Greater Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions
Advisory Committee Meeting

Representing Wheeler, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Grant, Harney, and Malheur Counties

Port of Morrow
Thursday, December 14, 2017
2:00- 4:00 pm

Minutes of the Meeting

2:00 pm **Welcome and introductions – Cam Preus, Convener**

Cam Preus called the meeting to order and we went around and provided introductions both on the phone and in person at the meeting.

2:05 pm **Public Comment**

There was no public testimony.

2:10 pm **Discuss criteria and timeline for Regional Infrastructure Fund responses**

Regional Solutions Coordinator Courtney Crowell reviewed the memo prepared for the advisory committee members that explained the criteria that other Regional Solutions Advisory Committees are using and that Regional Solutions staff felt comfortable with. Courtney also walked through the timeline of the process for the Regional Infrastructure Fund and explained that the prioritization that is happening at today's meeting is not funding decisions but only for messaging purposes for the February legislative session. The committee discussed that there would be a second phase of application for projects in the spring that would be the actual funding decisions.

2:30 pm **Discussion of Regional Infrastructure Fund RFI responses and prioritization**

Regional Solutions Coordinator Courtney Crowell walked through the 15 RFI applications and for each project did a short summary of the project and explained how the Regional Solutions team members felt each project corresponded to the criteria. This was reflected in the rubric included in the meeting materials.

After a lengthy discussion with all the committee members, the following seven projects were prioritized.

#	Applicant	Project Name
1	City of Milton-Freewater	Milton-Freewater Wine Incubator/Accelerator
2	City of Pendleton	Pendleton UAS Test Range Hanger Project
3	City of Umatilla/Port of Morrow	Central Park Water Re-Use and Port of Morrow Artificial Recharge Project
4	Malheur County Economic Development	Farmers Fresh Mushrooms
5	Harney County	Value Added Manufacturing Facility
6	City of Arlington	Municipal Airport Paving Project
7	City of John Day	Oregon Pine Redevelopment/John Day Innovation Gateway

Since the advisory committee was not able to come to any additional consensus and since time was running short, Courtney suggested that she would send out an online survey to all the committee members with the RFI responses and the criteria and would give advisory committee members a chance to rank the projects.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4:00 pm Cam Preus adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Attendance

Advisory Board Members in Attendance
Cam Preus, Blue Mountain Community College
Tim Mabry, Oregon Community Foundation
Commissioner Bill Elfering, Umatilla County
Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Morrow County
Rick Minster
Peter Mitchell, Port of Arlington

Committee Members on the Phone
Mayor Mike McLaughlin, City of Vale
Commissioner Boyd Britton, Grant County
Judge Pete Runnels, Harney County
Fred Flippence, Harney Electric

Regional Solutions Team Members
Courtney Warner Crowell, Regional Solutions Coordinator
Scott Fairley, Regional Development Officer
Greg Svelund, DEQ – by phone

Visitors
Gary Neal, Port of Morrow
Tamara Mabbot, City of Umatilla
Russ Pelleberg, City of Umatilla
Corey Harlen, Oregon Natural Desert Association