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**Special Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**November 25, 2024, 1:30 PM**  
**2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Due to technical difficulties, Joe called the meeting to order at 1:40M.

**Commissioners Present:** Joe Taylor, Rick Stokoe and Joel Peterson

**Staff Present:** Lisa Mittelsdorf, Mark Patton, and Brandy Warburton

**Visitors Present:** Jake Madison, Craig Reeder

**By Zoom Meeting:** (Commissioners) John Murray  
(Staff) Erika Lasater  
(Guests) Sam Tucker, Kirk Maag, Michael Campbell, Jeffrey Misley

**\*Conflicts of Interest Declarations**

None declared

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Leases and Agreements**

Joe read the executive session statement and closed the open session at 1:43 PM.

Joe reconvened the open session at 4:56 PM.

Rick made a motion to authorize Lisa to continue to negotiate and, upon completion, sign the following agreements in good faith with Madison Ranches, Inc.: Water Delivery and Application Agreement, Agricultural Sublease, Ground Lease in Reference to a Pond, and Municipal Industrial Water Agreement Use for Agricultural Irrigation. Joel seconded the motion. Joe remarked that these are important pieces and have taken a long time getting here, and everyone is taking a leap of faith moving forward. Rick stated that we appreciate the partnership [with Madison Ranches] and the importance it is for Morrow County and the region. John agreed. The motion passed unanimously. Kelly was not in attendance.

Rick made a motion to authorize Lisa to negotiate in good faith the Farm Management Agreement. The motion was withdrawn by Rick for further discussion. Sam and Kirk provided comments and guidance. The commission provided a consensus agreement for Lisa to proceed. She will bring a draft back to the commission for final approval.

**B. Other**

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Port will hold an executive session meeting for the permissible reason(s) stated below under ORS 192.660(2). Representatives of the news media and designated staff and other persons shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience will be asked to leave the room. The public virtual Zoom Meeting link will be closed during the executive session as permissible executive session meetings are not subject to HB2560. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision will be made in this executive session.

**A. For the Purpose of Consideration of Deliberations with the Port's Executive Director and Other Staff Members Who Have Been Designated by the Port to Negotiate Transactions Related to the Sale or Lease of Real Property – ORS 192.660 (2)(e)**

**B. For the Purpose of Consultation with Counsel Concerning the Legal Rights and Duties of a Public Body with Regard to Current Litigation or Litigation Likely to be Filed – ORS 192.660 (2)(h)**

**IV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER – none.**

Joe adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

Submitted by:

  
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Joe Taylor, Commission President

  
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Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director



