

Morrow County Citizens Economic Development Task Force

Meeting Notes for December 6, 2016

Boardman City Hall

Boardman, Oregon

Attendees:

Sheryll Bates, Kymberli Erevia, Linda LaRue, Carla McLane, Aaron Palmquist, Karen Pettigrew, Leann Rea, Don Russell, and Rod Taylor.

The meeting started at 9:04 a.m. No minutes were available for approval. Will be made available in the January meeting.

South County Waste Water Options: The site visit with Orenco did not take place; Linda said that this could/should wait until the new council takes seat. In the meantime the city will continue to review and consider the proposal and engineering studies.

Regional Solutions & LUB GWMA: There has been no forward movement, and will wait until the elections and in-processing occurs. Next step would be a meeting with stakeholders; not sure if approved; looking to Regional Solutions intern to compile (6-8 hours estimated to write) – need help framing the document and considerations to effect economic development.

Community Reports:

Karen: SDC waivers – conversation continues; recruitment continues for clerk and code enforcement vacancies; changes pending to code enforcement, adding PW duties; NHMP adoption will be considered at tonight's council meeting; water conservation plan at state for review; beauty shop will re-open under new management.

Linda/Rod: Code enforcement issue regarding cars; playground equipment received to be installed next spring; recent lead and copper testing to be redone; still have a couple of vacant city council positions that are being recruited for.

Carla: Provided an update on NHMP process (handing out binders), received interim approval from FEMA - draft resolution provided for each locale to push through for approval – Carla will attend the city meetings to answer questions; Morrow County Planning Dept. will help with information updates (10 year update to 2006); CREZ Board meeting this Friday at 9 a.m. at the POM upstairs; asked for written report from fund recipients (i. expenditures, ii. Needs), additional discussion regarding meeting.

Leann/Don: Long range planning meeting last Wednesday – new commissioner committee assignments; retirement reception for Leann and Terry Tallman on Friday December 16 from 2-4 at the Bartholomew Building; taxing issues regarding franchise and transportation discussed.

Aaron: Newest city council member is 18, female and Hispanic; refinance is complete resulting in savings of almost \$2 mil; finalizing sewer facility plan; zero detect on new wells but having trouble with filters; enhancement program is going well – 12 dumpsters have been deployed for the cleanup; housing program is working well but there is some consideration being made for changes; looking at business development/recruitment options for 2017.

Sheryll: WCVEDG is out of CREZ money, planning for workforce housing; annual WCVEDG Board meeting on 2/16 for lunch; annual chamber banquet will be on 2/9; chamber annual lunch first Thursday in January; the new Heppner Mayor is Cody High.

Housing as Economic Development: Skipped – no update.

Lost Valley Ranch CAFO Permit: Skipped – no update.

Regional Travel Shed Planning Process: Next meeting will be held after the first of the year – mindset is still on Kayak for Umatilla County. Irrigon and Morrow County will be pushing back – additional discussion regarding routing options and partnering with other agencies was had.

Business Initiative/Incentives: Skipped – no update.

Items for the Good of the Order: No items.

Agenda Build: LUB GWMA, items skipped this meeting.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Heppner at the Heppner City Hall.

Adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Future Meeting Dates: Feb 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, and Dec 5 2017.