## Meeting of the Sponsor Entities of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone II - Morrow County Court - City of Boardman - Port of Morrow -September 14, 2016

Port of Morrow Riverfront Center 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon

## **Present for Morrow County**

Judge Terry Tallman Commissioner Leann Rea Commissioner Don Russell Richard Tovey, County Counsel Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector

## Present for the City of Boardman

Karen Pettigrew, City Manager
Joanna Dahm, City Clerk
Sandy Toms, Mayor
Art Kegler, City Councilor
Brandon Hammond, City Councilor
Brenda Profitt, City Councilor
David Jones, City Councilor
Delbert Turner, City Councilor
Marc Rogelstad, City Councilor
Barry Beyeler, Community Development
Director

#### Present for the Port of Morrow

Gary Neal, General Manager
Lisa Mittelsdorf, Economic Development
Director
Many Padhora, Commissioner

Marv Padberg, Commissioner Jerry Healy, Commissioner Rick Stokoe, Commissioner

# Present for Columbia River Enterprise

Zone II (CREZ)

Carla McLane, Manager

#### Other

Jim Doherty, Morrow County
Commissioner-Elect
David Sykes, Heppner Gazette-Times
Skye Barresse, General Manager, River
Lodge and Grill, Boardman
Howard Talbitzer, River Lodge and Grill
Brett Wilkerson, River Lodge and Grill

Mayor Sandy Toms opened the meeting for the City of Boardman.

Commissioner Marv Padberg opened the meeting for the Port of Morrow.

Judge Terry Tallman opened the meeting for the Morrow County Court.

The pledge of allegiance was recited, and CREZ Chair Don Russell asked for introductions.

## **Boundary Expansion Request**

Carla McLane, CREZ Manager, reviewed the public notice and accompanying map of CREZ Expansion Parcels. The request for expansion of the enterprise zone is for hotel/motel development, she said. She continued to review the packet of information provided and said the comment letter from Brett Wilkerson was asked to be withdrawn.

Ms. McLane clarified that the areas considered for expansion are within the City of Boardman. At this point, the County doesn't have any land that would be properly zoned for hotel/motel

development, but if a developer was interested in Irrigon or Heppner, a boundary expansion request could be made and this body could consider it, she said.

Chair Russell called for proponents of the expansion request to speak. Hearing none, he called for opponents. Hearing none, he asked for anyone wishing to make comments of a general nature. Once again hearing none, he called for Sponsor Entities Discussion.

Ms. McLane first explained each Sponsor Entity is required to adopt a resolution, the body of which she drafted for uniformity. She went through the resolution and the attached exhibits, and noted they will be submitted to Business Oregon for approval. An acknowledgement letter should be received in a matter of days, she added.

Commissioner Rea mentioned the State made two changes that translated into additional property for the zone -1) The enterprise zone could increase from 12 square miles to 15, and 2) Railroad and freeway rights-of-way were taken out.

## **Sponsor Entities Discussion and Boundary Expansion Resolutions**

#### City of Boardman

Mayor Toms asked for discussion. Hearing none, she said a motion could be entertained.

Councilor Art Kegler moved to authorize Resolution 22-2016, A Resolution in Support of a Boundary Expansion of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone, as indicated on the map discussed. Councilor David Jones seconded. Aye: Mayor Toms, Councilors Brandon Hammond, Jones, Kegler, Brenda Profitt, Delbert Turner. Nay: Councilor Marc Rogelstad. Motion carried.

#### Port of Morrow

Vice-President of the Port of Morrow, Marv Padberg briefly reviewed Resolution 2016-10 for consideration.

Commissioner Jerry Healy moved to approve Resolution 2016-10, A Resolution in Support of a Boundary Expansion of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone. Commissioner Rick Stokoe seconded. Unanimous approval.

## **Morrow County**

Commissioner Rea moved to approve A Resolution in Support of a Boundary Expansion of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone, with the Resolution Number to be assigned, noting that the signing of the Resolution will take place one week from today at the County Court meeting of September 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

## CREZ II Board Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

Ms. McLane said the CREZ II Board has been operating under the existing IGA for three years. Are there other activities or duties the entities would like to assign to the Board, she asked. She

discussed the possibility of giving the Board the authority to grant expansion requests. Various discussions took place.

Commissioner Rea said if a great opportunity becomes available in Heppner, for example, she wouldn't want to discourage the interested party because it takes this body too long to move a boundary.

Commissioner Russell suggested Ms. McLane summarize the options discussed and send them to the three Sponsor Entities to be considered at their own meetings.

Councilor Turner asked if a boundary expansion request is granted, can it be reversed if an investor backs out. Yes, replied Ms. McLane.

## Good of the Order

No items.

Adjourned: 6:40 p.m.

Sandy Toms-Mayor

Acting Recorder