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**Commission Workshop Minutes**  
**March 26, 2025 – 9:00 AM**  
**2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Joe called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**Commissioners Present:** Rick Stokoe, Joe Taylor, John Murray, Kelly Doherty, and Joel Peterson

**Staff Present:** Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Mark Patton, Brandy Warburton, Jacob Cain, and Miff Devin

**Visitors Present:** Craig Reeder, Vern Frederickson, Jake Madison, Chad Snyder, Lauryn Guerissi, Joe Mitzel

**By Zoom Meeting:** (Staff) Erika Morton, Miff Devin  
(Guests) Austin Ramin, Frederick Tack, Brian Jackson, David Ulbricht, Debbie Radie, Jamie Stewart, Justin Sterger, Kayla Boylan, Kristin Ostrom (ORA), Ian Toeves, Kelly Morgan, Blair Edwards, MC Planning, Kawika 14P, Jackie, Tom Weyl

**II. WASTEWATER DISCUSSION**

Frederick Tack and Austin Ramin from Consor presented the Secondary Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plan Update. The presentation included a recap on the project purpose and goals, value engineering, including alternative analysis and cost evaluations, design update, and the next steps and project schedule. A long discussion period followed. Justin Sterger from DEQ also helped answer questions from the commission and farmers present in the meeting. Industry representatives offered input and stated their concerns regarding the unknown of cost increase.

[1:55] After a short recess, Joe Mitzel from Parametrix gave a presentation that covered the purpose and goal of secondary treatment, shifting nitrogen source from reuse water to commercial fertilizer, energy considerations of secondary treatment, and other program barriers. Another discussion period followed with questions and input from all.

[2:36] Jake Madison gave a presentation regarding reuse crop production verses conventional crop production with the goal of providing a clearer picture of the farming economics and impacts of the DEQ nitrogen limits on the system. The presentation covered the basics of crop budgeting, effects of DEQ nitrogen limits on yields and economics, comparison of traditional crop rotation and reuse crop rotation, and modeling

the economics and reuse capacity. Craig Reeder and Vern Frederickson also provided insight. Discussion followed with questions and answers.

**III. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

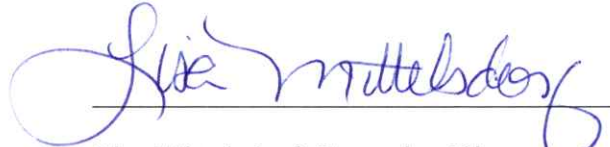
There was discussion regarding a potential follow-up meeting, but no date or time was determined.

Joe adjourned the meeting at 12:32 PM.

Submitted by:



Joe Taylor, Commission President



Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director

