



Board of Commissioners' ***** Meeting
Date ~ Time ~ Room

4/26/2022 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

PRESENT: Commissioners Derrick DeGroot and Kelley Minty Morris, Vickie Noel - Finance Director, Natalie Parker - Grant Manager, Rick Vaughn - Tax Collector/Property Manager.

2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved as presented

3. Grant Manager Updates

Tourism Grant - \$100,000 one time cycle. Natalie reviewed the applicants who submitted applications for this grant cycle with the Board. The suggested recipient from the Tourism Grant Committee is Klamath Ice Sports.

Commissioner DeGroot questioned whether or not Spence Mountain's request would have finalized their project, but Natalie was unsure. Both Commissioners are interested in helping finish up the trails on the Mountain. Commissioner Morris will reach out to Drew Honzel and find out how much more they need to finish the trail system.

Natalie stated there was a tie between Klamath Ice Sports and Oregon Tech Foundation. The committee conducted a vote between the two and unanimously voted for Klamath Ice Sports. A motion was made, seconded and passed to fund Klamath Ice Sports "Locker Room and sport Court Flooring Project".

Tourism traditional grant cycle. Natalie read the recommendations from the Tourism grant committee. Discussion from Commissioner DeGroot ensued regarding Sportsman's Park and their total request, he likes this project. Oktoberfest - not sure if partial funding will impact the event. He wants the event to succeed and feels that KCEDA may need to come back for additional funds.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Tourism grant committees recommendations for funding.

ARPA - Natalie presented an update on ARPA funds showing \$3,641,246.12 as unallocated for the 1st and 2nd tranche of funding.

Klamath County Domestic Well Financial Assistance Applications - Natalie gave an

update on the Domestic Well program. There are 145 applications submitted for an estimate of \$2,487,516.03 in costs. 5-7 applications have the potential for Klamath Falls City water, 30 incomplete applications and 10 ineligible applications. She also expressed a huge "thank you" to the Tax Collector department staff for helping field calls and check on eligibility requirements.

Commissioner Morris stated that we may need to set aside \$1,000,000 of the \$4,000,000 grant for Waterfill and Admin. She also stated that based on the amount of money left after the 1st cycle, we may need to open it up to an additional small cycle.

4. Economic Development Grant Reimbursement Request

Viowiss Co, was awarded an Economic Development grant in Fall 2021. Their application budget stated that they would be purchasing one piece of equipment and spending the remainder on personnel. They have since billed us for 2 pieces of equipment and no personnel. Vickie explained that we always check the budget to make sure people are spending the funds like they presented to the committee, however, in this instance felt that since the money is still being spent on the same project that he presented and is less than 1/2 of the total allocated, it should be paid. The Commissioners agreed and instructed Finance to pay the invoice.

5. Klamath County Economic Development Request

Commissioner DeGroot reviewed the request from KCEDA for the County to be the pass through agency for 3 railroad requests. KCEDA, as a non-profit, is not an eligible recipient for these funds. He states that these are congressional direct spending projects and not grants. He believes the only thing the County is required to do is send a letter requesting the switch from KCEDA to Klamath County to Senator Merkley's office and we will receive it and pass it through to the railroads. There will be no admin fees available because it is federal money. Commissioner Morris agrees to act as the pass through for these funds.

6. Oregon Tech Interns

We reviewed the request for Oregon Tech to supply engineering interns to inspect water wells. Board agreed to pay the interns at the higher rate of \$360 a week for 20 hours or \$720 a week for 40 hours. This expense will be covered by the Domestic Well grant Admin fees. The length of work will be approximately 13 weeks. Both Commissioners agreed by consensus to go forward with hiring the interns.

7. Association Of O&C Counties - Dues

Vickie presented the Association of O&C Counties dues invoice for \$13,324.28. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the invoice out of General Fund Non-Departmental.

8. Klamath County Road District

Discussed the logistics of moving forward now that the Klamath County Road Service District has been formed. Vickie will contact Adam Crawford with DAS to determine the need for a separate tax id number and who the statement should come from regarding



disbursement of SRS and will set up a special LGIP account just for the District. The intent of the LGIP account will be for SRS funds exclusively transferred in and out to Public Works as needed.

9. CAFFA Grant Application Resolution

Vickie presented the Resolution for the CAFFA grant applications and asked the Chair to sign. It was moved, seconded and passed to allow the Chair to sign the resolution. The application is due to be uploaded to the Oregon Department of Revenue by May 1, 2022.

10. Other County Business

11. Adjournment

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