

JOINT MEETING MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of March 13, 2024
Stafford Hansell Government Center, Doherty Conference Room
9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Chair John Shafer, Vice-Chair Cindy Timmons and Commissioner Dan Dorran

County Counsel Doug Olsen

Guests Present: Morrow County Commissioner Chair David Sykes; Morrow County Commissioner Jeff Wenholz; Morrow County Commissioner Roy Drago Jr.; Bob Waldher, Umatilla County Community Development Director; Tamra Mabbott, Morrow County Planning Director; Greg Goebel, Morrow County Counsel; Dr. Todd Jarvis, Director OSU Institute for Water and Watersheds; Ronan Igloria, GSI Water Consultant; Bill Goss, Regional Engineer with OHA; Joe Fiumara, Umatilla County Public Health Director; Kevin Ince, Morrow County Finance Director; East Oregonian; Valerie Ballard, Morrow County Executive Assistant BOC; North Central Manger OR Water Resources

Video link or Calling in: Nick Ducote, Ducote Consulting

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Shafer called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. He reminded all that the meeting is a public forum and there is a call-in option provided. There is time on the agenda to provide input (or for hearings) to provide comment. The meeting is being video and audio recorded and minutes will be taken. Also, meetings are now live-streaming. Comments will become part of the meeting record and ask that they be three minutes or under. If persons wish to speak before the Board, please identify yourself and state where you live in order to be heard on the record – also note if you are speaking on behalf of others.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Shafer.

Additions to Agenda – None.

Public Comments and Recognition of Visitors – None

Business Items

1. **Intergovernmental Agreement** – Presented by Morrow County Counsel, Greg Goebel. The proposed intergovernmental between agreement Morrow County and Umatilla County for Drinking Water Investigation is before the Boards for review and approval. The hard copy here today is a little different than the agenda that was posted online. Morrow County needs to go through an additional process prior to the award to Umatilla County. Per federal regulation we have to make a formal sub award. The following was added: (Page 2 paragraph 2, subparagraph E) “said payment shall be subject to Morrow County granting a formal sub award. Umatilla County complies with all applicable CFR’s within 30 days of the singeing of this agreement.” I propose at the next scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting we can come with the sub award with the required

terminology and you can sign it then. Mr. Olsen stated that change is fine. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approval of the acceptance of this document. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0. Morrow County moved to approve, seconded, voted all in favor. Motion carried, 3-0.**

2. Proposed Steering Committee - Presented by Tamra Mabbott, Morrow County Community Development Director. There is a list of proposed Steering Committee members in front of you. The Steering committee will be working directly with the consultant. It is an internal committee made up of staff, 2 from Umatilla County and 2 from Morrow County: Dr. Todd Jarvis, Director OSU Institute for Water and Watersheds, Dr. Anna Cavinato, Chemistry Professor EOU who has some specialty expertise in nitrates. She won a National award for her study of nitrates in fish. Kerri Macomber, Water Systems & Environmental Manager, AgReserves, who comes with a lot of lab testing and field experience. It is a larger group than originally anticipated. There are several members that come with great knowledge. We would like both boards to formally appoint the Steering Committee. **Morrow County entertained a motion, moved, seconded, and voted unanimously. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to create and appoint the proposed Steering Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.**
3. Presentation of Draft Scope of Work – Presented by Tamra Mabbott. Ronan Igloria, GSI Water Solutions is here today to present to the boards and the public an overview of the scope of work. The next step since we have the formal agreement and the Steering Committee appointment will be to work with the Steering Committee to finalize the Scope of Work. In the coming weeks Morrow County, who is the physical agent for the Federal grant, will enter a contract with GSI Water Solutions. We went through a robust process to choose a consultant, we had 3 really good candidates and voted for GSI unanimously. Morrow County board authorized the notice of intent to award, several weeks ago, we had no protest. So now we are moving forward with the final part of that procurement process. She then introduced Ronan Igloria who gave an presentation on the project. Comments were also provided by Bill Goss, Joe Fiumara and Todd Jarvis.
4. Next Steps – Tamra Mabbott provided that next steps include convening the steering committee, finalize scope of work and contract, with formal approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Reports: - None

Meeting adjourned by Chair Shafer at 11:00 a.m.

Kelsey Bailey

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners