



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE  
GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

**Greater Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

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

**Friday, June 8, 2018  
10:00 am- 12:00 pm**

**Port of Morrow  
Riverfront Center  
Sand Hollow Room  
2 Marine Drive  
Boardman, OR**

*Call-in is available at: 877-411-9748, participant code: 1220301 #*

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| 10:00 am | Welcome and introductions – Cam Preus, Convener   |
| 10:05 am | Public Comment - all  |
| 10:06 am | Discuss criteria for Regional Infrastructure Fund responses   |
| 10:15 am | Regional Infrastructure Fund applicant presentations (5 min presentation, 5 min Q&A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Comment</li></ul> |
| 11:45 am | Discussion of applications and scoring matrix   |
| 12:00 pm | Adjourn   |

Next meeting: Thursday, July 12, 2018, 10 am-12 pm, John Day (location TBD)

*The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. To request an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, please make requests at least 48 hours before the meeting to Lisa Howard at 503-378-6502 or [lisa.howard@oregon.gov](mailto:lisa.howard@oregon.gov), or by TTY: Oregon Relay Services at 1-800-735-2900.*



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**Thursday, April 12, 2018  
10:00 am- 12:00 pm**

**Blue Mountain Community College  
President's Boardroom  
Pioneer Hall 101  
2411 NW Carden Ave  
Pendleton, OR**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

10:00 am **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.

10:05 am **Public Comment**

There was no public testimony

10:10 am **Approval of minutes**

Mike McLoughlin made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Elfering seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

10:15 am **Discuss timeline and process for Regional Infrastructure Fund application phase**

Regional Solutions Coordinator Courtney Crowell explained the process and timeline for the next phase of the Regional Infrastructure Fund and the application and review process. Courtney walked the committee through the handout that was provided then explained the timeline and the rules set forth in the statute. Steve Shaffer expressed his disappointment in the Legislature for their lack of funding for this program and the amount of work and scrutiny that goes into the application and review process by the Regional Solutions Advisory Committee for such a small amount of money. Mike McLoughlin and Cam Preus both agreed.

The committee decided that they would review the applications at the next scheduled advisory committee meeting which is tentatively set for June 8, 2018.



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11:00 am      **Regional Solutions Team updates**

The Regional Solutions staff members gave updates on the staffing of the Regional Solutions team and shared that Phil Stenbeck has been hired as the Eastern Oregon representative for the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Courtney Crowell gave updates on the workforce housing pilot program and announced that projects would be announced sometime in the next few weeks to a month. Courtney also gave an update on the Umatilla Water Project and the progress that the Governor's office, Water Resources Department and the Northeast Oregon Water Association have made.

Scott Fairley gave an update on the Eastern Oregon Border Board and the Malheur Reload Facility. Ken Patterson gave an update on the Juntura Road project that ODOT is leading efforts on.

11:55 am      **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

12:00 pm      Cam Preus adjourned the meeting.



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**Meeting Attendance**

**Advisory Board Members in Attendance**

Cam Preus, Blue Mountain Community College  
Bill Elfering, Umatilla County Commissioner  
Mike McLoughlin, City of Vale  
Steve Shaffer, Gilliam County Commissioner  
Don Rice, Greenwood Resources  
Tim Mabry, Oregon Community Foundation

**Committee Members on the Phone**

Melissa Lindsay, Morrow County Commissioner  
Fred Flippence, Harney Electric

**Regional Solutions Team Members**

Courtney Warner Crowell, Regional Solutions Coordinator  
Scott Fairley, Regional Development Officer, Business Oregon  
Ken Patterson, ODOT

**Visitors**

Tamra Mabbot, City of Umatilla  
Linda Hayes-Gorman, DEQ – on phone  
Corey Harlan, Oregon Natural Desert Association – on phone  
Gail Nelson, Umatilla County – on phone

## REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AND SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND

### PURPOSE

**RIF:** Projects support job retention and creation by moving the needle on a regional priority identified by the RS Committee; support innovative projects that have little/no other opportunities for state funding support....examples here are the food hub in southern Oregon, the co-lab in central Oregon, youth experience, the quinoa project in mid valley, biomass project in John Day, woodstove removal to reduce econ dev barriers. (Having said that, many projects that received grant funds through the RIF are public infrastructure that would have been eligible for a LOAN from SPWF.....or Connect Oregon). Goal is not to use RIF to fund projects that are eligible for other state programs.

Reasons projects eligible for a SPWF loan and/or CDBG grant have gone for RIF funding instead: CDBG funds are not sufficient, town has absolutely no ability to afford a loan (e.g., has raised rates to affordability max, only has 50 people and project costs \$10 million, etc.); city is maxed on loan funds; industrial lands work where debt service won't work until a business locates there.

**SPWF:** Funds public infrastructure primarily through loans. Grants for facility planning and infrastructure construction associated with specific job creation projects.

### RECIPIENT OF FUNDS

**RIF:** Public or private entities; must have local government sponsor

**SPWF:** Local governments only

### REGIONAL ALLOCATION/REGIONAL PRIORITY

**RIF:** Yes

**SPWF:** No