
Special Commission Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2026 – 1:30 pm
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

John called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: John Murray and Kelly Doherty – Rick Stokoe and Joel Peterson were present on Zoom

Staff Present: Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Miff Devin

Visitors Present: Evan Purves, Kyla Baumgartner

By Zoom Meeting: (Staff) Anna Browne, Erika Morton, Mark Patton
(Guests) Sam Tucker, Aaron Palmquist, Emily Collins

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None given

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. CDA – Lisa said the purpose of the meeting today was to talk about payroll and extending the payroll on behalf of the CDA. There is a CDA meeting today at 2 PM to talk about what the interim roll might look like. Eileen summarized the payroll research that's been done. She provided a link to Emily yesterday to go online and file the employer's business identification number combined registration form, and they need to allow 30 days.

John said he hopes we can provide an opportunity for the CDA to get their ducks in a row. His opinion is that the Port can lend a helping hand in this situation.

Kelly remarked that she is still a no and said it's enabling disfunction. The last time we voted, we said it would be the last time. We keep extending the deadline time and time again.

Joel stated that there have been very large changes with the settlement agreement and Greg's resignation. He believes that what has been happening will not keep happening. His hope is that the CDA board can come together and find a path forward. He is in favor of continuing.

Rick said he would continue to support the CDA so that staff can be paid now that they are on a forward path.

Kelly asked about the road money. Are we going to be asked to fund that project in the

interim as well? And did we pay them \$54,000 when they already owe us? Eileen stated we are paying our share of the approved budget for the coming year and are not taking a credit. Lisa said yes to the road discussion; it will be a topic in the CDA meeting.

Sam asked if the decision would be approved with or without a timeline. John replied that his preference would be to include a timeline. A month or month and a half would be appropriate.

John made the motion to support the CDA through March 16 by providing payroll service should they decide to continue utilizing us. Rick seconded the motion. Kelly asked about the request from Eileen regarding payroll reimbursement from the CDA. John amended his motion to include billing the CDA payroll and payment be remitted immediately. Rick agreed to the amendment. The motion passed 3 to 1 in favor.

John Murray - Aye
Rick Stokoe - Aye
Joel Peterson - Aye
Kelly Doherty - Nay

Lisa mentioned two bills regarding the road project and said that ODOT requires proof of payment before reimbursement can happen. Lisa asked Emily if she knows what the repayment schedule is from Tapani. Emily replied that IRZ said as soon as possible, but they understand that there is a grant. There was a discussion by all. Joel feels things may change after the next meeting and members may be willing to pay their shares. Sam said lawyers always say a written contract is always better, but that takes time. If in fact the CDA in its action and motions today commit itself to the plan and repay us, we could be reasonably comfortable to pay. Joel and Rick both agreed that we could take that course of action with a promise from the CDA that would immediately repay the Port. Kelly voiced skepticism based on past experiences.

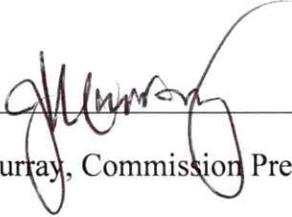
John made the motion to extend an offer to the CDA that the Port of Morrow front the money for this payment of the Tapani bills currently due as long as the CDA will make a motion that they will pay us back promptly after receiving the grant reimbursement funds. Joel seconded the motion. John added that this is a one-time offer. He is not advocating for making future payments. The motion passed unanimously.

John Murray - Aye
Rick Stokoe - Aye
Joel Peterson - Aye
Kelly Doherty - Aye

B. Other - None.

There were no other topics for discussion and John adjourned the meeting at 1:58 PM.

Submitted by:



John Murray, Commission President



Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director

