



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting
June 24, 2020 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214

6/24/2020 - Minutes

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2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Jennifer Little / Public Health; Marc Henderson / County Counsel; Dan Keppen / Family Farm Alliance; Paul Simmons / Klamath Water Users Association.

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved.

4. Dan Keppen, Paul Simmons / KWUA

Paul Simmons addresses the Board. The districts will try to manage the 140 through the end of September. He said, we are focusing on the science with a message of what happened and we hope to get re-grounded with the work the National Academy has done. They are working to improve their financial situation and looking at funding options. He said, we have no official position on dam removal but we do have concerns if the dams are removed. He discussed the Supreme Court not accepting the Takings case and that it means no one will get compensated for the water shutoff in 2001. Dan Keppen addresses the Board regarding the Coalition of the Willing meetings. He said, the group hired a facilitator so the meetings could be more productive. He thanked the Board and the counties who contributed to funding for the facilitator. He said, we've worked to bring in local business support for the process. Commissioner Boyd said he feels the Interior helped us with the 60,000 acre feet. He asks Mr. Keppen and Mr. Simmons, how can we help you control KID? Commissioner DeGroot said he appreciates the update. He said, the lines of communication have been great. He asked the group to please keep those going and let the Board know if they need help with anything. Mr. Simmons and Mr. Keppen thanked the Board for their support.

5. BOCC

South Suburban Sanitation District - Commissioner Boyd said, after last night it's clear that there are issues with the SSSD. He said he'd like to write and pass an ordinance that if you are going to ground apply effluent within the County, outside the municipalities and you have 1000 or more accounts it has to be Class A water or better. Commissioner DeGroot asks, how does that effect Merrill, Malin and Bonanza? Commissioner Boyd said Bonanza has 200, Malin 400 and Merrill 840. Commissioner Morris asks, is it a health argument and what if those small communities push back and say, is our health not as important. Commissioner Boyd said he feels it's up to the Board to force the two people to

go to Class A water. Commissioner Morris said she likes the idea of forcing and that being our standard but why don't we make that for the whole County. Commissioner Boyd said, because there's no way a town like Bonanza with 400 residents could afford that. Commissioner DeGroot asks how many are being applied to EFU and non forestry? Commissioner Boyd said, Bonanza, Merrill and Malin are EFU. Commissioner DeGroot said, Chiloquin and Crescent are forestry range. He said he wonders if there should be different thresholds. Commissioner Boyd said we could do that, raise the thresholds based on user accounts. Commissioner Morris asks where does DEQ factor in, that might be a difficult thing for the County to keep tabs on. Commissioner Boyd said, it would be difficult but we could do it, ask for a count every few years. Commissioner Boyd said, he'd like permission to give Counsel permission to research writing an ordinance so it has to be Class A before it can be applied. Commissioner Morris said she is fine with that but it does seem like a heavy lift. Commissioner Boyd said this probably hasn't happened in Oregon before but he just found out that this exact thing happened in Colorado. The Board was in agreement to have Counsel's office research an ordinance.

1. Approval Motel Rate Agreement With Oregon 8 Motel

Commissioner Morris motions to sign the agreement. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner Morris and Commissioner DeGroot vote in favor. Commissioner Boyd is not present for the vote. Approved.

6. Adjournment

10:38am

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