



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting March 22, 2023 ~ 3:00pm ~ Room 214

3/22/2023 - Minutes

1. To Watch A Live Stream Of This Meeting, Click The Link Below Or Go To www.klamathcounty.org

2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Henslee, Commissioner Minty, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Rick Vaughn / Tax Collector, Property Sales; Scott Siracusa, Natalie Parker / Finance; Randy Cox / KCEDA; Denise Stilwell, Janine Cheyne / SCOEDD; Darin Rutledge / Discover Klamath; Jodie Barram, Jen Fenton Oregon Living with Fire.

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved.

4. Scott Siracusa

Scott Siracusa addresses the Board to give a presentation on sports tourism. Darin Rutledge addresses the Board and expresses support. Commissioner Henslee expresses his support and also his desire for Kiger Stadium to be included and moved under the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Minty was in support of the idea and asked that favorites are not picked and everyone is included. Commissioner Minty motions to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Henslee seconds and asks that the Board be included as a major supporter. Unanimous vote. Approved.

5. Oregon Living With Fire Update

Jodie Barram and Jen Fenton address the Board to give an update on Oregon Living with Fire. Commissioner Henslee will connect them with the Fire Defense Board and our Title III Advisory Committee.

6. KCEDA - Update



Randy Cox addresses the Board to present the quarterly update on the Klamath County Economic Development Association.

7. Denise Stillwell, Janine Cheyne - Klamath Regional Housing Center

Denise Stilwell and Janine Cheyne address the Board requesting to contract with the County to apply for the 2023 Spring CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation. Commissioner Henslee asks, you would get the entire funding? We wouldn't get any. We've been having conversations of us keeping the administrative fees on grants since we're doing the work, since we can't do that on this grant. I ask that the entire \$400,000 gets passed through to the community. Ms. Stilwell said, I don't think we can do that. We would be doing the administration and applying for the grant. We do the work. Commissioner DeGroot said, our name has to go on it and we have to sign it. Natalie Parker addresses the Board to explain the County's duties and responsibilities in CDBG grants. Commissioner DeGroot said, it's always good when we can get outside dollars into the hands of our contractors and I'm supportive of that. Commissioner Minty asks are these homes that are blighted? Ms. Stilwell said, I wanted to show you before and after picture but we don't have them. I'd like to implement that on this one. Commissioner DeGroot explains the minimum requirements to get the grant. Commissioner Henslee asks, could we structure this in such a way that this was for fixing well upfront for those that can't afford the upfront cost and then they could apply for reimbursement? Ms. Stilwell said, this one is capped at \$25,000. I think there was a well loan program that SCOEDD administered on behalf of the County years ago. This one is just because we did it in the past and it's coming up again, there are other CDBG things we could be doing but we are focused on housing. Commissioner DeGroot said, I'm supportive. Commissioner Minty said, I'm supportive but would like to check with Sandy first to make sure we did everything correct last week. Commissioner Henslee said, I am supportive.

8. Adjournment

4:25pm

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