



**Columbia Development Authority Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2018
1:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to notice made by press release to newspapers of general and local circulation throughout the state and emailed to persons on the mailing list of the Columbia Development Authority (CDA), this regular meeting of the Columbia Development Authority was held at the Port of Umatilla Administrative Office, in Umatilla, Oregon.

Present were Chair Don Russell, Bill Elfering, Gary Neal, Bill Tovey, Kim Puzey, and Director Greg Smith, the entire board of the CDA.

Also present by telephone were Chrissy Curran and Dennis Griffin (SHPO), and Ed Orloski (BRAC).

Chair Russell presented the agenda as follows:

- 1) Review of the CDA's financials
- 2) Overview of meetings with CTUIR
- 3) Army Depot sewer route
- 4) SHPO & BRAC Section 106 process – Chrissy Curran and Dennis Griffin (SHPO), and Ed Orloski (BRAC)
- 5) Transition of OEA staffing replacement
- 6) Progress on transfer
- 7) Staffing

The meeting was called to order by Chair Don Russell at 1:07 pm and began with a round of self-introductions.

The review and approval of meeting minutes from October 9, 2018 was addressed. Kim Puzey moved to approve the minutes; Bill Elfering seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Director Smith asked Chair Russell if the agenda could be altered to accommodate the guests joining by phone. We proceeded to the overview of the meetings with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). The overview covered the common goals of each entity, protecting cultural assets, industrial development, and how we can be good neighbors. The discussions have included the need for buffers around the industrially zoned area and how to create revenue for the wildlife management. The goal is to have a signed agreement in place by the end of December.

The next agenda item was the Section 106 Process. Director Smith asked the SHPO and BRAC to explain the process to the board. Chrissy Curran from SHPO stated that Section 106 is a balancing act. SHPO wants to be clear that the transfer of land must include protection of these sites. Ian Johnson's

(SHPO) ideas were a starting point to assist with the direction. Director Smith stated the southern portion runs directly through the industrial portion and is located along the interstate and rail. Director Smith asked if the CDA could prepare an interpretative sign and set aside 100-200 yards.

It was discussed that the CDA cannot preserve 1 to 1 ½ miles because of the location of the southern portion of the trail, as it runs through the industrial site. Chrissy stated that it is necessary for all parties to agree, and this will be included in the MOA. SHPO and BRAC stated that the Section 106 process is required, and it is law that it must be preserved. The board agreed and stated the conversation would continue in executive session.

The Army Depot sewer route was discussed by the Director. The Director stated there had been a lot of local interest in the waste water and enterprise zones. However, he thinks it best to postpone these conversations until the transfer takes place, adding that no agreement should be finalized at present.

The OEA staffing update indicates Rick Solander is retiring at the end of December and Timothy Roberts will be taking his place. Timothy will be a good replacement for Rick, and we have enjoyed working with both gentlemen.

The progress on the transfer has been discussed and solely relies on the Section 106 process at present.

It was mentioned that Joleen will be leaving her employment as CDA Assistant. The board will address personnel in executive session.

The board reviewed the financials. The budget was also included for review.

The meeting was then opened for public comments. Michele Lanigan mentioned that there is an igloo 903 that was used as a fallout shelter. This may be a good consideration to preserve along with the Oregon Trail portion. Tamra Mabbott from the City of Umatilla said they are eager to assist as well. She stated they would welcome any discussion with the entities when the timing is appropriate.

JR Cook, NEOWA, said the depot sits on the winter storage location for the water. The water remediation system and recharge testing are very critical, and he looks forward to working with the team in the near future.

Steve Williams mentioned that Cleaver Farming has been in a lease contract for the last five years and is eager to see the transfer take place.

Meeting recessed at 2:25 pm for executive session.

Meeting reconvened at 2:40 pm.

The board offered a solution for the Section 106 process.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.