

## Malheur County Development Corporation Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020  
10:00 am (Mountain Time)  
Conference Call Number: 541-896-1824

*Meeting held via telephone*

### **Members Present:**

- Grant Kitamura, Board President
- Kay Riley
- Greg Smith
- Randi Svaty
- Corey Maag
- Jason Pearson

### **Guests:**

- Brad Baird, Anderson Perry
- Larry Wilson
- Mike Walker
- Larry Meyer, Argus Observer

### **Staff**

- Julee Hicks
- Ryan Bailey

### **Regular Board Meeting Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:**

Board President Grant Kitamura called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. With a quorum present, Kitamura asked for any discussion regarding the August 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Corey Maag moved to accept the minutes as presented. Randi Svaty offered a second and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Kitamura directed the meeting to Greg Smith, MCDC Director, requesting an update on the recently completed shipper survey. Smith explained the survey included destination, volume, and seasonality data that was derived from the area onion shippers. Smith noted the information has been shared with the potential operator for their review. The premise of the data is to help establish an operating agreement and begin discussions regarding a final building structure

Smith noted RailPros is nearing their 30% design submission to Union Pacific. Once achieved, it is believed the 100% milestone will be attained shortly thereafter.

Smith continued his update, including:

- Removal of the rendering plant owned by Nutrien
- Discussions with the landowner regarding the rail crossing closure at Gem Avenue
- A recent meeting with ODOT reviewing milestones
- The 65-acre land parcel appraisal
- Establishing a financial review team
- Update information on the BUILD Grant

Brad Baird, civil engineer for the TVRC project and President of Anderson Perry, commented on the construction scheduling sequence. He noted the construction bid process is appropriate for the various sectors of work.

Also referenced was the tentative partition status that the county must approve. Baird said the process is proceeding appropriately.

Lastly, Baird referenced the Gem Avenue rail closure and alternate access routes for the affected landowners.

Kitamura asked for any other business to come before the board, and any comments or questions for the public attendees. Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer asked Baird about the rail design status. Baird said the 30% rail design should be realized within a month and will then proceed to attaining 100% rail design.

Mike Walker addressed Baird and asked of the scheduled bid process. Baird reiterated the timelines are appropriate for the work and coincide with ODOT's schedule.

Kitamura asked if there was any further business to come before the board. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am, by Board President, Grant Kitamura.

Respectfully Submitted:

Greg Smith, Officer to the Board