

Malheur County Development Corporation Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 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, Officer to the Board
- Corey Maag
- Randi Svaty

Guests:

- Mike Blackaby, Blackaby Insurance
- Larry Wilson, Malheur County Commission
- Brad Baird, Anderson Perry
- Bruce Cruickshank
- 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 May 12, 2020 meeting minutes. Other than a name misspelling noted for correction, Kay Riley moved to accept the minutes as presented. Randi Svaty offered a second and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Kitamura called upon Officer to the Board Greg Smith for updates on the Treasure Valley Reload Center project.

Smith said he and Svaty recently met with Mike Blackaby of Blackaby Insurance, to discuss appropriate insurance coverage for the TVRC project. Blackaby was in attendance and joined the conversation, noting the importance of Directors & Officers liability coverage. Also discussed was non-owned auto coverage.

Smith noted the Malheur County Development Corporation's application for the 2020 BUIILD Grant was submitted on Monday, May 18th. The \$15 million ask concentrates on infrastructure, freeing funds from the

Connect Oregon grant toward other needs. Smith commented on the positive response regarding letters of support received from the Oregon delegation.

Smith also shared that the newly established Treasure Valley Onion Shippers would be holding a meeting later in the day. The group will elect their board and begin considering a potential operator agreement.

Discussions also included:

- Real estate partition
- Rendering plant conversation with Nutrien
- Umpqua Bank account balance funds transfer

Brad Baird, President of Anderson Perry & Associates and project manager, noted the land partition is technically a subdivision, cut into five different lots. The process will likely be completed this week and then move to the county for their review.

Baird said the roads, sewer, wetlands, etc. are all moving forward. Also referenced are the upcoming potential operator discussions and the need to discuss the building layout and design. He said building expansion is already a consideration, due to the Wallula site closure.

Kitamura reminded all in attendance to not disclose the potential operator name, should it be inadvertently referenced. He also addressed the potential for an Executive Session or public comments. It was learned neither was necessary.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am, by Board President, Grant Kitamura.

Respectfully Submitted:

Greg Smith, Officer to the Board