



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting Date ~ Time ~ Room

2/1/2023 - Minutes

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2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Minty, Commissioner Henslee, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Jeremy Morris/Public Works, Natalie Parker/Finance

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner DeGroot approves minutes from January 25, 2023 Work Session.

4. Janelle Hess - BPIP Program Request (Via Zoom)

Janelle Hess addresses the Board looking for support for the Basin Partners Internship Program. Commissioner DeGroot explains previous involvement, 1200.00 for 100 hours of an intern. Board is agreeable with Commissioner DeGroot sending out an email to Departments encouraging participation.

5. Discover Klamath Update

Darin Rutledge presents the Board with a quarterly report. Provides update on Strategic Plan, provides highlights of tourism related economic impacts. Commissioner Minty asks what are the greater industry trends and how are we aligning with those? Rutledge responds mostly outdoor recreation, hard core cycling, pickleball as well as alternative lodging (Short term rentals yurts). Commissioner Henslee asks to expand on future of Spence Mountain and tourism and should we the County prioritize stick build hotels or RV parks? Rutledge responds that Spence is huge as the trails are great and a great story. Commissioner Henslee would like to see Spence built out to attract more destination travelers. Rutledge further elaborates that we need more luxury accommodations more alternative lodging/RV Parks, but cautions about over saturation. Commissioner Henslee asks what the market is for antique or unique hotels? Rutledge responds we are working on the Arcade and other downtown lodging. Commissioner DeGroot indicates Spence needs to be a focus, the County is working on improvements/bathrooms etc. and improving the trail system.

6. Kelsey Mueller Wendt, Healthy Klamath - Homedale Roundabout Art

Kelsey Mueller Wendt addresses the Board with update on the "Roundabout Art", asks if the County is willing to be the formal owner indicating with new leadership Sky Lakes no longer wants to be the owner. Further states Healthy Klamath would still be in charge of the maintenance, additionally the organization is working on forming a committee and non-profit to "maintain" art around town as they work to continue to beautify the community and add art throughout. Indicates the cost is now at approximately 130k, the City has committed to 2 years of water to get the plants going. Parker indicates that since the art was paid for with ARPA dollars Sky Lakes/Healthy Klamath is "committed" to retaining it until 12/31/2026 or give the funding back to the County. Depending what Sky Lakes decides to do will need to come back to the Board for further discussion

7. Jeremy Morris - Public Works

1. East Main Bypass - Raise Grant City/County/SSSD



Jeremy Morris presents map of proposed project, city is hiring a consultant to complete the Federal grant application should be about a 10-12 million project. Morris would like to see the County offer some funds to the project, which would help bring more money to the table. Is attending a meeting with City tomorrow, would like to be able to offer 10k to help with the consulting cost for the application. Commissioner DeGroot is in favor of offering some funding so this project will be successful. Commissioner Henslee asks if there are any studies to indicate what pressure would be relieved from Washburn/S 6th intersection if this project moves forward? Morris responds yes and will bring those numbers back. Commissioner DeGroot motions to fund 10k towards the consultant fee, Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

2. Letter Of Support City Of Klamath Falls East Main Bypass RAISE Grant

Commissioner DeGroot motions to sign letter of support, Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

8. Adjournment

3:57pm

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