



## **North Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Minutes**

**April 28, 2017**

Meeting Location: Columbia Gorge Community College, 400 East Scenic Drive, The Dalles

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

### **Committee Members in attendance**

Mike McArthur, convener  
Ken Bailey, Orchard View Farms  
Keith Mobley  
Maui Meyer  
Andrea Klaas  
Gary Thompson  
Rod Runyon  
Celeste Hill-Thomas  
Steve Lawrence  
Frank Toda  
Scott Reynier

### **Staff in attendance**

Nate Stice

### **Legislative update**

- Nate Stice and Mike McArthur offered an update on the legislative session. The final dollar total for Regional Solutions is still unknown. Mike spoke about the transportation package negotiations.

### **Appointment of new members**

- Mike McArthur asked for unanimous consent to add two members to the advisory committee. The Advisory Committee voted to add Rich McBride, who was asked to serve on the committee for the Hood River County Commission. The committee also added Hood River Mayor Paul Blackburn as a city representative for Hood River County. There was further discussion of adding a business representative to the committee.

### **Conversation with Governor Kate Brown**

- Governor Brown joined the advisory committee to discuss ways to maximize the use of Regional Solutions and the advisory committee. Conversation focused around the need for infrastructure, housing needs in the Gorge, broadband works and the struggles of providing broadband to rural communities among other topics.



### Priority projects update

- Maui Meyer and Paul Blackburn offered an update on housing efforts in Hood River. The lot 700 conversion is still moving forward, as is the west side area plan. Brad DeHart offered an update on efforts to move the Hood River ODOT yard.
- Carrie Pipinich of MCEDD offered an update on broadband efforts.

### Public comment

No public comment was offered.