

Port of Morrow Warehousing 2016 Freezer Expansion: Complete



Newly Expanded Port of Morrow Warehouse – Ryan Neal photo

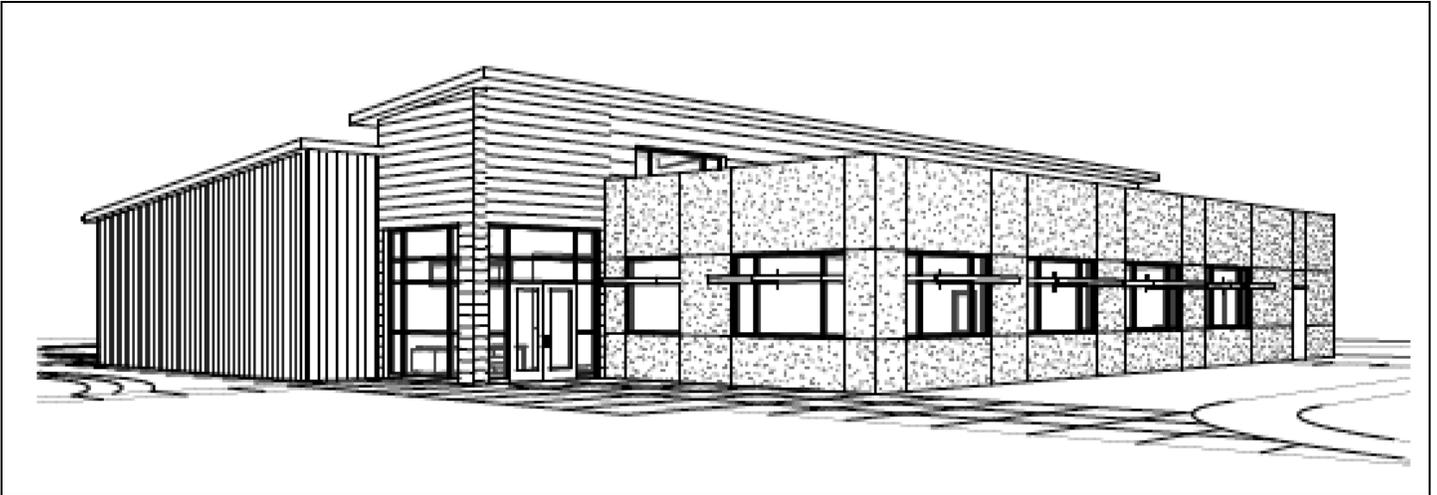


Port of Morrow Warehousing completed construction of the Freezer Warehouse Expansion Project on September 14, 2016. This was marked by yet another ribbon cutting ceremony. Attendees included the Port of Morrow Commissioners, various customers and close to 100 other local community and business people. This expansion doubled the total available capacity of the freezer. The freezer warehouse can now hold approximately

85 million pounds of frozen products. The day after the project was complete, product was on its way into the new zero degree expansion. Port of Morrow Warehousing currently employs 41 people; running 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.

The freezer expansion project was 100% designed and managed by the Port of Morrow. Duration from start to finish was approximately seven months with everyone working together to complete this project approximately one month ahead of schedule.

Early Learning Center



The Port of Morrow broke ground on an early learning center set to open in the fall of 2017. The center will be located on the new campus by the Sage Center and BMCC's Boardman Training Center and house pre-schoolers ages 3-5. This project was developed after a brainstorming session approximately two years ago between the Port of Morrow, IMESD, Morrow County School District, Blue Mountain Community College and Umatilla Morrow County Head Start. Funding assistance was provided with help from the State of Oregon. Representative Greg Smith expressed "The Port of Morrow continues to be a leader in economic development. This early learning center exemplifies their great work in supporting business and workers. I am pleased our legislative office could play a small part in supporting this effort."

The project will include construction of an early learning campus that will accommodate programs that address the educational needs for families with children starting at birth. The 7,500 sf building will feature four classrooms with large windows, wide corridors with natural lighting, child-sized sinks and other facilities such as offices and conference area, off-street parking, bus loading/unloading and

natural featured outdoor play areas.

The center will be managed by Head Start, a non-profit organization providing services to several Oregon counties. Programs include pre-kindergarten preschool programs, educational services for families that may include health, nutrition, early intervention services, social services and wellness. Officials hope to host additional programs and services there for both younger children and family education in the future, including a special education preschool program run by IMESD and Head Start. There could also be resources for families, possibly parenting classes or nutrition classes in partnership with other agencies.

"I appreciate the Port of Morrow: Gary, Lisa and Mark for their time and energy they have spent on this project. It really shows their commitment not only to the community, but the children of Morrow County", commented UMCHS Associate Director Dan Daltoso.



Terminal 1 Dredging Project

The Port Of Morrow will begin dredging terminal 1 slip in late December. The Port will be using their own dredge and personnel to accomplish this project. Settling ponds were built in November by Port personnel to catch water and sand pumped by the Dredge and then held until sand has settled and clean water is returned to south end of slip. Silt curtains will be used at the opening of the slip to prevent any floating sediment from reaching the river.

The project should be completed sometime in March of 2017. Once completed the Port of Morrow will begin marketing to new businesses that are looking for river and barge access for their companies.



Regional Water Recycle and Re-use Project

The Port of Morrow's wastewater system is a land application system, in which processed wastewater from local food processors and other industry water is applied to irrigated farmland for growing crops. Due to recent expansions in our food processing facilities and industrial development in the East Beach area, the Port of Morrow has found it necessary to substantially increase our land application acres on to the Madison Farm.

The first construction started on September 1st when Stadel Boring started their 48" casing bore across Paterson Ferry road. From there they moved to the Union Pacific Railroad, then HWY 730 through Lewis and Clark drive and they are now currently working on their final and longest bore across Interstate 84, where it intersects with Poleline Road. The next phase started November 1st with Tapani Construction's

installation of approximately 80,000 lineal feet (15 miles) of 30" wastewater distribution pipeline including;

- Construction of 3 booster pump stations 1200 hp each
- Construction of a new storage pond and 1500 hp pump station
- 2 canal crossings
- Adding over 6000 acres into the ports land application program



CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW AT THE SAGE CENTER

An agriculture-themed Christmas light display is open to the public and will run throughout the holidays until January 15th. The light show kicked off during the Boardman Christmas Lighting Event on November 30th, where over 350 people were in attendance.

Each night the show will run from 5p.m. through 10p.m. The show will be set to music, which will be broadcast on 106.9 FM. This is the second year the light show will be available at the SAGE Center, and this year will include new songs and additional light features.

The Port of Morrow purchased the show from David Pichcuskie, who helped with the show set-up. Trees and other Christmas décor will be illuminated alongside a spray rig, a combine and a tractor, all provided by Morrow County Grain Growers.

Port of Morrow Manager, Gary Neal had the idea to showcase the light show from the SAGE

Center, “The Sage Center is located on a highly visible site that is easily viewed traveling along Interstate 84. With high visibility and large displays, it makes a great place to showcase the holiday spirit, and share that spirit with all from the Port of Morrow.”

The SAGE Center is located at 101 Olson Road in Boardman. For more information or questions please call 541-481-7243.



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