

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

8:00 am (Mountain Time)

Conference Call Number: 541-896-1824

Members Present:

Grant Kitamura (Board President), Lynn Findley (Board Vice-President), Greg Smith (Officer of the Board), Jim Farmer, Corey Maag, Toni Parish, John Qualls by conference call.

Staff:

Sherri Smith, John L. Braese

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Board President Grant Kitamura. Meeting was chaired by the Board President.

Discussion and Action: Review and approval of January 11, 2019 meeting minutes.

The January 11, 2019 meeting minutes were presented. Board Vice-Chair Lynn Findley made a motion to approve the minutes with correction Cory Maag made both motions during the January 11, 2019 meeting. Corey Maag seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

Discussion: Officer of the Board report.

Board Chair Grant Kitamura briefed the board on his appearance before the Oregon Transportation Commission on February 21, 2019. Kitamura thanked EcoNorthwest, Union Pacific personnel, Nyssa City Manager Jim Maret and Representative Lynn Findley for their presentations before the commission.

Kitamura then requested Greg Smith to further provide an update to the board.

Smith thanked all those in attendance at the commission meeting for their testimony. Smith notified the board of the next step in the process, meeting with sales staff of Union Pacific for purposes of a market analysis. This analysis will identify potential users, commodities planned for the facility and level of service needed.

Smith also advised the board of an upcoming meeting with Cold Connect and plans to advance the conceptual design of the facility to 50 percent with assistance from Anderson Perry and Associates.

Smith stated negotiations were in process with Bank of Eastern Oregon for a line of credit. He also advised the board that staff were meeting all deadlines required by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Smith also updated the board on that all outstanding bills have been paid in full.

Smith provided the board an update on multiple communications with the Malheur Enterprise and the paper's numerous public record requests. Members of the board confirmed Smith's decision to assess reasonable fees on public records requests. The fees are to cover related expenses.

Miscellaneous comments were shared by the board.

Discussion and Action: Jim Farmer resignation

Board member Jim Farmer announced his resignation from the board effective immediately.

Unanimously, the board accepted Farmer's resignation. Grant Kitamura thanked Farmer for his service on the board and public participation. Lynn Findley and Greg Smith also expressed their gratitude for Farmer's experience and advice while serving on the board.

Board members Grant Kitamura, Corey Maag and Toni Parrish will meet with the Malheur County Court with recommendations for Farmer's replacement.

Discussion and Action: Weekly Updates

Grant Kitamura requested the board receive weekly updates on the project. Greg Smith assured the board updates would be emailed out Fridays.

Executive Session (ORS 192.60(2)(e)).

Officer of the Board Greg Smith shared there is no need to have an executive session.

Discussion: Other Business

No other business was brought up before the board.

Adjournment:

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 am by Grant Kitamura.

Respectfully Submitted:

Greg Smith, Officer of the Board