



**CDA Zoom Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 22, 2020

10:00am to 10:30am

Welcome and greetings from Chairman Don Russell

General Introductions of guests or members of the press join by phone

- **CDA Board Members Present:**

- Chairman Don Russell, Morrow County
- Bill Tovey, CTUIR
- Kim Puzey, Port of Umatilla
- Bill Elfering, Umatilla County
- Ryan Neal, Port of Morrow
- Lisa Mittelsdorf, Alternate Port of Morrow
- Jim Doherty, Alternate Morrow County
- Gail Nelson, Alternate Umatilla County

- **CDA Staff Present:**

Greg Smith, CDA Director, Debbie Pedro, CDA Admin, Ed Orloski Contractor.

- **Guests Present:** Stan Hutchison-ORNG, Michele Lanigan-BRAC, UEC- Robert Econrode, John Shafer-Umatilla Co Commissioner, Melissa Lindsey-Morrow Co, Jessica Keys-Senator Merkley, Kathleen Caffey-Senator Wyden, Jade McDowell-EO, Andrew Sykes- Gazette Times, Ryan DeGrofft-Biz Oregon, Byron Smith-City of Hermiston, Dan Dorran, Dan Clark-OTA, Wendell Baskins-OTA, Patrick Collins-Rep. Greg Smith, Brad Baird-AP&A joined later in the meeting.

- **Old Business**

1. Approval of CDA Board Meeting Minutes October 8, 2020. **Motion to approve** CDA Minutes with changes (Mr. Elfering suggested the following corrections to the Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes-1. the vote that came after #6 happened at the end that paragraph, roll call vote should move below where it says the Umatilla Co. Property, 2. word spelling antique should be adequate) so moved by Bill Elfering and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Neal, all in favor; anyone oppose, none; the motion passes unanimously.

- **New Business**

Greg Smith Executive Director

1. Rescind a vote made at the October 8, 2020 CDA board meeting regarding depot property.

**Motion moved** by Mr. Puzey is for the good of the region that we rescind the motion of October 8<sup>th</sup> (*the motion made was to memorialize the intent to deed all the industrial property to the Ports of Morrow and Umatilla on their respective sides of the county line as soon as the transfer of the depot is completed*), and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Neal, all in favor; anyone oppose, none; the motion passes unanimously.



2. Would Umatilla and Morrow Counties be able to provide the following:

Mr. Smith shared that one of the suggestions to move along with Section 106, issues outstanding is the Igloo Accident site and the Southern Oregon Trail Section is to have Morrow County would oversee the protection of the Southern Oregon Trail Section and Umatilla Co. oversee the protection of 1944 Igloo Accident site. Mr. Russell said he would like to run this through their planning director to see if this is something they could do. Mr. Tovey thought that we should check with SHPO in this process to see if they would be supportive.

Mr. Smith said that each county would report on the properties and notify SHPO of the compliance to those protections. Mr. Russell shared that the document would show each property is in compliance. Mr. Smith gave credit to Mr. Orloski for the suggested following details:

- "Morrow County commits to assume responsibility for the South Trail, its perpetual oversight, semi-annual monitoring, and enforcement, if necessary, following dissolution of the CDA or the sale of a portion of property on which the South Trail is located."
- Umatilla County commits to assume responsibility for the 1944 UMCD Igloo Accident site, its perpetual oversight, semi-annual monitoring, and enforcement, if necessary, following dissolution of the CDA or the sale of a portion of property on which the 1944 UMCD Igloo Accident site is located."

**Motion** by Mr. Elfering and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Russell to have Mr. Smith to reach out to each county on the task of the monitoring of the two properties.

3. Oregon Trail Advocates

Mr. Smith shared that the OTA had invited Mr. Smith to walk the OT to decide where and how much of the trail should be preserved also where the best location for the kiosk area should be. CDA is setting aside the N and S Oregon Trail Sections and the work that has been done on the two-year mitigation process is complete. I have been counseled by our consultants that is would not be advised to meet with the OTA at the site, to further discuss and open section 106 again. Mr. Tovey with CTUIR said he would agree with Mr. Smith that this is not the time to tour with OTA, CDA should wait until we get through the transfer process. Mr. Clark said let's get on the ground, and decide how much should be preserved, where it should be preserved and restrictions with protective covenants, we should invite BRAC, Army to join and attend and get on the ground look at where the most appropriate site should be, he said that CTUIR, and SHPO are supportive. Mr. Smith shared that ACHP sent a letter that they are satisfied with the mitigation process, we have also heard from BRAC, that they satisfied with the mitigation process and section 106 is closed. Mr. Clark said let's not assume that the process is over yet. Mr. Clark said ACHP commented after CTUIR comments and SHPO. Tribes, OTA and SHPO have all called for restrictions to go with the land and what should be enforced.

Mr. Clark said CTUIR has agreed to be there to tour the depot. Mr. Russell said he agrees with Mr. Smith and that we have talked about this for a very long time and that we need to move forward with the plan Mr. Smith has shared. Ms. Lanigan said that we can



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go forward with what we have now in the PA and meeting with OTA folks is not going to impede that process, she said that BRAC would be willing to be support it if you choose to meet with them. Mr. Smith shared that we should not meet with them. After the property is transfer then we will meet with OTA. Mr. Puzey shared that he supports Mr. Smith in this decision.

Mr. Elfering supports Mr. Smith decision, while the desire has been to protect those properties after CDA owns them and we want to assure you our intent is to protect the properties has been mitigated through section 106. Mr. Baskins-OTA shared that it is a concern and will move forward. One of the county reps did not want protection on the Morrow Co. side because they may want to develop there. We need something in writing of a restriction and saved for prosperity down the line.

- Other Discussion for the Good of the Order

Note: If an item is to move in an Executive Session the board chairman make the recommendation

Public Comment:

- Adjournment 10:32am
- **Recess for Executive Session Announcement**

The Columbia Development Authority may meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e), which allows the CDA to meet in executive session to discuss property negotiations.

**Note:**

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced.