

Military Economic Advisory Committee
December 6, 2018
Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, Boardman, Oregon

Attendees: Stan Hutchison, Larry Lindsay, Jerry Rietman, Bob Guertin, Jeff Maffuccio, Melissa Lindsay, Stephen Wreccics

By phone: Debbie Lankford, Alec Shebiel, Kellen Tardaeweather, Kim Peacher, Alan Gronewald

Introductions were made and minutes from October 2018 were reviewed. The group identified a correction to the spelling of Stan Hutchison's name, and requested that a reference of the Navy real estate 50-year lease secured for the B2H project be added. October Minutes will be corrected and re-submitted for approval at the January MEAC meeting.

Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives Discussion:

The group continued reviewing the DRAFT Mission Statement and Goals. Discussion of the Goals continued to focus on working to find the proper balance between the military mission, community economic development and protection of the environment. The following changes to three of the Goals represents the outcome of the discussion:

- Preserve military training capabilities within the region while also addressing impacts to underlying or adjacent land uses to help foster mutually compatible community development.
- Mutually develop and implement an early notification, communication and coordination process between the military, developers and local governments to address projects under and near military training and operations areas. To be considered would be:
 - Early notification of project development to military partners and regular updates concerning projects in the permit process, under development or operational.
 - Implementation of the Range Air Installation Compatibility Use Zone (RAICUZ) Study and other similar studies of interest to MEAC partners.
 - Discussion of military mission and impacts of those changes to both local economic development and environmental protections.
 - Develop a resolution process to address conflicts under special use airspace associated with military activities and facilities.
 - Develop a process to identify projects with the potential to impact military operations in the areas surrounding NWSTF Boardman and Camp Umatilla and underlying FAA designated special use airspace and military training routes (MTR).
- Foster and maximize positive economic impact of Military facilities and activities for Morrow County and its citizens through the use of local contractors and services wherever practicable. To be considered would be:
 - Identify opportunities for compensation to landowners and agencies that are negatively impacted by military operations and projects.
 - Engage local contractors and services wherever practicable.
 - Identify jobs that could be created through military related projects.
- Leverage existing governmental resources to create a cohesive interaction with the military and to explore opportunities for the development of new resources.
- Support the development of Green Energy Corridors while promoting and incentivizing their use.

- Track and engage as warranted, policy advisors, rulemaking, and legislative proposals that are of importance to the MEAC and its members. Promote and engage in substantive communication with our Local, State, and Federal Legislators to help facilitate the Mission and Goals of this group.

At the next meeting these changes will be confirmed or modified.

Morrow County Planning Commission Renewable Energy Work Sessions Update:

Commissioner Lindsay gave the group a brief update on the most recent Work Session with ODFW's Steve Cherry. The work session touched on how ODFW views solar and wind projects as well as their requirements and analyses for energy projects. The work session was a good education piece for the Planning Commission and Staff. Tentatively, the scheduled work session for the January Planning Commission will include a presentation by Kerrie Standlee, and discussion on wind energy modeling and noise. Bob Guertin offered a site visit for Planning Commission members to a local wind farm.

Energy Project Updates:

Boardman to Hemmingway – Agency comments due, DPO expected by the end of Q1 2019. Navy ROD expected by end of 2018. Work on the Draft Proposed Order has started. Reviewing agency comment period closed at the end of November, however some agencies requested extensions. Some agency comment letters are still outstanding.

Green Energy Corridor- Discussed briefly current status, particularly in relation to obtaining easements and the need to accomplish the work envisioned in 2016 and early 2017 with the Governor's Task Force.

Wheatridge – PUC Approved PGE RFP Shortlist. Navy avigation easements have been recorded. Amendment 3, type B for increased turbine height completed EFSC evaluation at last council meeting. Amendment 2, type A for battery storage will be evaluated at the December EFSC meeting. EFSC has received a request for Amendment 4 to add solar generation with battery storage.

Nolin Hills – No update.

Orchard Wind – Awaiting start of construction.

Boardman Solar – Local CUP has been issued.

Carty Solar – Amendment will be heard at the December EFSC meeting.

Harp, Stark Solar, and POM – Stark Solar CUP application has been withdrawn due to issues surrounding the planned interconnect.

Items for the Good of the Order:

Conversation surrounding interconnects for small solar projects and the issues going forward. Allec shared a legislative concept that they it would add the ability to create a parcel for utility facilities necessary, a use that is allowed but currently in many counties creates situations that are otherwise problematic as creating a parcel is not always an option.

OMD gave update surrounding the November VTC with Capt. Army and related site visit at Umatilla Army Depot.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Wreacsics