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

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
10:00 am- 12:00 pm
Hoke Union Building Room 301
Eastern Oregon University
La Grande, OR

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. Tim also welcomed Aletha Bonebrake the newest member of the Regional Solutions Advisory Committee. Aletha is filling the philanthropic seat that was vacated by Dianne Ellingson last year.

10:05 am **Public Comment**

There was no public testimony

10:10 am **Approval of minutes**

There was not a quorum for the meeting so we delayed the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

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 the explained the timeline and the rules set forth in the statute.

The committee decided that they would review the applications at the next scheduled advisory committee meeting which will be held in June 2018.

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

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



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Courtney Crowell gave updates on the workforce housing pilot program and announced that projects would be announced sometime in the next few weeks to month. Courtney also gave updates on the Eastern Oregon Border Board and the Rural Broadband Initiative that recently gave out grants for rural broadband projects. One of the projects selected was Baker City for extending broadband to their industrial park.

Ken Patterson gave an update on the Ladd Canyon project and the Baum Industrial Park which is scheduled to seek an Immediate Opportunity Fund grant through the Oregon Transportation Commission in May.

Phil Stenbeck gave an update on funding opportunities that DLCD received in the February legislative session which included \$300,000 in Economic Opportunity Analysis grants for no growth Eastern Oregon counties and \$1.7 million in housing planning assistance for communities across Oregon. DLCD is planning a tour across Eastern Oregon to discuss these funding opportunities in the coming weeks.

11:55 am **Public Comment**

Peggy Lynch gave a few updates for the group including an explanation about the “Christmas Tree Bill” that is alive and well even during the short legislative session. She also talked about System Development Charges (SDC’s) and how local governments need to have conversations about raising rates to save for infrastructure improvements in the future. Finally, she explained for Aletha Bonebrake that the League of Women Voters follows natural resource agencies and she tries to call into as many Regional Solutions advisory committee meetings as she can to keep up to date with the work going on across the state.

12:00 pm Courtney Crowell adjourned the meeting (Tim Seydel had to leave at 11:45 am)



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Meeting Attendance

Advisory Board Members in Attendance

Tim Seydel, Eastern Oregon University
Aletha Bonebrake

Regional Solutions Team Members

Courtney Warner Crowell, Regional Solutions Coordinator
Phil Stenbeck, DLCD
Ken Patterson, ODOT

Visitors

Lisa Dawson