

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 31, 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
- Greg Smith, Officer to the Board (via phone)
- Kay Riley (via phone)
- Toni Parish
- Jason Pearson
- Cory 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:

- Randi Svaty
- Mike Walker
- Pat Caldwell, Malheur Enterprise (via phone)

Discussion and Action: Review and approval of December 17, 2019 meeting minutes.

Board Member Kay Riley made a motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 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 discussion with an announcement Rail Pros had completed a preliminary track design. This will be forwarded to board members this date. With the design completed, Anderson Perry will have a 30 percent civil design completed in approximately two weeks.

Smith reminded the board of a meeting on Friday with the possible operator. Kitamura said 14 packers, representing 75 percent of the production in the area, have agreed to participate in the discussions. Kitamura also stated the tremendous opportunity the rail facility presents in opening new markets. Following the meeting with the operator, Smith said a meeting with Union Pacific would be scheduled.

Smith continued with information on the purchase of the property, stating an anticipated date of January 8, 2020 for closing. Smith stressed the purchase of the Nyssa Industries property was unrelated to the reload facility and a purchase being made by the county.

Smith thanked Doug Maag and Mike Walker for their testimony before the County Court.

Smith briefed the board on the extensive time and effort being provided on recent public records requests. These requests will be forwarded to the board to see for themselves.

Board member Corey Maag requested clarification on an upcoming tour of the Port of Morrow. After discussion, a decision was made to delay the tour until a tour of the Wallula facility can also be scheduled.

Smith requested assistance from the board on an ongoing problem with an annual report filed with the Department of Justice. Although a legal extension for the report has been filed and accepted, Smith requested the board to assist in the contacting of Nichols Accounting to have the document filed. Kitamura said he would contact Nichols and stress the need the report be filed.

Mike Walker relayed information heard at the County Court regarding fill dirt needed for the relay site. Smith assured Walker the property had been inspected by numerous engineers and met the needs of the state and Union Pacific.

Kitamura announced he had also received public record requests and these had been turned over to a legal representative. Kitamura stated he had no time for these requests.

Adjournment:

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully Submitted:
Greg Smith, Officer to the Board