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**Northeast Oregon Regional Solutions
Advisory Committee Meeting**
Representing Baker, Union and Wallowa Counties

**La Grande, OR
Friday, December 15, 2017
10:00 am- 12:00 pm**

Minutes of the Meeting

10:00 am **Welcome and introductions – Tim Seydel, Convener**

Tim Seydel 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**

Lisa Dawson talked about the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy update that the Northeast Oregon Economic Development District has to do every five years and how she is working on setting up a summit to get community input in January and invited all the advisory board members to participate.

10:10 am **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.

10:30 am **Discussion of Regional Infrastructure Fund RFI responses and prioritization**

Regional Solutions Coordinator Courtney Crowell walked through the five 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.



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After a quality discussion with all the committee members, Ken Patterson, ODOT Regional Solutions representative, suggested that the committee consider sending one application forward for the February legislative session titled "Northeast Oregon Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements" and include the three projects that dealt with industrial park infrastructure improvements (one for each county in the region) as sub-projects under that heading. All the committee members liked this idea and agreed to this concept moving forward.

Public Comment

Peggy Lynch with the League of Women Voters let us know that she appreciated the opportunity for her to listen to the discussion of the region and the interesting projects happening on the ground. Courtney Crowell thanked Peggy for her interest and invited her to come out to the region whenever she would like to visit.

11:30 am **Roundtable/Good of the order**

Courtney Crowell gave the advisory committee updates on the Regional Solutions Workforce Housing project and the Request for Applications that would be coming out soon. She also gave an update on the staffing situation of the Regional Solutions Team and the current openings with both DEQ and DLCD.

11:45 am **Tim Seydel adjourned the meeting.**



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Meeting Attendance

Advisory Board Members in Attendance

Dennis Sands, Mayor City of Joseph
Nils Christofferson, Wallowa Resources

Committee Members on the Phone or via Video

Tim Seydel, Eastern Oregon University
Kathy Gover-Shaw, Behlen Manufacturing
Commissioner Susan Roberts, Wallowa County

Regional Solutions Team Members

Courtney Warner Crowell, Regional Solutions Coordinator
Ken Patterson, Oregon Department of Transportation

Visitors

Commissioner Donna Beverage, Union County
Lisa Dawson, NEOEDD
Peggy Lynch, League of Women Voters (via phone)