

## MEETING SUMMARY- SOUTH COAST UMPQUA REGIONAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: July 25, 2018; 1:00 PM

Meeting location: Coos County Courthouse, 250 N. Baxter, Coquille, OR

Advisory Committee (AC) members present:

Keith Tymchuk \*

James Seeley\*

Coos County Commissioner John Sweet\*

David Kronsteiner\*

Douglas County Commissioner Chris Boice (by phone)

Councilor James Auburn

\*Executive Committee members

Regional Solutions Team/Agency Representatives:

Alex Campbell, Coordinator, Governor's Office

Kate Jackson, DEQ

Sean Stevens, Business Oregon

Dave Perry, DLCD (by phone)

Guests:

Tom Calvanese, Port of Port Orford

John-Paul Bowles, Travel Southern Oregon Coast

John Bacon, SW Oregon Community College

John Buckley, International Port of Coos Bay

Peggy Lynch, League of Women Voters

Rodger Craddock, City of Coos Bay

1. Minutes for June 26, 2018 were approved
2. Advisory Committee Membership: Jim Auburn made a motion to offer the Cow Creek Tribe of the Umpqua Band of Indians; the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians; and the Coquille Indian Tribe *ex officio* seats on the Committee. Seconded by John Sweet. Motion passed unanimously.

John Sweet moved to re-appoint Commissioner Chris Boice to the Committee. Jim Seeley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

By consensus the Committee decided not to add an additional in-land/Douglas County member.

3. RIF Staff Presentation: Alex reviewed the staff scoring, emphasizing that it was advisory. He verbally corrected a few of the dollar amounts on the spreadsheet (for several of the projects the total project cost was not correct). He reviewed the Committee's goal: forward no more than 3 projects, in a priority order, with a total request of no more than \$1 million. There was some discussion of regarding the size of the minimum requests. Port of Port Orford had sent an email to the Committee stating a \$500K would be very helpful and describing what kind of

project could be built with that amount. Rodger Craddock of City of Coos Bay clarified that any amount would be very helpful. John Bacon stated a \$200K grant would allow phase 1 of the SWOCC incubator to be completed.

4. RIF Project Selection Public Comment: Peggy Lynch asked where the figure of ~\$375K that Alex had mentioned came from. Alex replied that it was not an “official” amount or threshold, but just intended to give the Advisory Committee a rough idea of what each region would receive if all of the funding was distributed equally among the regions.
5. RIF Project Selection: Keith invited each of the Committee members to list their top three projects and how much they would suggest granting. The Port of Port Orford project was a clear number one at that point. A second straw poll made clear that Whiskey Run was a clear second. A third vote was made to select the final project, which resulted in the Reedsport Levee project being placed third.

Peggy Lynch reminded the committee that they may wish to direct the statewide review committee of how to apportion a minimum grant of \$200K (each region being guaranteed to receive at least that amount). A discussion ensued as to the dollar amounts to be proposed. Ultimately, the group settled on Keith’s suggestion of \$700K for Port of Port Orford, \$200K for Whiskey Run, and \$100K for Reedsport Levee, in that order. That proposal was accepted by consensus.

6. Population Forecast: Annette Shelton-Tiderman presented the high-level results of both PSU’s latest population projections and the Employment Department’s recent employment projections. Overall trends suggest that much of the region will continue to struggle with workforce supply.
7. Project Updates. Due to the late hour, Alex offered to send project updates via email.
8. Public Comment. None made.

Meeting adjourned at 3 PM.