

**Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**July 17, 2019**  
**Port of Morrow Riverfront Center**  
**Boardman, Oregon**

**Present**

Vice Chair Melissa Lindsay  
Commissioner Don Russell  
Darrell J. Green, Administrator  
Kate Knop, Finance Director

Richard Tovey, County Counsel  
Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant  
**Excused**  
Chair Jim Doherty

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** 9:01 a.m.

**City & Citizen Comments:** No comments

**Open Agenda:** No items

**Consent Calendar**

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the following items in the Consent Calendar:*

- 1. Accounts Payable, July 18<sup>th</sup>, \$172,862.54; Manual Check, July 11<sup>th</sup>, \$9,968.18*
- 2. Minutes: June 12<sup>th</sup>*
- 3. Oregon Liquor Control Commission Temporary Sales License Applications from the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo for events on August 16-18 and August 24*
- 4. Rock Quarry Agreement with Wilkinson Ranches, LLC; term of agreement to be July 17, 2019 to June 2024 with optional one-year renewals for stockpile purposes only, up to 10 years; \$0.25 per solid yard of rock extracted and \$200 per year for use of property for stockpiled gravel*

*Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Business Items**

Easement Modification Request from Morrow County Grain Growers (MCGG)

Carla McLane, Planning Director

Kevin Gray, General Manager, MCGG

MCGG plans to expand its operations in Ione but a County easement that runs diagonally across the property prevents that expansion. At the May 1<sup>st</sup> BOC Meeting, MCGG requested the County reduce the size of the 100' abandoned Union Pacific Railroad Easement to 25' and relocate it to the southern border of the property. The Board supported the request.

The draft Modification of Easement document was reviewed and discussed. The Board agreed the final document, with minor changes noted during discussion, could be placed on next week's Consent Calendar.

Easterday Farms – Introduction & Discussion

Bill Easterday & Cody Easterday, Easterday Farms

Easterday Farms recently purchased the now defunct Lost Valley Farm near Boardman. Bill and Cody Easterday discussed the problems with the condition of the property upon purchase and the efforts to bring it into compliance with multiple State agencies. They discussed their immediate plans for the operation, as well as longer term goals. Cody Easterday said in the beginning they thought 11,000 dairy cows could be supported, however, when calculating the nutrient load, it became apparent the realistic number was 8,000. He went on to list the numbers for replacement heifers and bull-calf beef production, and the number of acres under pivot for potatoes, onions and forage crops (5,400).

Ms. McLane explained her office's involvement has been to review the land use compatibility statement for the Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit. She said the working relationship with Easterday Farms has been very positive and she received similar feedback from other people in the community.

Commissioner Russell said he wished them well and knew from prior discussions with the representatives from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Oregon Department of Water Resources (OWRD) that the facility could be made operational if done correctly. He said it takes 60,000 dairy cows to supply the daily needs of the Tillamook plant in Boardman and they have plans for expansion.

Vice Chair Lindsay talked about the protected groundwater area and asked about water quantity and monitoring.

Cody Easterday said they will be fully engaged in water transfer and their water usage will be 30% less than before with the change in dynamics. He said they volunteered for OWRD to come in with monitoring equipment and have been in conversation with ODA. They are keeping regulatory agencies in the loop as they move forward, he added.

#### School Based Health Center (SBHC) Agreement – Public Health Department & Community Counseling Solutions

Mr. Green presented on behalf of Public Health Director Sheree Smith. The Health Department received a Mental Health Expansion Grant from Oregon Health Authority for fiscal years 2019-2021 in the amount of \$80,000. The funds will be directed to the Health Department and passed to CCS for services rendered (invoiced) at the SBHC. During discussion, it was asked if the funds go through the County's Finance Department. Kate Knop, Finance Director, answered no, but she was working with Ms. Smith to improve that process.

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the School Based Health Center Agreement between the Morrow County Health Department and Community Counseling Solutions; effective dates July 1, 2019 ending on June 30, 2021; amount \$80,000 for the biennium; and authorize Vice Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### Irrigon Building Project Update

Mr. Green reported:

- Work continues on the draft Request for Qualifications for the progressive design-build contractor.
- An estimate is being obtained from Umatilla Electric Cooperative to permanently relocate the power pole in the alleyway.

## **Department Reports**

### Planning Department Monthly Report

Ms. McLane

Ms. McLane reviewed her report. Regarding the Green Energy Corridor item, she said the Department of Land Conservation and Development will appoint a rules advisory committee at its meeting next week in Condon. She asked the Board to identify two names for consideration. Commissioner Russell volunteered, as did Vice Chair Lindsay, who said her experience on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Energy and Agriculture in the Umatilla Basin might be of benefit. Ms. McLane pointed out it will involve discussions regarding the transmission line that will serve the Wheatridge Energy Project. Commissioner Russell said he believed as a participating landowner, Vice Chair Lindsay had a conflict of interest. She said if he believed that to be the case, she would be happy to not put her name forward. It was agreed to submit Commissioner Russell's and Ms. McLane's names.

### Juvenile Department Quarterly Report

Sherry Wright, Juvenile Probation Counselor

Ms. Wright discussed the statistics for the just completed fiscal year compared to the previous fiscal year. She said the number of youth referred was down, but the number of referrals to services for those kids was up (one individual can have multiple referrals for services). Ms. Wright mentioned that marijuana usage and vaping have increased among the youth and that she continues to educate them as to the dangers, especially of vaping. She reviewed staff activity for the quarter.

### The Loop Quarterly Report

Anita Pranger, Coordinator

Ms. Pranger reviewed her report. She discussed her response to the findings from the recent federal review and made the report available to the Board.

As a matter of common departmental practice, Commissioner Lindsay asked that the Board be informed when program reviews are scheduled, as well as when the resulting reports and/or findings are received.

### Emergency Management Quarterly Report

Undersheriff John Bowles

The report prepared by Undersheriff Bowles was reviewed and discussed. He also talked about a meeting that took place yesterday with a representative from the Department of Homeland Security and Bobbi Childers, Clerk. He said the DHS rep toured our facilities and talked about

resources they can provide. Undersheriff Bowles said DHS offers free trainings and he planned to take advantage of that resource.

### Clerk's Quarterly Report

Bobbi Childers

Ms. Childers reviewed her report and continued the discussion about the meeting with DHS. She said the purpose was to offer suggestions, not orders. She also planned to follow-up with the offer of free trainings.

Ms. Childers brought up requests for documents by the public and asked that the County follow the practice that records be obtained from the department that can certify authenticity.

Ms. Childers also discussed the documents archived by the Clerk's Office from all public meetings of the Board of Commissioners. Due to storage issues, she asked that the Board consider turning in only those records that are considered permanent, such as agendas, minutes, resolutions, orders, and ordinances. She then discussed the benefits of using optical character recognition software to digitally index those documents. The Commissioners were in favor of Ms. Childers exploring that option. Finance Director Kate Knop suggested this also be a discussion during long range planning meetings.

### **Correspondence**

- Notice of public comment deadline extension on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project
- Notice of Eastern Oregon Economic Summit, July 26<sup>th</sup> in Hermiston
- "Legislative Wins of the 2019 Oregon Legislative Session," compiled by the Association of Oregon Counties

**Break:** 11:27-11:36 a.m.

**(Cancelled:** Executive Session – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(g) – To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations)

**11:37 a.m. Executive Session** – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) – To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions

**12:24 p.m. Closed Executive Session**

**Signing of documents**

**Adjourned:** 12:35 p.m.