

Military Economic Advisory Committee
March 15, 2018
Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, Boardman, Oregon

Attendees: Courtney Crowell, Bob Guertin, Larry Lindsay, Melissa Lindsay, Jefferey Maffuccio, Carla McLane, Kim Peacher, Jacob Potterf, Shannon Rust, Alec Shebiel, Bob Waldher, Thomas Wolff, Stephen Wrecsics. By phone: Tucker Billman, Debbie Lankford, Manuel Robledo, Kellen Tardaewether.

Introductions were made.

Review and Approval of Meeting Notes: Minutes approved with the addition of Debbie Lankford to the list of phone attendees on February minutes.

Mission, Vision, Goals and Objectives: Discussion on continued cooperation between the surrounding counties with the future transfer of Umatilla Chemical Depot lands back to the public and the positive and negative impacts of the transfer. There was comment that the surrounding counties have an interest related to the Oregon Military Department's presence in the area and the positive and negative related economic impacts. Comments were made that from a developer standpoint nobody wants to handicap the military and their training, however the financial implications should be shared by the citizens of the United States and not just the local Taxpayers. Federal processes should be streamlined to facilitate economic opportunities for landowners and developers. General consensus that predictability on all sides of the process is desired. Planning staff committed to consolidating recent discussion topics to begin to generate a Draft Mission Statement that addresses a relationship building component. Protection for agricultural lands needs to be written into the objective as it is the main economic driver in Morrow County.

Energy Project Updates:

Boardman to Hemmingway - Kim Peacher confirmed that the Navy will issue a follow up letter in reference to completion of the Idaho Power Company (IPC) application. Bi-weekly teleconferences are occurring between the Navy, IPC, UEC and Morrow County. Conversation related to relocation of existing BPA 115kV from Navy owned lands. Once relocated the line as part of IPC submission may be permitted at 115kV or 230kV. IPC commented that all possible B2H scenarios include removal of the BPA line and that regardless of BPA's interest or ownership in the B2H project BPA is committed to the removal of the line from Navy land. Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) commented that B2H is still in completeness review and trending towards completeness.

Green Energy Corridor- Navy is addressing UEC requests including removing defunct UEC equipment/infrastructure on NWSTF Boardman. UEC estimates Land Use Application to the County on April, 13. Conversation about need for Stanfield Substation in the future.

Wheatridge - Wheatridge Conditional Use Permit(CUP) is still pending and associated transmission line application is imminent.

Nolin Hills - No updates.

Orchard Wind - Signed interconnect agreement with Pacific Corp. System upgrades projected to be completed next year.

Boardman Solar- Received Site Certificate and Final Order from EFSC.

Carty Solar - No updates, amended amendment application is still pending.

Harp, Solar Star, and POM – Harp CUP and Goal 3 Exception will be heard at the April 24, 2018 Morrow County Planning Commission. Solar Star Application still pending. Morrow Solar Land Use Application pending.

Items for the Good of the Order: Courtney Crowell mentioned conversations between the State of Oregon and the Navy about a statewide study around Federally Funded Opportunities. New DLCD representative for Eastern Oregon Phil Stenbeck. IPC waiting on informational meetings with the EFSC process and maintaining conversations with the county and stakeholders. Umatilla County mentioned new community well for the City of Hermiston, needs to contact the Navy for Airspace conversation. Commissioner Lindsay thanked everyone at the table for maintaining the conversation. Navy gave a pre-fire season action update.

Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2018 at the same location. Adjourned at 10:38 a.m.