



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting
June 21, 2023 ~ 3:00pm ~ Room 214

6/21/2023 - 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 (joined at 3:30pm) Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Leslie Barlow-Hunter / Risk Management, Contracts; Stephanie Brown, Tom Crist / CDD; Jake Johnstone, Cindy Rogers, Tom Skiles / Watermaster's Office

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved.

4. Meet & Greet With New Watermaster Tom Skiles

Jake Johnstone, Cindy Rogers and Tom Skiles from the Watermaster's Office address the Board. Tom Skiles introduces himself as the new Watermaster. Commissioner Minty asks for clarification pre-checks. Mr. Johnstone reviews the dry domestic well program and well pre-checks. Commissioner DeGroot said, last week we discussed this and decided we wanted the pre-check to be part of our well grant program. Commissioner Minty said, let's call them verification since it's not a well inspection, it's a verification to ensure they have eligibility for the grant. The Board welcomed Mr. Skiles.

5. Bill Gilmore & Leslie Barlow-Hunter - 2023 Insurance Review

Bill Gilmore and Leslie Barlow-Hunter address the Board to present the 2023 Insurance Review. The Board was in agreement to do option 3 in the public entity liability and option 2 for everything else. Commissioner DeGroot motions to give Leslie Barlow-Hunter authorization to sign the documents presented. Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.



6. Tom Crist & Stephanie Brown - Solid Waste Fee Discussion

Tom Crist and Stephanie Brown address the Board to discuss Solid Waste Fees. Ms. Brown reviews the history of the per ton Solid Waste fee. Right now, we are at 11.44 per ton gap, next fiscal year it will be \$7.65 per ton gap. Ms. Brown presents two options a 20% fee increase and a 30% fee increase. Ms. Brown reviews the balance in the Reserve

Fund accounts. The major expenditures that are driving our costs up is franchise haul costs. Commissioner DeGroot said, my thought is to step something up over the next three years, a 20%, 10% and 10% and that should take us out for the next 7-8 years. Commissioner Minty said, I was thinking a 15%, 15%, and 13%. Commissioner DeGroot said, even with a 20% increase this year, we are still transferring over \$500,000 from reserves this year. Ms. Brown reviews other county's rates. Ms. Brown said, keep in mind Dry Creek can do a 4% CPI increase every year. Commissioner Henslee said Jackson County is increasing 14% and Lane County is increasing 7% this year and of all these the average is \$81.55 a ton which is 10.2% higher than our current fee. Definitely, we have to increase, I like the staggered approach. The Board was in agreement for staff to run numbers on two scenarios a 15%, 15%, 10% then CPI and a 13%, 13%, 13% then CPI and bring the numbers back to next week's Work Session.

7. Adjournment

4:17pm

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