
Special Commission Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2024 – 11:30 am
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Joe called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

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

Staff Present: Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Mark Patton, and Brandy Warburton

Visitors Present: Kelly Morgan

By Zoom Meeting: (Commission) John Murray
(Guests) Sam Tucker, Raven Hayes, Ryan DeGrofft, David Ulbricht, Kirk Maag

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

III. OLD BUSINESS – The commission went immediately into executive session.

A. Real Estate Transactions – In the open session, before Joe read the statement, John Murray made a declaration of an actual conflict of interest regarding a possible real estate transaction discussion scheduled for the executive session due to family contracts. He will abstain from the conversation and potential decisions.

B. Other

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Joe read the following statement and recessed the open 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)

Joe reconvened the open session at 12:39 PM.

Rick made a motion to authorize staff to negotiate and execute the sale of 140 acres of Port property to a purchaser through a purchase and sale agreement and authorize Lisa to sign. John seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kelly made a motion to authorize Lisa to negotiate and execute a land lease agreement for wastewater improvements. John seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Lisa mentioned the next property transaction was the one John had declared a conflict of interest. John restated his previous actual conflict of interest and that he would be abstaining from discussion and voting.

Joel made a motion to authorize staff to negotiate and execute this land purchase and authorize Lisa to sign the appropriate documents. Rick seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with John abstaining from voting.

Under item III. Old Business, topic B, Joe started a conversation regarding CDA after hearing from Chair Puzey on some concerns about Kelly writing a letter to the army. Kelly explained that she had not written a letter but had reached out to ask Greg for a meeting regarding grant expenditures and was declined. Discussion was had on why she had reached out, believing that the Port is spending unapproved funds relating to the grant. Rick believes that Lisa should be reappointed to the CDA Board as a Port representative because of her lengthy knowledge and history of the CDA. There was a lengthy discussion between the commission and staff.

Rick also commented that any major decisions involving the CDA, or representation of the Port of Morrow, need to be vetted by the entire commission. Port representatives on other boards should check with the entire Port commission before acting on behalf of the Port. John feels that vetted is the wrong word but agrees that communication is key.

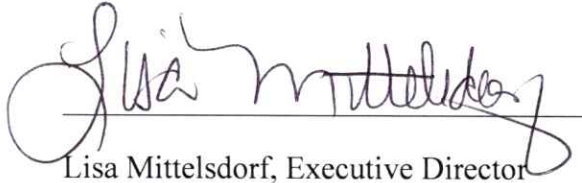
Joe closed the meeting at 1:30 PM.

V. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Submitted by:



Joe Taylor, Commission President



Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director

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SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME PLEASE PRINT	COMPANY REPRESENTING	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS (If we don't have it)
Kelly Morgan	Camb Weston	208-251-5473	

Port of Morrow Commission
Public Comment Sign-in Sheet



If you are interested in addressing the Commission under the Public Comment portion of the Agenda, please sign-in below before the meeting starts. A copy of the Public Comment Policy is available to any member of the public who wishes to speak.

DATE: August 22, 2024

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