

Malheur County Development Corporation Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2020
10:00 am (Mountain Time)
Conference Call Number: 541-896-1824

Meeting held via telephone

Members Present:

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

Guests:

- Mike Walker
- Brad Baird, Anderson Perry
- Larry Meyer, Argus Observer
- Pat Caldwell, Malheur Enterprise

Staff

- Julee Hicks

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 April 21, 2020 meeting minutes. Jason Pearson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Randi Svaty offered a second and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Board President Grant Kitamura called upon Officer to the Board Greg Smith for recent developments on the Treasure Valley Reload Center project.

Smith stated the TVRC potential operator recently met with members of the Onion Shippers group and clarified a couple points. From this discussion, the potential operator will present the TVRC project to his board. More information should be obtained and then shared at next week's MCDC Board Meeting. As a note, the weekly MCDC Board Meeting, held every Tuesday morning (unless a conflict arises) at 10:00 am (MT) has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 3:00 pm (MT) specifically to share what has been learned from the potential operator.

Smith said all billing payments are current for the TVRC and work is continuing for an insurance RFP.

Smith also said an individual has been hired for the Malheur County Economic Development / Malheur County Development Corporation office and is slated to begin duties on May 11th.

Brad Baird addressed those convened and discussion ensued from last week's meeting regarding road access being public or private at the TVRC. He noted a preliminary plat outlining the reload, rail, wetlands, and roads. Following the conversation, Kay Riley made a motion to initially establish the roads as private. Svaty seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Also discussed was the potential for heating/cooling resources in the TVRC warehouse. It was noted that air-circulating fans would be the norm, and with ag commodities only "stopping off" to be reloaded onto rail, there was no need to add the equipment or expense. However, if fruit crops become a reality in the future, the conversation will be revisited.

The meeting agenda referenced Executive Session, if necessary. It was agreed an executive session was not needed for the meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am, by Board President, Grant Kitamura.

Respectfully Submitted:
Greg Smith, Officer to the Board