



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE
GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

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

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

Thursday, August 15, 2019

9:00-11:00 am

**Treasure Valley Community College
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| 9:00 am | Welcome and introductions – Rep. Lynn Findley, Convener |
| 9:05 am | Public Comment – all |
| 9:10 am | Approval of previous minutes |
| 9:15 am | Legislative Update- Rep. Lynn Findley and Regional Solutions Staff |
| 9:45 am | Regional Priority Presentation and Project Updates- Regional Solutions Staff |
| 10:30 am | Regional Priority Discussion and Recommendation- Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Comment |
| 11:00 am | Adjourn |

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Wednesday, March 20, 2019
2:00 -3:30 pm

Conference Call only:

877-411-9748, participant code: 1220301 # (*OLD NUMBER – Not in current use)

Minutes of the Meeting

2:00 pm **Welcome and introductions – Rep. Lynn Findley, Convener**

Rep. Lynn Findley called the meeting to order and Courtney Warner Crowell, Regional Solutions Coordinator did a roll call of the committee members and asked others on the phone to identify themselves.

2:05 pm **Public Comment – all**

There was no public comment.

2:10 pm **Approval of previous minutes**

Mike McLoughlin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Rick Minster had a question about whether the Grant County project identified in the meeting minutes should instead be the City of John Day project. Courtney clarified that the Grant County project was the airport project and indeed sponsored by Grant County. Rick Minster then provided a second to the motion. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

2:15 pm **Legislative Update- Rep. Lynn Findley**

Rep. Lynn Findley gave an update on how things are going in the Legislature this session and gave a brief update on HB 2020 which is the cap and invest bill. He mentioned that significant changes would be coming out of committee in the coming days so there isn't much of an update.

- **Governor's Recommended Budget-** Courtney gave an update of key items in the Governor's budget that are relative to this region and economic development. These include:
 - Key emphasis on housing with \$130 million going towards the LIFT program and \$15 million for the Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator.
 - Regional Infrastructure Fund: \$15 million
 - Broadband office: \$5 million for rural broadband
 - \$16 million for the Wallowa Dam rehabilitation
- **Agency priorities-** Each of the agency representatives gave a short update on key items happening in the legislative session this year.



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2:25 pm **Committee Membership Update- Courtney Warner Crowell, Coordinator**

Courtney gave an update to some changes in the committee membership since our last meeting. Cam Preus left BMCC and the Governor has appointed Rep. Lynn Findley for our convener role. Additionally, Steve Shaffer is no longer the Gilliam County Judge and the Governor has appointed Morrow County Commissioner Melissa Lindsay to serve as the AOC representative on the committee. Elizabeth Farrar will fill the Gilliam County Commissioner seat and we are still waiting to hear who the Grant and Wheeler County Commissioner seats will be.

2:45 pm **Update on Regional Infrastructure Projects-** Courtney gave a summary reminder of the RIF process and how the projects were selected and the final amounts that were approved by the Grant and Loan Review committee and the Legislature.

- **City of Pendleton- UAV Test Range – Hangar Update-** Courtney explained that we are currently in the contract phase and the contracts have been drafted and are now with the city and awaiting signature. Additionally, Courtney shared that she had recently toured the hangar that was funded and got to see firsthand the growth that the industry is having in Pendleton. Courtney also shared that she will be working with the industry, the City of Pendleton, and various agencies to address workforce opportunities in the future.

3:00 pm **Key Project Updates- Regional Solutions Staff**

- **Border Board-** Scott Fairley gave an update on the progress of the Eastern Oregon Economic Development Border Board and an overview of their legislative proposals and their plans on spending the \$5 million that was allocated to them in the previous legislative session.
- **John Day Innovation Gateway-** Nancy Breuner gave an update on the John Day wastewater treatment facility project and updated the committee on the progress of the One Stop funding meeting and the permit pathway discussion with DEQ.
- **Treasure Valley Reload Facility-** Ken Patterson gave an update on the Reload facility and let the committee know that the project plan is currently with the Oregon Transportation Commission and they will be making a decision on moving forward in the coming months.
- **Umatilla Basin Water Projects-** Courtney Crowell gave an update on the status of the Umatilla Basin water infrastructure projects and an overview of the Umatilla Basin Basalt Bank Stabilization effort. Right now there is a bill in the legislature to fund the recommendations from the Governor's Basalt Bank workgroup.
- **Milton-Freewater Wine Production Facility-** Courtney gave an update on the wine production facility and let the committee know that they have found a private sector partner and are looking for funding for a market feasibility study and design and planning funding which RS is helping with.

3:05 pm **Rep. Lynn Findley adjourned the meeting.**



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Meeting Attendance

Advisory Board Members

Rep. Lynn Findley
Tim Mabry
Mike McLoughlin
Pete Runnels
Dan Joyce
Bill Tovey
Rick Minster
Peter Mitchell

Regional Solutions Team Members

Courtney Crowell
Scott Fairley
Shanna Bailey
Ken Patterson
Nancy Breuner
Nate Stice

Visitors

Tamra Mabbot
Jessica Keys



Greater Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions Advisory Committee

Regional Priority Update

Current Priorities and Projects

▶ Support for current and emerging businesses

- ▶ Eastern Oregon Border Board
- ▶ Milton-Freewater Wine Crush
- ▶ Pendleton UAV Industry
- ▶ Farmers Fresh Mushroom
- ▶ Project NHE
- ▶ Hill Meat IOF
- ▶ Hines Pellet Mill



▶ Natural Resource Utilization

- ▶ Grassy Mountain Mine
- ▶ Oregon Torrefaction
- ▶ Juntura Road
- ▶ Green Energy Corridor
- ▶ Milton-Freewater Wine Crush



Torrefied wood pellets ready for energy generation.

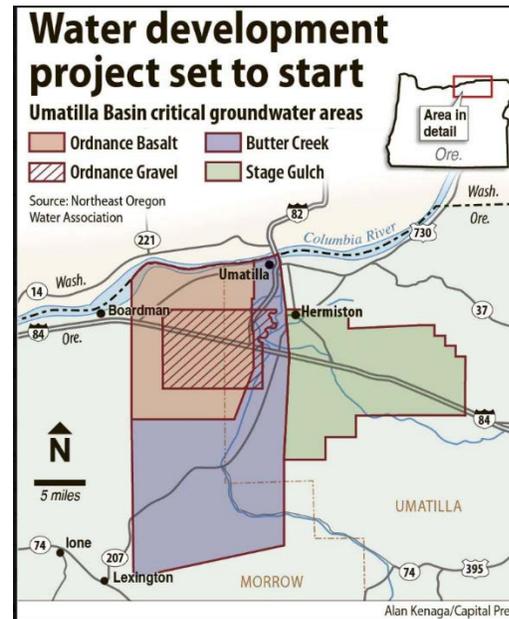
Current Priorities and Projects

▶ Water Management and Development

- ▶ LUBGWAMA
- ▶ Umatilla Basin Basalt Bank Water Stabilization
- ▶ Umatilla Basin Water infrastructure projects
- ▶ Burns/FEMA Flood Plain Project
- ▶ Umatilla Recycled Water Pipeline
- ▶ Locust Mobile Park Water Expansion

▶ Workforce Availability

- ▶ No specific projects



Current Priorities and Projects

▶ Workforce Housing

- ▶ Harney County Workforce Housing Pilot Project
- ▶ City of John Day Workforce Housing Project
- ▶ South Morrow County Housing project
- ▶ Housing Needs Analysis Projects- Echo, Stanfield, Umatilla, Pendleton, Morrow County



▶ Competitive Communities

- ▶ Burns Paiute Recreation Center
- ▶ John Day Innovation Gateway
- ▶ Economic Opportunity Analysis Projects- Harney, Grant, Gilliam and Wheeler
- ▶ South Morrow County Wastewater Projects

Current Priorities and Projects

- ▶ Infrastructure for Marketable Industrial Lands
 - ▶ Umatilla Army Depot Land Transfer
 - ▶ Treasure Valley Reload facility
 - ▶ I-82/Lamb Road Interchange



Process for refreshing and updating regional priorities

- ▶ RS Advisory Committee discussion on refreshing committee membership. Recommending adding individuals from the following industries/areas:
 - ▶ Wood products
 - ▶ Agriculture - row crops
 - ▶ Outdoor recreation/tourism
 - ▶ Health care
 - ▶ Education (K-12/CTE)
 - ▶ Local Government
- ▶ RST team has done extensive brainstorming to come up with proposed new priorities and decision points for advisory committee.
- ▶ RS Advisory Committee will make final recommendations at today's meeting.

Process for refreshing and updating regional priorities

- ▶ RS team looked at each proposed priority with the following lens:
 - ▶ Could we as an advisory committee and RS team:
 - ▶ Provide business or community impact- IMPACT (low, medium or high)
 - ▶ Have an understanding of how to solve- UNDERSTANDING (low, medium or high)
 - ▶ Are there technical and financial assistance available that we can help access- ASSISTANCE (low, medium, high)

Proposed Priorities:

Support for current and emerging businesses

- ▶ Recommendation: Delete this as a priority and make it part of the goal statement of the priorities.
- ▶ “The following priorities are all required to advance the regional economy and help support current and emerging businesses in Northeastern Oregon. Support for traded sector, small business and entrepreneurial job growth and retention is the overarching goal of these priorities.”

Proposed Priorities: Natural Resource Utilization

- ▶ Recommendation: Continue to keep this as a priority.
 - ▶ Key industry for the region
 - ▶ High level of IMPACT, UNDERSTANDING, and ASSISTANCE



Proposed Priorities: Water management and development

- ▶ Recommendation: Continue to keep this as a priority.
 - ▶ Key issue for the region and key priority for the state as we move into new biennium.
 - ▶ High level of **IMPACT, UNDERSTANDING, and ASSISTANCE**

Proposed Priorities: Promoting Workforce Development

- ▶ Recommendation: Change from workforce availability to promoting workforce development.
- ▶ Recommendation: Add the following language, “Helping promote the regional workforce development opportunities to meet current and future industry needs and address issues related to workforce availability such as child care, training and education.”
 - ▶ Key issue for the region and we felt important to call out child care due to the impact on workforce.
 - ▶ High level of IMPACT and UNDERSTANDING
 - ▶ Medium to low level of ASSISTANCE from Regional Solutions so suggest changing to promoting workforce development to better build connections with workforce partners and not try and duplicate efforts.

Proposed Priorities: Workforce Housing Availability

- ▶ Recommendation: Add availability to the priority heading since we want to make sure the housing is available for the workforce of the region.
 - ▶ Key issue for the entire region and key focus from the state over the next biennium.
 - ▶ High level of IMPACT, UNDERSTANDING, and ASSISTANCE

HISTORIC INVESTMENTS: BUILDING SUPPORT FOR HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

ADDRESSING AND
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS:
\$70.5M

INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING:
\$206.5M

ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT
IN GREATER OREGON:
\$5M+

INVESTING IN PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:
\$54.5M

Proposed Priorities: Competitive Rural Communities

- ▶ Recommendation: Add rural to the heading to better explain the differences in our region.
- ▶ Recommendation: Add the following language, “Access to services that create competitive rural communities including broadband, child care services, an engaged entrepreneurial ecosystem, downtown revitalization and bike/ped facilities to attract growth, development, and workforce.”
 - ▶ Key issue for the entire region and important to call out more elements of a competitive rural community than previous priorities.
 - ▶ High level of IMPACT, UNDERSTANDING, and ASSISTANCE



Proposed Priorities: Infrastructure for marketable industrial lands

- ▶ Recommendation: Continue to keep this as a priority.
 - ▶ Key issue for this region especially with key projects moving forward in coming years.
 - ▶ High level of IMPACT, UNDERSTANDING, and ASSISTANCE



Proposed Priorities: Agri-tourism and Agricultural Product Enhancement

- ▶ Recommendation: Add “Agri-tourism and Agricultural Product Enhancement” as a regional priority with the following language, “Support the agricultural sector through helping develop agri-tourism across the region and helping identify agricultural product enhancement opportunities.”
 - ▶ Given the prevalence to agri-tourism and value added agriculture opportunities in the region and our ability to begin focusing on this issue we felt would be a good addition to the priorities.
 - ▶ High level of IMPACT, medium level of UNDERSTANDING, and ASSISTANCE

Additional decision points

- ▶ Is there interest in carving out the following areas as separate priorities?
 - ▶ Broadband
 - ▶ Downtown Revitalization
 - ▶ Child Care
 - ▶ Others?