

**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Morrow County Planning Commission
Thursday, November 14, 2024, 6:00 pm
Morrow County Government Center
215 NE Main Ave Irrigon, OR**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Stacie Ekstrom, Chair
Karl Smith
Liz Peterson
Charlene Cooley
Stanley Anderson
John Kilkenny

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Tripp Finch

ATTENDANCE via ZOOM:

Brian Thompson

STAFF PRESENT:

Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director
Daisy Goebel, Principal Planner
Michaela Ramirez, Administrative Assistant

Staff Zoom:

Stephen Wrecsics, GIS Analyst
Clint Shoemake, Planning Technician

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ekstrom called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE

Presented by Planning Director Tamra Mabbott

Continued Hearing - Land Use Decision LUD-N-75-24, Port of Morrow Applicant, and owner. This hearing was continued from the October 29, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

Conflicts of interest: None

Request: Land Use Decision application to allow Port of Morrow to apply industrial wastewater on land zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU). The subject property includes 7,300 acres located on a number of tax lots located in Township 2N Range 26 and 3N Range 26. Property is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Irrigon and 17 miles west of Echo, east of Bombing Range Road. Criteria for approval include Morrow County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO) Article 3 Sections 3.010(B)(23) and (D)(8) and (D)(9) as well as ORS 215.246 regarding land application of industrial process wastewater

Motion to add Exhibits I, J, K, L, L.1, L.2, L.3, L.4, L.5, L.6, L.7, M, M.1, M.2, N, O, P, Q, R, and S, to the record: Commissioner Peterson

2nded by: Commissioner Kilkenny

Vote: All voted

Action: Approved

Questions or Comments for Staff by Commissioners: None

Chair Ekstrom opened the testimony part of the Public Hearing:

Testifying Parties:

Applicant: Sarah Stauffer Curtis, Steel Rives LLP, 760 SW 9th Ave, Portland, OR
Miff Devin, Port of Morrow, PO Box 200, Boardman, OR

Questions or Comments by Commissioner for Applicant: Commissioner Kilkenny

Proponents: Debbie Radie, Boardman Foods, PO Box 296, Irrigon, OR

Opponents: Drew Martin, 3370 10th St, Baker, OR representing Meenderinck Land Co., LLC
Pete Meenderinck, PO Box 1011, Hermiston, OR
Tressa Meenderinck, PO B0x 1011, Hermiston, OR
Kaleb Lay, Oregon Rural Action, PO Box 1231, La Grand, OR

Question or Comment for Opponents from Commissioners: Chair Ekstrom, Commissioner Kilkenny

Question or Comment for Opponents from Staff: Director Mabbott

Neutral: None

Applicant rebuttal: Sarah Stauffer Curtis, Steel Rives LLP, 760 SW 9th Ave, Portland, OR
Miff Devin, Port of Morrow, PO Box 200, Boardman, OR
Michael Campbell, 760 SW 9th Ave, Portland, OR

Question or Comment by Commissioner for Applicant: Commissioner Peterson

Question or Comment by Staff for Applicant: Director Mabbott

Question or Comment by Commissioners for Applicant: Chair Ekstrom, Commissioners Peterson, Smith, Kilkenny, Thompson

Anyone wanting to keep the record open or continue: None

Motion to close the Public Hearing: Commissioner Kilkenny

2nded by: Commissioner Cooley

Vote: All voted

Action: Approved

The Public Hearing is closed.

Question or Comment by Commissioners for Counsel: Chair Ekstrom, Kilkenny, Thompson, Peterson

Question or Comment by Staff for Counsel: Director Mabbott

Conditions of Approval

1. The area permitted for land application of wastewater shall exclude the buffer area shown in red in Figure 2. The Port may irrigate the buffer area with irrigation water but shall not apply industrial wastewater or reclaimed water.

Motion to approve the application with the condition listed: Commissioner Kilkenny

2nded by: Commissioner Smith

Vote: All voted

Action: Approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Ramirez

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