



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting
April 24, 2019~ 10:00 am ~ Room 219

4/24/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot (via phone), Sandy Cox, Sue Murphy, Paul Hanson/KFLS, Tess Novatny/Herald and News

2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner Morris motions to approve minute from April 16, 2019 meeting, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

3. Todd Forbes & Dennis Less - Fire Update

Todd Forbes/BLM, Dennis Lee/ODF discuss changes coming forth in the next few years, serious budget cuts, new plan being proposed starting in Klamath County in 2020. Commissioner Boyd would like to see other areas come out first with this new plan, so Klamath isn't the guinea pig so to speak, but realizes that decision was made at a much larger level. BOCC is very interested in working out ways to protect the "unprotected" lands in Klamath County, BLM should be at the table for discussion, next meeting is Friday, April 26, 2019 @noon at Fire District #1. Commissioner Boyd supports ODF and their ability to fight fire, this is going to put serious strain on the organization. Forbes responds that there are some options that need to be explored. Lee presents document showing potential implications due to this proposed change. Forbes further explains that fire cost increases have driven these cuts. Commissioner Boyd indicates that this issue is due to lack of forest management and lack of harvesting timber.

4. Renea Wood / Food Policy Council

Renea Wood addresses the Board, the Council is interested in a couple bills currently before Oregon legislation HB2837/SB727, HB2579 and their local impact. Charlie/local farmers market group speaks to the history of the SNAP/double up bucks/match program. Discussion about where the money will actually come from, not sure that has been decided yet. Commissioner Morris would like to see the County Food Policy Council follow a couple bills in legislation, come to the BOCC and present the advantages/disadvantages locally then ask for BOCC support. Commissioner Boyd likes the idea. Morris asks how the Board would like to see the Council's actions moving forward, thinks the BOCC needs to give them more specific direction. Wood like to see some specific objectives put forth from the BOCC, but currently would like to get approval to write letters of support for the bills discussed. Morris suggests as these matters come before BOCC allowing the BOCC to digest the information/review bills for a week then come back the following week for a decision, Morris will then relay the decision back to the Council. Bruce/local rancher explains history and difficulty of getting local meat to our local schools and now that funding has been cut. Morris states will give each BOCC member a chance to review bills and discuss it again next week then she will get back to group with decision. Thanks the group for all their work

5. Strategic Housing Committee

Julie from KCEDA presents report and action items that came out of the meeting held on March 20-21, follow up meeting on May 10. Morris commends group for heading project, is very enthusiastic about it, wants clarification for the public regarding what the actual problem is. Randy Cox from KCEDA responds with details. Discussion about collaboration needed to build housing in the 1200 month need.

6. KCEDA

Rick Abel, Randy Cox/KCEDA addresses the Board in partnership with Skyline Brewery they would like to have an Oktober Fest in Klamath, has also included Mia and Pia's, Running Y and Klamath Basin Brewing. This will be a family friendly event with activities for kids as well. Commissioner Morris is excited about the proposed event and supports the idea. Commissioner Boyd would like to see Discover Klamath working on this project with them. George responds, he is on Discover Klamath Board, and they are involved. Commissioner Boyd indicates that the BOCC made a decision that these types of things should be going through the Tourism/Economic Development committees, however since they excluded KCEDA and Discover Klamath due to the County already funding those entities, is willing to discuss this project, keeping in mind that the County has limited dollars. DeGroot is excited about the event, thinks we could fund it out of Tourism fund. Commissioner Boyd asks what the amount the grant committee originally awarded this event, George responds 15K. Morris motions to fund the event with 20k out of Tourism fund, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Sue Murphy asks if this would be separate from the grant cycle? Commissioner Boyd would like to see it go back through the committee. Unanimous vote. Approved

7. Other County Business

8. Adjournment

11:18am

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