

Military Economic Advisory Committee
July 20, 2017
Boardman, Oregon

Attendees: Chris Bassett, Kym Erevia, Russ Gibson, Bob Guertin, Debbie Lankford, Larry Lindsay, Carla McLane, Jeff Maffuccio, Steve Meyers, Laura Miner, Leann Rea, Mark Stokes, James Williams. By Phone: Tucker Billman, Kim Peacher, Kellen Tardaewether, Karen Wagner, Bob Waldher.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Introductions were made. Meeting notes were reviewed; no changes were identified.

Project Updates:

- REPI and RAICUZ: no updates, will continue for August agenda.
- Oregon Trail interpretation: no updates, will continue for August agenda.
- UMCD transfer time line: License transfer review underway in Washington D.C. Oregon Military Department will be taking over the maintenance of the site from Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). Improvements are planned with an open house being scheduled for early fall as a "community day". Both a new waste water collection system and work on noxious weeds continue. Consultation with the CTUIR continues regarding mitigation discussions. First construction for Boardman will be an unmanned flight facility that will be funded in 2019. Carla said recent road work on range was supposed to be sourced locally but wasn't.
- FAA requirements: The Morrow County Board of Commissioners (BOC) had a work session in early May concerned with Planning Department activities. Renewable energy items were discussed with a focus on two items: residential setbacks and flashing red lights. Should work continue related to flashing red lights the County would want to be sure that there were no negative impacts to military training and other operations. Discussion will move to the Planning Commission. Any changes would not affect permitted projects. Carla will coordinate with wind representatives to coordinate a tour at one of the sites open to groups.

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- Laura Minor, Invenergy, attended with James Williams, Vice President of Development. He is based in Denver and will visit the Invenergy office in Portland frequently.
- Jeff Maffuccio, Idaho Power Company, attended with Mark Stokes, new project leader handling the permitting and budget processes with Idaho Power. He will be involved with the Boardman to Hemmingway (B2H) project.
- Russ Gibson, Oregon National Guard, will be moving from his current position, and will have a replacement in October.
- Bob Guertin, Oregon Wind, indicated that Larry Lindsey property has now become engaged with the REPI process.
- PGE put in a request to the PUC to change the regulations on Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) projects, which may impact local solar projects (this change forces 10 megawatt projects to be larger, with different permitting process that inhibits small landowner projects).

Project updates:

- B2H Record of Decision (ROD) still on desks at Washington D.C. for signature, don't expect anything locally to change with regard to final route. Will start working with Navy for ROD after this has been completed. Hopeful Navy ROD will be completed around Sept (before Cpt. Moore moves on in Feb). The amended preliminary Application for Site Certificate has been submitted to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), and Kellen noted that it has been received. Exhibit K was provided to the Morrow County Planning Department. Disc was sent out in June; Kellen will follow up to get Carla a copy. The document is now on the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) website; working to update the B2H website but prefer ODEO site to be primary resource for the document. Landowner outreach in process by Idaho Power Company (IPC) to discuss the purpose of site boundaries and routing possibilities. ODOE 45-day period for review started yesterday with the deadline for this review being September 1.
- Wheatridge: Project has been sold to Next Era Energy. The Planning Department is working with the new owner on local permitting. Carla is not sure if they have entered into a power purchase agreement. Looks like building will occur, with primary impact to Hermiston and Heppner. Transfer will be presented to the EFSC by ODOE on their next agenda. Morrow County BOC decided not to comment.
- Boardman Solar: Developer has submitted preliminary application, waiting for ODOE review process to be completed. No outstanding county items for this project. ODOE is looking for additional information before completing application review.
- Carty II, III & Solar: Review process is still suspended. The ODOE has not received additional information that was requested from PGE yet. There is encouragement for PGE to look at other options for energy on the open market.
- ODOE Safety Rulemaking: Not much happening; not looking for people to sit on the RAC yet. ODOE IS having ongoing internal conversations about the issue.
- Eclipse: There will be 98% totality in Boardman. Oregon is planning for anywhere from a half to one and a half million people arriving to experience the event. Morrow County is gearing up for major influx of visitors. It's possible that the event may impact next meeting, so there will be a call-in option, and a later start time will be negotiated for travelers who are not able to stay the night before.

The list of committee members appointed by the BOC was provided to the group.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34