

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 13, 2019  
9:00 am (Mountain Time)  
Baker and Murakami Produce  
1431 Se 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Ontario, OR 97914  
Conference Call Number: 541-896-1824

### Members Present:

- Grant Kitamura, Board President
- Lynn Findley, Board Vice President
- Greg Smith, Officer of the Board (via phone)
- Toni Parish (via phone)
- Corey Maag (via phone)

### Staff:

- John L. Braese
- Julie Hicks

### Regular Board Meeting Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am with special guests present:

- Larry Meyer, Argus Observer (via phone)

### Discussion and Action: Review and approval of July 30, 2019 meeting minutes.

Board Vice President Lynn Findley made a motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2019. The motion was seconded by Officer of the Board Greg Smith. By unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

### Discussion and Action: Update

Board President Grant Kitamura handed the meeting over to Smith to discuss updates on the project. Smith started update with news modified agreements with Anderson Perry, RailPros and EcoNorthwest will be completed by end of the week. These agreements should look similar to previous contracts with these entities.

Smith stated a call had been completed with Melissa Meier of Union Pacific earlier in the week. Meier was updated on project and discussions were started on a meeting with Emily Bray (Union Pacific) and Board President Grant Kitamura.

Smith said a non-disclosure agreement had been received from Americold and will be formalized by Friday. Conversations thereafter will be considered part of the business plan and remain confidential.

Smith said a meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2019 with legal representation of Jim Farmer, owner of property. County Counsel Stephanie Williams will also be present.

Smith informed the board the milestones document had been completed and returned to the Oregon Department of Transportation by the due date. A few additional questions submitted by ODOT will be answered and returned by Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

Kitamura requested the shipper members be allowed to verify the economic information requested by ODOT before submittal. Smith agreed, stating the information would be disseminated before submittal. Kitamura also stated he would be available for the Farmer meeting on August 24, 2019 to represent the board. Smith accepted and thanked Kitamura for his offer.

Smith announced preliminary discussions with Bank of Eastern Oregon has occurred regarding a line of credit. Kitamura asked if board member John Qualls could be disqualified if Bank of Eastern Oregon is chosen as lender. Smith replied that would be a future conversation if the bank is chosen as lender.

**Discussion: Other business**

Findley advised a date for Governor Brown to visit the area may occur the week of October 14, 2019.

**Adjournment:**

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 am.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Greg Smith, Officer to the Board