



North Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee

Representing Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties

Monday, September 23

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Columbia Gorge Community College
400 East Scenic Drive Board Room (Building 1)

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AGENDA

- 1:00 PM Introductions/Roll Call
- 1:05 PM Public Comment
- 1:10 PM Committee appointments-See attached memo
- 1:30 PM Update on RIF projects
- 1:50 PM Child care and economic development: project scoping
-Early Learning Hub, Child Care Resource and referral, and RS presentation
- 2:30 PM Update on Regional Resilience work
-Jacque Shei, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District
- 3:00 PM Roundtable and public comment

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REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

Office of Governor Kate Brown

MEMORANDUM

To: North Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Members

From: Nate Stice, Regional Coordinator

Date: September 16, 2019

Re: Advisory Committee and Housing Subcommittee Appointments

Appointments to Advisory Committee

With the departure of Paul Blackburn as Mayor of Hood River, the transition of Carol Von Borstel to the private sector, and as the term of service for Steve Lawrence has come to a close, the Committee currently has three vacant City Representative positions.

Through consultation and deliberation with stakeholders, the North Central Regional Solutions (RS) Staff recommends the following representative:

Wasco County Cities Representative: Based on the recommendation of the Wasco County Board of Commissioners, as well as his long standing participation in RS projects, Staff recommends Maupin Mayor Lynn Ewing to fill the Wasco County Cities Representative. Mayor Ewing has served as Mayor of Maupin since 2016, during which time he led the successful completion of the Maupin Fiber project, and contributed to several other regional projects. Moreover, Mayor Ewing will bring a “south county” point of view to the Advisory Committee; an area in which the North Central Team is seeking out new projects.

Hood River Cities Representative: Based on her long-time services on the Housing Subcommittee, and her continued work around housing as one of the region’s key priorities, staff recommends Hood River City Councilor Kate McBride for the positions of Hood River Cities Representative. Councilor McBride has served on the Council since 2012, and prior to that, served for seven years on the planning commission. With housing remaining at the top of the region’s priority list, Councilor McBride will bring knowledge and experience from Hood River’s ongoing work on housing.

Sherman Cities Representative: Based on the recommendation of the Sherman County Court, Staff recommends Grass Valley City Council Rita Wilson as the Sherman County Cities

Representative. Councilor Wilson has served on the Grass Valley City Council for 10 years, and currently serves the residents of Sherman County as the County's finance clerk.

Sherman Business Representative: Staff would also like to retain Carol Von Borstel to serve in an agriculture/business representative position for Sherman County. Ms. Von Borstel helps in the management of her family's farming and ranching operation. She has been instrumental in recent business growth in Grass Valley Oregon.

Appointments to Housing Subcommittee

The Advisory Committee established the Housing Subcommittee to evaluate loan applications to the Attainable Housing Revolving Loan Fund (AHRLF). The subcommittee evaluates loan applications based on social criteria to ensure they meet the intended outcomes of the loan fund; then, they use the results of their evaluations to make informed recommendations to the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District's (MCEDD) Loan Board, the body responsible for evaluating the financial elements of applications. To ensure equity in distribution of funds, the subcommittee includes one city and one county representative from Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman Counties. To provide technical expertise, Joel Madsen of the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority (MCHA) also serves on the subcommittee. Given recent turnover in elected office, the Advisory Committee will need to appoint new city and county representative for all three counties.

Staff recommendation

Staff recommends that the Advisory Committee appoint the current city and county representatives from the Advisory Committee to the loan board. To ensure continuity, staff recommends that the Advisory Committee adopt a policy of the city and county representative on the loan board automatically updating along with changes to those seats on the Advisory Committee. With the adoption of these recommendations, the current housing subcommittee would include:

- 1) MCHA: Joel Madsen
- 2) Hood River County: Rich McBride
- 3) Hood River Cities: Kate McBride
- 4) Wasco County: Scott Hege
- 5) Wasco County Cities: Lynn Ewing
- 6) Sherman County: Joe Dabulskis
- 7) Sherman County Cities: Rita Wilson



REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE

Governor Kate Brown

MEMORANDUM

To: North Central Oregon Regional Solutions Committee

From: Nate Stice, Regional Coordinator

Date: September 16, 2019

Re: 2019-21 Overview of Regional Solutions Related Budget Items

Background

The Governor's approach to community and economic development recognizes the unique needs of each Oregon region, and the importance of working locally to identify priorities, solve problems, and get projects done. Through Regional Solutions state resources have been aligned to accomplish these goals through Regional Solutions Advisory Committees and Teams. This alignment serves and supports the unique economic and community development needs of each region. The regional boundaries have been strategically aligned with the 11 federally designated Economic Development Districts.

Regional Solutions Related Budget Components

A. Regional Infrastructure Fund:

The legislature chose not to provide dedicated funding through the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) for Regional Solutions projects. The Governor's Office will continue seeking dedicated funding for the RIF. The Committees and Teams will seek to align state programs (below) with other funds to complete projects.

Key agency budget components that support Regional Solutions priorities

A. Regional Investments

- Warm Springs – \$7.8 million- Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water Meter, and Water Distribution System Improvement
- Port of Cascade Locks – \$2.4 million for industrial land development
- City of Hood River – \$1.7 million - Waterfront Stormwater Line Replacement

B. Business Oregon:

- Special Public Works Fund – grants and loans for public infrastructure – \$30 million

These are loans to cities, counties and special districts for infrastructure. There are also a limited amount of grant dollars that can accompany a project that creates/retains jobs.

- Brownfields Redevelopment – \$5 million
Funds can be used for investigation, clean up and redevelopment.
- Seismic Rehabilitation – \$120 million
 - \$100 million for schools
 - \$20 million for emergency services buildings
- University Innovation Research Fund – \$10 million
Funding for match needed to secure federal research grants.
- Rural Opportunity Initiative (ROI) – \$750,000
Funds to support entrepreneurship programs in rural Oregon
- Oregon Innovation Council – \$5 million
Business Oregon will seek a fund manager to deploy these funds into start-ups.

Additional items:

- Broadband Office – \$943,119 Lottery / Other Funds including 3.25 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff positions

C. Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

- Technical Assistance grants – \$500,000
- \$3.5 million for technical assistance for cities to implement House Bill 2001 (elimination of exclusive single family zoning in cities over 10,000 in population)
- \$1 million for implementation of House Bill 2003 – regional housing needs analyses

D. Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)

- Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator – \$5 million

E. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

The DEQ's legislatively adopted budget includes an increase of nearly 11 percent over the last two-year periods, with more than 50 new positions for critical work in DEQ regional offices to reduce permit backlogs and implement air, land, and water programs.

F. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

- Immediate Opportunity Fund – \$7 million
Roadway improvements related to an economic development project.

G. Water Resources Development

- Grants or loans to evaluate, plan and develop instream and out-of-stream statewide water development projects – \$15 million
- Water Supply Development fund – \$4 million

H. Oregon Parks and Recreation District

- Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant program – \$5 million
- Local government grant program (local parks) – \$12 million

I. Oregon Department of Energy

- Rooftop Solar Incentive Fund – \$1.5 million