will be installed near City Hall. Housing development continues to grow. We’ve been working on getting workforce housing at a lower price point around \$280,000 price point.

C. ICABO – Jerry said their meeting is tomorrow.

D. Other – None

IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER – Rick urged staff to increase security to Port-owned buildings. Lisa and Mark stated that improved security is in progress.

X. UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 14 1:30 PM POM Regular Commission Meeting

John asked Rick if he would be able to attend by Zoom. Rick said he would try but cannot guarantee attendance. Lisa commented the PNWA event is also taking place that week.

John asked about rescheduling the meeting. October 15 will work at 1:30 PM.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is no executive session.

John adjourned the meeting at 3:33 PM.

Submitted by:

John Murray, Commission President

Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director

PORT OF MORROW
POLICY ON RETAINING LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE OREGON GOVERNMENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Resolution 2026-12

Whereas, the Port of Morrow Commission finds that agents of the Port of Morrow should be represented by competent legal counsel in proceedings before the Oregon Government Ethics Commission;

Whereas, the Port of Morrow Commission finds that agents of the Port of Morrow should not be burdened with expenditure of personal funds to retain legal counsel when proceedings before the Oregon Government Ethics Commission arise from conduct undertaken in good-faith performance of their roles;

Whereas, the Port of Morrow Commission finds that it is an appropriate use of public funds to retain counsel for and to defend the Port of Morrow's agents in proceedings before the Oregon Government Ethics Commission arising from conduct undertaken in good-faith performance of their roles; and

Whereas, the Port of Morrow Commission and each of its members individually acknowledge that adoption of this policy gives rise to a potential conflict of interest under ORS 244.120(2)(a) because it may in the future result in avoidance of a financial detriment to a member whose conduct is the subject of an Oregon Government Ethics Commission proceeding; and, thus, hereby so announce as required; now, therefore,

The Port of Morrow adopts the following Policy.

1. Definition. As used in this Policy:

A. "Agent" shall be defined as a Port of Morrow employee, commissioner, or designated volunteer acting within the course and scope of their role for the Port of Morrow.

B. "Proceeding" shall be defined as any grievance, complaint, alleged violation, preliminary review, investigation, or contested case.

2. Policy.

A. The Port of Morrow shall retain counsel for and defend its agent with respect to any proceeding before the Oregon Government Ethics Commission or appeal arising from a proceeding of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission where it appears to the Executive Director (or a designee) that the conduct from which the proceeding or appeal arises was undertaken in good-faith performance of the agent's role.

B. If the Executive Director has an actual or potential conflict of interest pursuant to ORS 244.120, he or she shall recuse from making the determination provided in Section 2.A. and another decision-maker shall be designated.

C. The Port of Morrow shall be responsible for paying all expenses arising from this Policy.

3. Effective Date. This Policy shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Port of Morrow Commission but shall not apply to proceedings before the Oregon Government Ethics Commission that are already in existence.

Adopted this 15th day of October, 2026.

President

Secretary

Communications Update – October 2026

- Social Media Posts & Reels
- Meeting minutes and videos
- Port Project Photos
- Monitoring news sources
- Website Updates
- Monthly recurring/special ads
 - SAGE Center
 - Marker 40 Golf Club

September 2026 Facebook Analytics

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Facebook

Last month: Sep 1, 2026 – Sep 30, 2026



All Posts Stories Reels Live

Views ⓘ

105.2K ↓ 21.6%

3-second views ⓘ

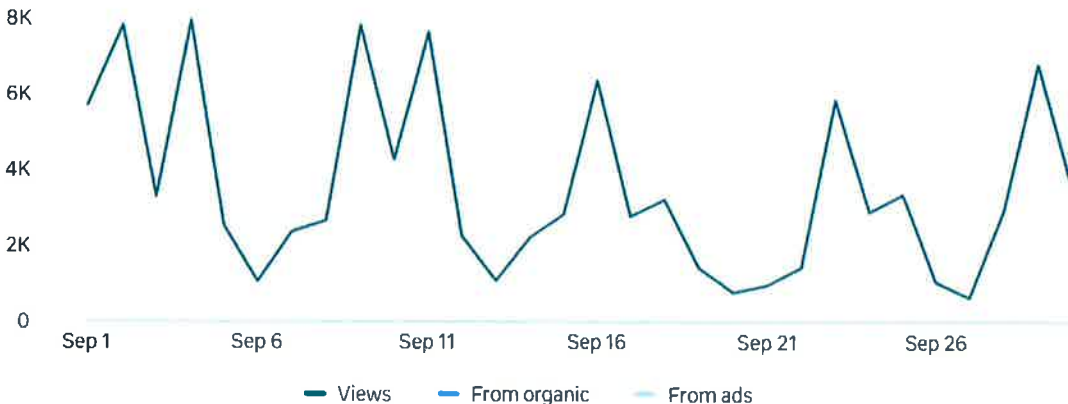
4.5K ↑ 27.3%

Content interactions ⓘ

1K ↓ 17.3%

Watch time ⓘ

22h 8m ↑ 32.6%



Views breakdown

Sep 1 – Sep 30

Total

105,238 ↓ 21.6%

From organic

105,238 ↓ 21.6%

From ads

0 0%

Viewers ⓘ

18,571 ↓ 11.9%

Top content by views

Boost content

See all content



On today's Employee Feature Friday, we're...

Fri Sep 4, 10:00am

8.8K 85
6 3



For 11 years, Port of Morrow Warehouse...

Thu Sep 10, 4:00pm

8.7K 23
1 15



Progress continues at the future home of...

Tue Sep 8, 4:00pm

3.9K 16
0 2



As we head into Labor Day weekend, we...

Wed Sep 2, 10:03am

3.9K 13
1 12



This Labor Day, we want to recognize th...

Mon Sep 7, 3:00pm

3.4K 28
1 3



Workforce Ste...

Wed Sep

3.3K 1

Performance

September 4, 2026 - October 1, 2026

Views

Views ⓘ

100.9K ↓ 19.7%

From followers ⓘ 23.3% ↑ 16.8%

From non-followers ⓘ 76.7% ↓ 4.2%

Viewers ⓘ 17,768 ↓ 13.7%



Follows

Follows ⓘ

29 0%

Unfollows ⓘ 6 ↑ 100%

Net follows ⓘ 23 ↓ 11.5%



Visits

Facebook visits ⓘ

1.9K ↓ 4.3%



Interactions

Content interactions ⓘ

985 ↓ 13.7%

From followers ⓘ 468 ↓ 6.8%

From non-followers ⓘ 517 ↓ 19.2%



Videos and reels

3-second views ⓘ

3.9K ↑ 5.6%

Watch time ⓘ 19h 4m ↑ 5.3%



Conversations

Conversations started ⓘ

1 0%

New contacts ⓘ 1 0%

Response rate ⓘ 100% 0%



All content

[Create post](#)

Filter



Search by ID or caption



Title	Views ↓	Viewers ↑↓	Likes and reactions ↑↓	Shares ↑↓	Interactions ↑↓
On today's Employee Feature Friday, we're ... Photo • Port of Morrow Boost	8,824	5,350	85	3	94
For 11 years, Port of Morrow Warehousing ... Multi media • Port of Morrow Boost	8,683	4,350	23	15	40
As we head into Labor Day weekend, ... Photo • Crossposted • Port of Morrow Boost	3,916	2,068	13	12	30
Progress continues at the future home of ... Multi media • Port of Morrow Boost	3,884	2,535	16	2	18
This Labor Day, we want to recognize the p... Reel • Port of Morrow Boost	3,382	2,626	28	3	32
Workforce Wednesday 🌟 Stephanie ... Photo • Crossposted • Port of Morrow Boost	3,311	1,601	23	8	32
At the Port of Morrow, landscaping may no... Reel • Port of Morrow Boost	3,118	2,349	36	4	44
Jose is the STEAM Education Instructor at ... Photo • Port of Morrow Boost	2,478	1,573	15	2	17

Audience

Demographics

Trends

Potential audience

Follows ⓘ

30 ↓ 16.7%

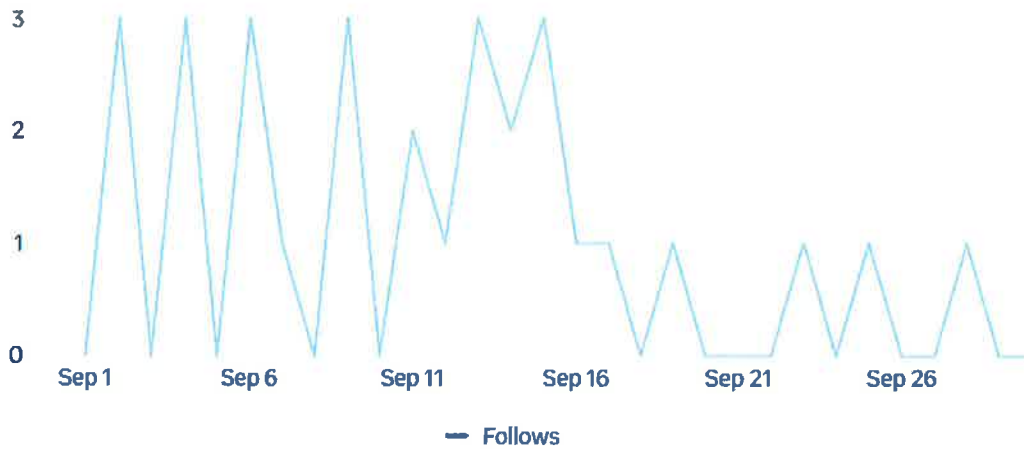
Returning viewers ⓘ

0 0%

Engaged followers ⓘ

0 0%

Based on last 28 days



Followers breakdown

Sep 1, 2026 - Sep 30, 2026

Unfollows ⓘ

7 ↑ 250%

Net follows ⓘ

23 ↓ 32.4%

Followers ⓘ

Lifetime

1,809

Total followers at the end of August: 1,785

YouTube Analytics



Your top content in this period

Content		Average view duration	Views
1		0:12 (57.1%)	1,080
2		6:55 (22.7%)	34
3		0:17 (47.7%)	18

Marker 40 Golf Club

2026	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Rounds of Golf	93	161	478	697	706	667	698	701	570				4771
Members	83	109	233	231	258	391	282	447	315				2349
POM Employee	15	38	50	60	73	53	64	55	51				459
Total Rounds	191	308	761	988	1037	1111	1044	1203	936				7579
Cart Rental	46	91	290	381	381	466	447	440	297				2839

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Rounds of Golf	5336	4594	3348	3362	3501
Members	3445	2541	2582	2525	2387
POM Employee	738	399	369	408	462
Total Rounds	9519	7534	6299	6295	6589
Cart Rentals	3470	2908	2557	1808	2279

Total Memberships 2026

Memberships	Single	Couple/Family	Associate	Junior	Returning	POM Add on
2026	14	14	2		28	3

Upcoming Events:

- Night Golf Oct 9, 13 & 23
- Fall hours are 8am -5pm

Past Events:

- **Thursday Night Scramble** ran from the first Thursday in May through the first Thursday in Oct, welcoming a total of 405 golfers throughout the season.
- **Columbia Senior Blues** event brought 65 golfers from around the region to Marker 40.
- **The Funshine** Community Women's Club of Irrigon and Boardman had a great turnout for its annual tournament with 17 teams and a total of 68 golfers participating.

Notes: The **Rounds of Golf** total represents all paid rounds for the month. This includes 9-hole rounds, 18-hole rounds, additional 9-hole rounds, youth golf, and event participation. The **Members/POM Golf** total reflects the number of members or POM employees who checked in to golf during the month, rather than the number of rounds or holes they played. For example, one member may check in and play 27 holes, while another may only play 9 holes; each would still be counted once in the Members/POM Golf total



Port of Morrow Commission Meeting October 14th, 2026

Port of Morrow Warehousing Monthly Report: September 2026

# of Employees	56
Starting Tonnage	63,896,571
Ending Tonnage	68,611,251
# of Pallets in Storage	39,206
Inbound Trucks	940 Year to date: 6854
Outbound Trucks	872 Year to date: 6933
Outbound Rail	48 Year to date: 395
Shipment Accuracy	100.00%
# of OB Trucks Turned on Time	94.90%
# of IB Trucks Turned on Time	99.5%
# of Loss Time Injuries	0

Notes:

For September the warehouse handled 72.9 mil lbs. Down 2.1 mil lbs. YOY

EOM Tonnage 68.6 million lbs. Down 4.8 Mil Lbs. YOY

Cooler is at 24.5 mil. Lbs. - Capacity 95% 9,514 Pallets filled.

Dry Storage 98% capacity. 2,786 pallet position filled.

Working on Productivity tool for the warehouse. Working with our Warehouse Management Systems IT on this project.

We are hiring at the warehouse for forklift operators and looking for an one Admin Staff.

September 28th - 29th Bob Barker and Marcine Brangham will be attending a safety conference

October 26th to 28th Jeff and Marcine will be attending GCCA Cold Chain Connection Pacific –

Seattle. Educational programming is built for GMs, facility managers, and leaders in, operations, team management, and customer-facing roles, as well as others looking to tap into a network of peers and industry insights across the Pacific Northwest.

Tonnage Comparison FY27



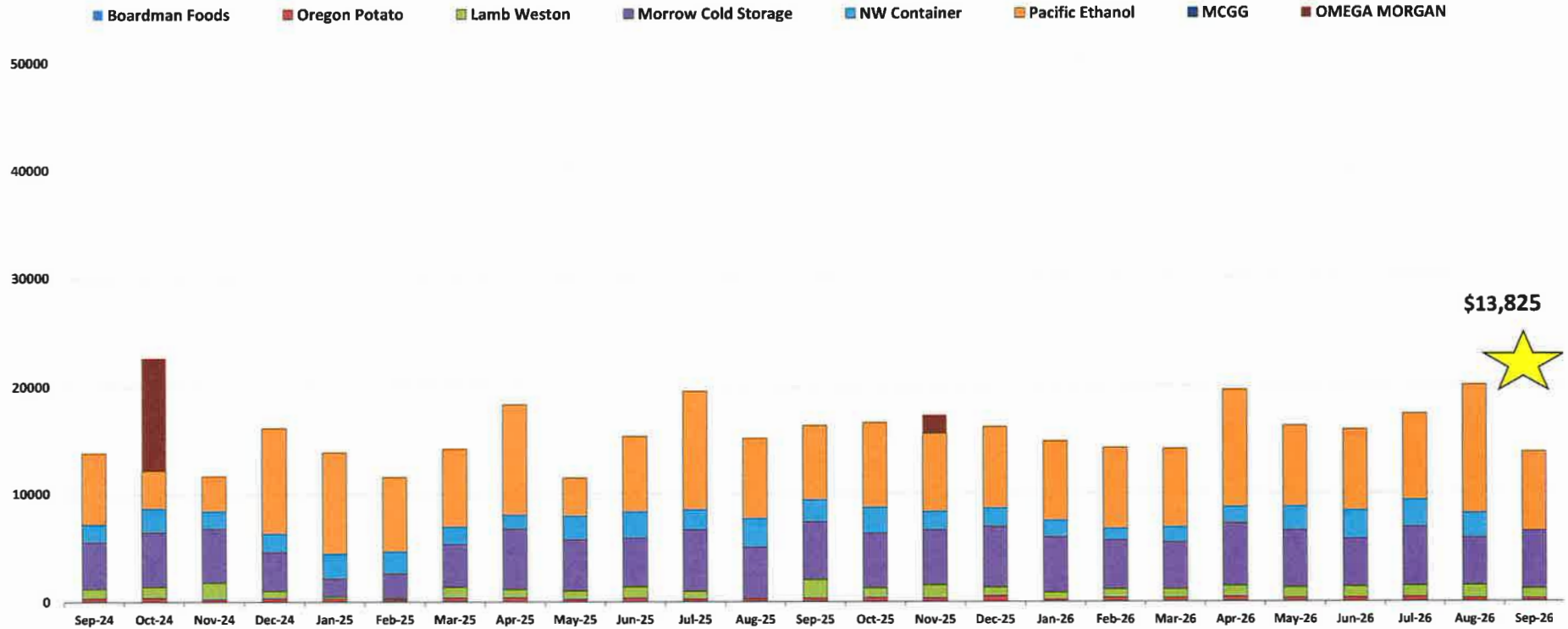
Maintenance Shop Update

Current and upcoming Projects:

1. All PDX sites landscape improvements. Working on PDX 62
2. Install gravel walking paths around all fire hydrants at airport
3. New road for BPA at airport
4. Field mowing, in process
5. New water line for IOGEN at digester, done
6. Fence partially around slip 1, in progress
7. Dirt work and utilities for Vector Control site, done
8. Starting training for new water filtration plants. On going
9. Start of winterization season of POM facilities
10. Shoulder clean up of airport roads.

RAIL TARIFF REVENUE

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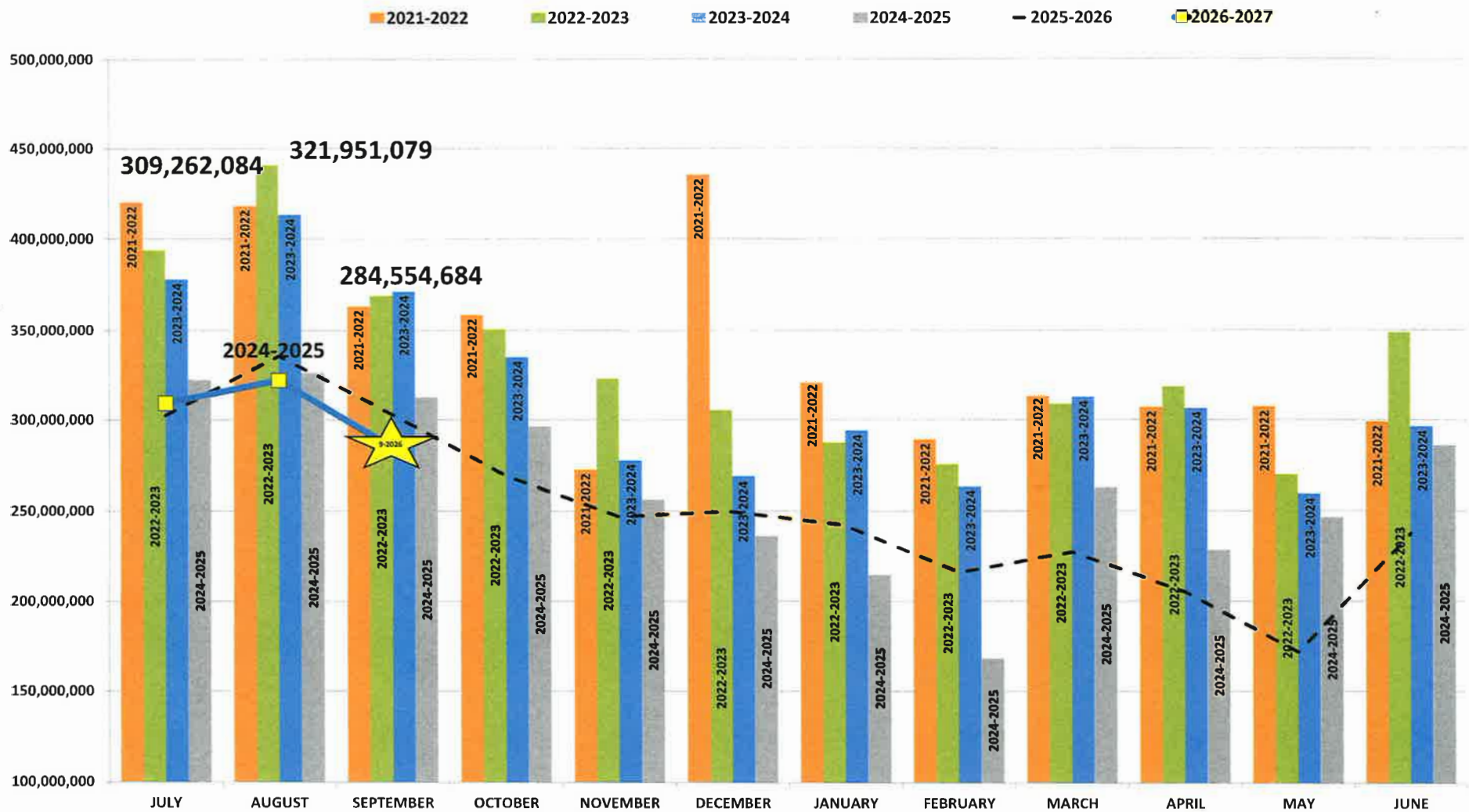
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DISCHARGE | GALLONS

MONTH	2023-2024	% OF FRESHWATER	2024-2025	% OF FRESHWATER	2025-2026	% OF FRESHWATER	2026-2027	% OF FRESHWATER
JULY	263,329,992	67%	227,572,720	60%	203,289,466	63%	190,010,814	61%
AUGUST	295,516,306	67%	239,290,170	58%	225,905,521	69%	199,855,275	62%
SEPTEMBER	272,338,346	74%	229,676,280	62%	206,611,075	66%	190,624,909	67%
OCTOBER	253,506,078	72%	233,118,110	70%	196,483,626	66%		
NOVEMBER	202,962,783	63%	191,010,520	69%	178,871,914	70%		
DECEMBER	192,324,105	63%	165,165,100	61%	167,227,950	71%		
JANUARY	217,266,150	76%	143,447,950	49%	172,252,439	80%		
FEBRUARY	191,415,330	69%	109,689,733	42%	150,340,524	89%		
MARCH	223,890,110	72%	188,474,904	60%	191,220,646	73%		
APRIL	228,491,570	72%	177,395,970	58%	173,421,585	76%		
MAY	210,109,950	78%	185,667,167	72%	179,319,049	73%		
JUNE	230,573,430	66%	203,241,012	69%	202,058,081	71%		
TOTAL	2,781,724,150		2,293,749,637		2,247,001,876		580,490,998	
% Comparison to Prior Year			82.46%		97.96%		91.30%	

FRESH WATER USAGE

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MONTH	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
JULY	377,176,782	364,996,361	282,798,613	420,156,033	394,099,327	378,296,544	322,458,735	302,585,090	309,262,084
AUGUST	408,700,950	394,447,003	393,308,568	418,092,877	440,610,549	413,250,789	326,234,493	335,549,576	321,951,079
SEPTEMBER	371,555,364	376,316,538	361,824,007	363,337,404	369,222,300	371,553,776	312,601,627	302,821,721	284,554,684
OCTOBER	322,276,471	329,412,865	316,338,088	358,621,863	350,597,015	335,008,670	296,490,913	269,353,977	
NOVEMBER	328,108,354	340,867,947	303,106,812	272,661,760	322,925,308	277,795,184	256,372,887	246,699,402	
DECEMBER	263,833,618	325,237,392	304,861,310	435,165,524	305,451,594	269,232,266	236,214,824	249,577,417	
JANUARY	327,697,612	313,780,888	295,170,832	320,528,880	287,611,055	294,225,537	214,740,475	241,777,937	
FEBRUARY	279,727,769	268,354,892	279,800,684	289,225,101	275,594,810	263,544,967	168,166,879	215,933,750	
MARCH	343,631,014	340,085,377	305,167,862	313,115,041	308,887,380	312,744,328	263,196,106	227,301,394	
APRIL	292,554,567	284,196,934	276,225,507	307,025,023	318,554,548	306,512,421	228,653,211	205,168,913	
MAY	282,013,206	281,976,127	261,617,601	307,398,660	270,102,512	259,540,515	246,478,165	171,916,781	
JUNE	324,088,125	205,849,813	294,769,136	299,098,094	348,642,687	296,454,620	286,126,330	237,535,837	
TOTAL	3,921,363,832	3,825,522,137	3,674,989,020	4,104,426,260	3,992,299,085	3,778,159,617	3,157,734,644	3,006,221,793	915,767,847
% Comparison to Prior Year		97.56%	96.07%	111.69%	97.27%	94.64%	83.58%	95.20%	97.32%



Commission Report for September 2026 - TOTAL Count: 4,474

September General Summary

The SAGE Center and Event Center reported a total facility usage of 4,474, highlighted by 26 Event Center events welcoming 2,482 guests and a successful Morrow County Harvest Festival. Marketing efforts continued through social media, newsletters, radio advertising, and a KNDU Morning News feature. Progress was made on several exhibit and facility improvements, including the Barge Basics exhibit, Key Ingredient Theater, and Community Room redesign. SAGE On The Go preparations continued with van wrap planning and educational supply purchases to support future school outreach. The Event Center continues to receive positive feedback, with 187 events and approximately 15,921 guests hosted year to date.

Facility Usage- 4,474

- **Event Center:** 26 events | 2,482 guests
- **Educational Visits:** No school visits for September
- **Museum Visitors:** 920 Guests (462 SAGE tours | 307 Tesla/Welcome Center)
- **AWS TBS Classroom:** 261 / 11 students/educators
- **SAGE Events:** 800 (Harvest Festival)
- **Outreach/ Events:** Amazon Community Day

Marketing & Outreach-

- Scheduled posts on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram & LinkedIn.
- Monthly email newsletter featuring upcoming events, recaps and news.
- Radio advertisements on 103.5 K Wheat
- Feature on KNDU Morning news for Harvest Festival w/ Taylor Farms

Exhibit/Facility Updates:

- **Barge Basics Exhibit**
 - We have received a proposal from OMSI that we will be moving forward with, currently at the execution of the agreement stage.

- **Key Ingredient Theater**
 - The scheduling of the new interview videos for this exhibit are nearly complete.
- **\$500 Dollar & a Dream Exhibit**
 - The monitor will be wall-mounted for a permanent display, with updated photos also being considered for the space.
- **Community Room**
 - We have received a concept for the update of the community room to a second classroom/workforce room from Creative Hut.
- **Facility Lifts**
 - We are experiencing issues with our main facility lift and currently looking into a permanent solution.
 - Stern Elevator has diagnosed the theater lift and recommends a complete replacement unit at this time.

Operations Updates

- **SAGE On The Go** (outreach to schools)
 - We have a design concept pending approval for the wrap of the outreach van.
 - We are ordering educational supplies to begin scheduling outreach.
- **Morrow County Harvest Fest**
 - We hosted the 12th annual Morrow County Harvest Festival, we had a great turnout and heard positive feedback this year.
- **Event Center**
 - We are showing consistent positive feedback and event ratings.
 - Year to Date: 187 events/meetings held, hosted approximately 15,921 people thus far.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update, please feel free to contact **Angel Aguilar, SAGE Center & Event Center Manager** (angel.aguilar@portofmorrow.com), at any time. I welcome your input and will be happy to provide additional information as needed.



October 2026 Report

Recap of Events and Programs

Linktree

The Chamber is using Linktree as a central place to find registration links for Chamber programs and events, as well as events hosted by our members. By sharing one easy-to-access link, we hope to make it simpler for residents and visitors to discover what is happening in Boardman and sign up to participate.

Scan the QR code to view our Linktree:



GrowthZone Member Login Reminder

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce has successfully transitioned from ChamberMaster to GrowthZone, our new membership, communications, and event management platform.

We encourage all of our members to activate their accounts and create their individual logins. Through the GrowthZone Member Information Center, you can:

- Register for Chamber events
- Update your contact and organization information
- Create and share job postings
- Submit press releases and community news
- Access member resources and manage invoices

Account activation instructions and login information can be found in the Chamber newsletter or in a direct email from the Chamber. If you need a new invitation or assistance accessing your account, please contact the Chamber office at 541-481-3014 or info@boardmanchamber.org.

3rd Quarter Luncheon – September 16, 2026

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce welcomed members and community partners to its 3rd Quarter Membership Luncheon at the SAGE Event Center. With Lamb Weston as Title Sponsor, the event brought attendees together to build connections and hear updates from Chris Nelson with Amazon, Stephanie Leon with POM Workforce Development, and Weston Puttnam with UEC. We appreciate our supporting sponsors—UEC, Tillamook, AWS, Threemile Canyon Farms, and Good Shepherd Health Care System—for helping make this opportunity to connect and learn possible.

2027 Visitor Guide

The Chamber is partnering with Lunar Cow Publishing to produce the 2027 *Experience Boardman Oregon* Visitor Guide, scheduled for release in January 2027. The guide will inspire visitors to explore Boardman's riverfront, outdoor recreation, events, restaurants, shops, and places to stay. Advertising space is still available, offering local businesses a chance to reach travelers as they plan their trips and decide where to spend their time and money. Lunar Cow is contacting businesses directly about ad placements, so please watch for an email from them about the official Boardman Visitor Guide.

Please look for this type of email in regard to our Visitor Guide from Lunar Cow:

**ADVERTISE TODAY
IN THE #1 ASKED FOR PUBLICATION!
THE BOARDMAN VISITOR GUIDE**

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GENERATE NEW CUSTOMERS**

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PRINT, DIGITAL, AND WEB ADVERTISING!

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Upcoming Events and Programs

Candy Crawl Registration – Halloween Event @ SAGE Center

Businesses and organizations are invited to register for the **Halloween Candy Crawl at the SAGE Center**! Join us for a fun, family-friendly celebration by hosting a table, decorating your space, and handing out candy to local children.

Register today to reserve your spot and help create a safe and memorable Halloween experience for Boardman families. More registration information will be available through the Boardman Chamber newsletter and direct Chamber emails and social media.

Community Christmas Celebration

The Chamber is preparing for its annual Community Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 5, 2026. Children are invited to have their picture taken with Santa, and the Chamber will give a candy cane and a book to each child who participates. We look forward to celebrating the season with Boardman families and will share more event details as plans are finalized.

4th Quarter Luncheon – December 17, 2026

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will host its Fourth Quarter Membership Luncheon on December 17, with **Tillamook** serving as Title Sponsor. Scheduled guest speakers include **Kelly Morgan with Lamb Weston** and **Kristian Thornton with Eastern Oregon Workforce Board**. We thank supporting sponsors **UEC, AWS, Threemile Canyon Farms, and Good Shepherd Health Care System** for helping bring our business community together to connect, learn, and hear timely updates.

Tourism & Community Visibility Impact

The Chamber's events, visitor outreach, and business programs support its **Visibility, Voice, Value** framework. They increase Boardman's visibility as a place to visit, give local businesses a voice in community planning, and create value by connecting visitors with local places to stay, eat, shop, and explore.

Signature events give people a reason to visit Boardman and spend time in the community. The Visitor Guide and event promotions help turn that interest into visits to local businesses. Together, this work supports the future of the Boardman Chamber and the City of Boardman.

Upcoming Chamber Events

- Candy Crawl @ the SAGE Center – October 31, 2026
- Community Christmas Celebration – December 5, 2026
- 4th Quarter Luncheon | Title Sponsor Tillamook – December 17, 2026
 - DATE CHANGE!! This will be on a Thursday, due to Christmas!

For more information, please contact **Torrie Griggs, CEO**, at **541-571-2394** or email torrie@boardmanchamber.org. Visit www.boardmanchamber.org or call our office at **541-481-3014** for further details. **Follow our Social Media channels** – Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube!!



Community Investment Projects and Programs

BCDA Boardman Business Opportunity Incubator Update

BCDA continues to advance the approximately \$6 million Boardman Business Opportunity Incubator, anchored by a secured \$1.5 million U.S. Small Business Administration grant. The project has officially reached the 30% Construction Documents phase, marking an important milestone as the design and development details continue to take shape.

BCDA is also working with the project's primary prospective tenants to confirm Letters of Intent to lease space in the building. These commitments will help demonstrate tenant interest and support the financing needed to move the project forward.

The planned two-story, mixed-use facility will feature retail storefronts, executive office space, medical and service-based opportunities, and dedicated business incubator suites. The project is designed to support small-business development—with an emphasis on women-, minority-, and low-income entrepreneurs—while expanding services, creating economic opportunities, and strengthening Boardman's local economy.

BCDA continues to pursue additional funding partnerships and financing tools needed to complete the full project investment.

Below is a conceptual design of the project. The design has not yet been finalized and remains subject to change.



Homebuyer Incentive Program

As of this reporting period, **45 applications** totaling approximately **\$225,000** have already been reserved through the 2026 Homebuyer Incentive Program. The Boardman Community Development Association has committed \$250,000 in 2026 to continue the program. The Homebuyer Incentive Program provides a \$5,000 grant to qualifying homebuyers within the 97818-zip code, directly supporting workforce housing, encouraging homeownership, and contributing to long-term community stability. Since its inception in 2016, the program has invested more than \$2.5 million into the community.

Pickleball Court Development

The Boardman Community Development Association continues to advance plans for an **eight-court pickleball complex**, which will now be located on the **west side of the Field House near Boardman City Hall**. The eight individual courts will be designed to accommodate community recreation, league play, and regional tournaments.

The new location provides access to existing infrastructure and supporting amenities, including public restrooms, parking, play structures, and other nearby recreational activities. This will help create a convenient, family-friendly recreation area while reducing the need to duplicate infrastructure.

The estimated project investment is approximately **\$950,000**, as project expenses and infrastructure needs continue to expand. Current committed funding includes **\$500,000 from the Morrow County Unified Recreation District**, including an additional \$200,000 recently awarded to help address rising project costs, and **\$50,000 from Amazon Web Services**.

BCDA continues to pursue additional grants, sponsorships, and community donations to fully fund this important project. Once completed, the complex will promote community wellness, enhance Boardman's livability, and attract visitors and regional tournaments.

Business Development

The Boardman Community Development Association (BCDA) continues to work with investors and developers to bring new businesses and amenities to Boardman. By sharing local opportunities, connecting prospective partners with community leaders, and helping projects move forward, BCDA is working to expand services, create jobs, and make Boardman an even stronger place to live, work, and visit.

BCDA Projects and Community Investment

Boardman Community Development Association | Project overview through September 2026

Over the years, BCDA has invested in the facilities, services, and opportunities that help Boardman families and businesses thrive. This snapshot includes completed investments, ongoing support, and projects in development.

Housing and Economic Development

- **Home Buyers Incentive Program:** \$2.5 million invested in homebuyer assistance since the program began in 2012; grants help qualifying households purchase homes in the 97818 ZIP code.
- **Broadband** \$1.5 million invested in broadband infrastructure and connectivity.
- **Business and Workforce Recruitment:** Ongoing work with investors, developers, employers, and partners to attract businesses, amenities, and workforce housing.
- **Studies and Planning Investment:** Traffic studies and hospitality and tourism studies to inform growth and future projects.

Recreation and Community Facilities

- **School and Youth Recreation Investments:** Basketball courts across the city, a new gym floor, bleachers, and basketball hoops at SBE. BCDA also provides \$90,000 per year to Boardman Park and Recreation to cover youth sports costs for Boardman youth.
- **Field House:** BCDA supported construction and continues to operate the facility. Planned updates include new turf, walls, and lighting.
- **Community Improvements** include a new playground at the SAGE Center, \$75,000 for the development of the original dog park, and \$10,000 to Boardman Senior Center for capital projects.
- **Childcare Support:** Make an annual \$30,000 donation to Families First Childcare Center to support the operational costs and provide support to our working families.

Community Identity and Safety

- **Visibility and Public Spaces:** Wayfinding and Welcome to Boardman signs, a car wash mural, community metalwork art, and crosswalk lights improve the look and experience of Boardman.
- **Main Street and Park Flowers** along Main Street, planted trees and placed park benches and flower baskets to make shared spaces more welcoming.

- **Tourism Sponsorships** Annually support the Columbia River Walleye and BAM fishing tournaments helps draw visitors to Boardman and supports local businesses.

Projects Now in Development

- **Boardman Business Center:** Approximately 20,000-square-foot mixed-use building planned for retail, services, business incubation, and offices. The project is estimated at approximately \$6 million; BCDA has committed \$2 million and secured a \$1.5 million SBA grant.
- **Pickleball Courts:** An eight-court complex planned near the Field House for local play and tournaments, with an estimated project cost of approximately \$750,000.

Figures above reflect different time periods and project stages. Planned project costs are estimates and are separate from completed investments.

<https://eastoregonian.com/2026/09/26/morrow-county-celebrates-season-of-bounty/>

Morrow County celebrates season of bounty

By Tammy Malgesini, September 26, 2026

Harvest Festival is Oct. 3 at SAGE Center

BOARDMAN — The Morrow County Harvest Festival offers a chance to connect with others, enjoy free family-friendly activities and support local artisan vendors.

In its 13th year, the festival is Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road. It features a Kids Corner, live entertainment and food booths. Angel Aguilar, SAGE Center manager, said that as one of the center's largest community events, it's important to both Morrow County and the Port of Morrow.

"It's more than just a fall festival," he said. "It's a tradition that brings families, local businesses, artisans, and community organizations together to celebrate the harvest season and the agricultural roots of our region."

Cream of the crop

When the artisan vendor registration opens each year, available spots fill quickly. Festival-goers can browse and shop among this year's crop of more than two dozen vendors.

Aguilar said a wide variety of goods and products will be available, including specialty foods, clothing, home décor, personal care items and fresh produce.

Aguilar said more than 20 booths feature family-friendly activities, including pumpkin painting. And the best part, there's no fee to participate.

In addition, Aguilar said entertainment offers something for all ages, such as live music, storytime, smoothie-making demonstrations, balloon animals and clown performances.

Festival harvests traditions

Also among the familiar faces at the event will be Brian and Karli Cook of Equine Elegance. The Irrigon couple has provided the cloppity-clop sound of equine-drawn wagon rides to each harvest festival since its inception. Aguilar said the Cooks and other community partners help make the festival a continuous success.

"Their wagon rides have become a beloved tradition for families attending the event," Aguilar said. "Their continued involvement adds a special touch to the festival, connecting

visitors with our region's agricultural and rural heritage while creating memories for families year after year."

A handful of years after the festival began, Threemile Canyon Farms developed a partnership that has continued. Through the Harvest Bounty for Youth in Agriculture, the farm provides produce — such as potatoes, carrots and onions — offering festival-goers a chance to share in the county's bounty for a donation.

"This longtime festival tradition gives attendees the opportunity to take home locally grown produce in exchange for a donation supporting local FFA youth," Aguilar said.

For more information, visit www.visitsage.com or search Facebook via bit.ly/46PTepb. For questions, call 541-481-7243.

<https://press.aboutamazon.com/aws/2026/9/how-amazon-is-helping-protect-water-resources-in-eastern-oregon>

Also: <https://smallbiztrends.com/amazon-invests-400-million-to-revitalize-eastern-oregons-water-systems/>

How Amazon is Helping Protect Water Resources in Eastern Oregon

Key Takeaways:

- Amazon is investing \$400 million to improve public water systems in Eastern Oregon, supporting our growth and benefiting the public.
- Amazon data centers in Eastern Oregon use water for only 7% of the year.
- Amazon's water replenishment projects in Eastern Oregon will return or improve 957 million gallons of water a year to the local ecosystem – nearly four times the total water used to cool our data centers in 2025.

Amazon has been operating data centers in Eastern Oregon since 2011. As demand for cloud services and AI grows, Amazon is innovating to ensure our data centers can do more for customers, while using less water. At the same time, we're investing in local water infrastructure and replenishment projects to help recharge local aquifers, lower reliance on groundwater, and return more water to the region than we use in our data centers.

Designing Data Centers to Use Less Water

Thanks to ongoing innovation in our Eastern Oregon facilities, we use outside air for cooling for 93% of the year. Only on the hottest hours do we use water for cooling. As a result, our standard data center campus (four buildings) in Eastern Oregon uses less than one-quarter of the irrigation water needed for a typical 125-acre crop circle.

This approach has allowed us to grow our operations, while remaining a relatively small fraction of the region's overall demand. In 2024, all of Amazon's data center operations in Oregon used approximately 284 million gallons of water, or about 4.6% of the total potable and industrial volume produced by the City of Umatilla, City of Hermiston, and Port of Morrow. Despite continued growth, that number declined to 242 million gallons in 2025.

Why does AI use water?

Improving Public Water Systems

Amazon also works closely with local utilities to improve water systems in the communities where we operate. In Eastern Oregon, Amazon has committed to investing nearly \$400 million in local water infrastructure projects to expand water capacity, improve system reliability, and support future growth across the region.

Through these agreements, Amazon provides funding, while local utilities and public entities plan, own, and operate the infrastructure. This ensures projects are designed around regional needs and remain under local public oversight.

Project Spotlight: Columbia River Intake in Umatilla

Amazon funded a new Columbia River Intake in Umatilla, helping to reduce reliance on groundwater for residents and industrial customers and provide non-potable supply to industrial and irrigation customers. The project will initially provide up to 23 cubic feet per second (CFS) of capacity, or 14.8 million gallons daily for the benefit of the whole community. The project will also provide water for the Wanaket Wildlife Area managed by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to maintain wetlands that serve as habitat local wildlife. Project completion is expected in 2028.

Project Spotlight: Lowering Groundwater Dependence with the Port of Morrow

Amazon funded two new potable water treatment plants for the Port of Morrow. The plants will use Columbia River water, providing the Port with net-new combined capacity totaling 10 billion gallons a year. Amazon will use just 5% of this capacity (455 million gallons) to support current and future data center operations, while the remaining 9.5 billion gallons will serve other Port customers, lowering reliance on groundwater across their 3,600 acres of industrial parks. The project is expected to be completed in 2027.

Replenishing Water in Local Watersheds

In Eastern Oregon, Amazon is also investing in projects that will improve the health of watersheds, return water to local ecosystems, and improve water quality. Collectively, these projects are estimated to return or improve 957 million gallons of water a year. These projects are designed to improve the region's long-term water resilience and support Amazon's water positive goal. (<https://sustainability.aboutamazon.com/natural-resources/water>)

Project Spotlight: Increasing Instream Flow in The Columbia River Basin

Amazon collaborated with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to restore wildlife habitat on Birch Creek, a tributary of the Umatilla River, which flows into the Columbia

River and provides water to the city of Umatilla in Eastern Oregon. Learn more.

(<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/sustainability/amazon-water-conservation-replenishment-sustainability?p=amazon-to-work-with-local-tribes-and-conservation-groups-to-keep-water-in-streams-and-help-wildlife>)

Project Spotlight: Improving irrigation efficiency with the West Extension Irrigation District

Amazon is investing in three irrigation efficiency projects with the West Extension Irrigation District (WEID) in eastern Oregon's Umatilla and Morrow counties. Learn more.

(<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/sustainability/amazon-water-conservation-replenishment-sustainability?p=amazon-invests-in-oregon-irrigation-upgrades-expected-to-save-more-than-500-million-gallons-of-water-per-year>)

Looking Ahead

Through investments in water infrastructure, more efficient operations, and replenishment projects that strengthen local watersheds, Amazon is working to support reliable, resilient water systems that support Eastern Oregon's future.