

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2019
10:00 am (Mountain Time)
Baker and Murakami Produce
1431 Se 1st Street, Ontario, OR 97914
Conference Call Number: 541-896-1824

Members Present:

- Grant Kitamura, Board President
- Lynn Findley, Board Vice President
- Greg Smith, Officer to the Board (via phone)
- Jason Pearson
- Kay Riley (via phone)
- Corey Maag (via phone)

Staff:

- John L. Braese
- Julie Hicks (via phone)

Regular Board Meeting Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am with special guests present:

- Larry Wilson, Malheur County Commissioner
- Larry Meyer, Argus Observer (via phone)
- Mike Walker

Discussion and Action: Review and approval of October 22, 2019 meeting minutes.

Board Vice President Lynn Findley made a motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2019. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jason Pearson. By unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

Discussion and Action: Update

Board President Grant Kitamura handed the meeting over to Officer to the Board Greg Smith for updates on the project.

Smith started the briefing stating the appraisal of the property will be completed shortly.

Smith said a subcommittee working on shipping numbers for the Tioga Group and the anticipated operator met and is working on a data sheet. Smith requested Pearson to provide an update. Pearson stated the group met for seven hours with the assistance of EcoNorthwest. A few questions remain to be answered, but the project should be completed end of this week.

Smith stressed the need for a group to be organized to negotiate with Union Pacific and the operator. A call is scheduled today to discuss this matter.

Smith updated the board on the weekly contractor call, stating survey work on the land is planned.

Smith said a few small items are needing completion on the Special Works Fund, but the application has been completed and submitted.

Discussion: Other Business Before the Board

After discussion, Findley made a motion to authorize Kitamura sign a contract with EcoNorthwest to continue work on the reload center as needed. The motion was seconded by Pearson. By unanimous vote, authorization was provided to Kitamura to sign the contract.

Adjournment:

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted:
Greg Smith, Officer to the Board