



**Columbia Development Authority
Meeting Minutes Via Conference Call
February 6, 2018
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Bill Elfering, Umatilla County
Don Russell, Morrow County
Bill Tovey, CTUIR
Kim Puzey, Port of Umatilla
Gary Neal, Port of Morrow

CDA Staff Present: Greg Smith, CDA Director Joleen Horning, CDA Admin

Guests Present: Jade McDowell, East Oregonian
Michele Lanigan, BRAC
Tom Lederle, BRAC
Josh, Fire District 1
Roy Swafford, Oregon Military Department
Lisa Mittelsdorf, Port of Morrow

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Columbia Development Authority (CDA) was brought to order by Chair Don Russell at 3:34 p.m. The meeting started with a round of self-introductions.

Old Business

Review/Approval of meeting minutes from August 4, 2017. Bill Elfering moved to approve the minutes; Gary Neal seconded the motion, motion passed.

Election of Officers

Director Smith stated it has been about a year since the election of officers. He also mentioned it would be beneficial to maintain the officers; there are advantages to keeping continuity at this point. Bill Tovey moved to retain the board officers; Bill Elfering seconded the motion, motion passed.

New Business

Chair Russell turned the meeting over to Director Smith. Director Smith praised Eileen Hendricks from the Port of Morrow for her administration of the budget. He also mentioned that we have an excellent relationship with Rick Solander from OEA who is project manager for our budget. The financials were reviewed. Gary Neal moved to approve; Bill Elfering seconded the motion, motion passed.



Amended Programmatic Agreement Update

Director Smith said the programmatic agreement will be revised and we have been invited to participate in the conversations. It should occur in the next couple of weeks. He mentioned that several of the cultural and archaeological sites of concern will be preserved and protected. This includes providing a buffer and/or kiosk. Director Smith stated that these are more SHPO issues than tribal issues. One of the areas that will need to be discussed is the cultural significance for the development. There are certain parts of the real estate where the tribe would like to preserve the sights and reduce sound. Tom Lederle provided input on the programmatic agreement and that there are not any other issues.

RCRA Permit Update

Our understanding is there is going to be an additional modification of the permit. It looks like EPA is going to require a class 2 permit modification. Tom Lederle added that he was surprised the EPA is requesting this. Director Smith said this could potentially result in another delay of 4-6 months. Michele Lanigan said the permit process has been going on for the last four years, DEQ manages the RCRA permit for EPA. Four years ago, there was a plan in place to close the permit, and they had EPA approval. Recently they had a change in management and required the class 2 permit modification. This will encompass the whole property including the Guard property. Michele described the type of permits; class 1 is an administrative change. The class 2 will include a 60-day public comment period.

March 2018 BRAC Trip

Director Smith wants to have a meeting with the highest official in the EPA in DC to answer some of our questions and meet with the BRAC office.

Director's Update

Director Smith provided an update on Project Eagle. After further deliberation, it was agreed that the big concern was employee availability. In addition, the company withdrew from building a plant here in the United States.

Additional Updates

Bill Elfering asked if Tom Lederle could foresee any other issues. Tom Lederle stated the RCRA permit should not push the final conveyance date and will work simultaneously with the amended programmatic agreement.

Other Discussion for the Good of the Order

No public comments. No other comments for the good of the order.

Recess for Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (e)

Adjourned

4:38 pm