



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

1:00 PM

MONDAY October 4, 2021

Barnes Sawyer Rooms
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Anthony DeBone, and Phil Chang. Also present were Nick Lelack, County Administrator; David Doyle, County Counsel; and Sharon Keith, BOCC Executive Assistant (via Zoom conference call).

This meeting was audio and video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal website www.deschutes.org/meetings

CALL TO ORDER: Chair DeBone called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of Hard Mitigation Assistance Pre-Application Form and Letter of Intent on behalf of Mid-State Electric

DCSO Sgt. Nathan Garibay, Emergency Manager presented the item noting the deadline is January 17 and the initial pre-application will be considered by mid-October. Sgt. Garibay reported on the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan which is the qualifying plan for MidState Electric to apply with Deschutes

County as the sub-applicant. MidState will assist in crafting an application. The purpose of this presentation is to make the Board aware of the application. This process covers two counties Southern Deschutes and Northern Klamath. These are FEMA dollars that are distributed through Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant within the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program. Sgt. Garibay reported the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update discussion will be held at the joint meeting with the BOCC and City of Sisters on October 13.

2. Rescinding Resolution No. 2021-051 and Ending Fire Restrictions on County Owned Lands and Unprotected Lands

County Forester Ed Keith presented the item for discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 2021-073 rescinding Resolution No. 2021-051. Mr. Keith reported on the restrictions and lands covered by the Resolution. The state fire agencies have rescinded their restrictions on October 1 due to rainfall and moderating fire conditions. Mr. Keith reminded residents to check with their local fire department as this Resolution does not open up debris burning.

ADAIR: Move approval of Resolution No. 2021-051
CHANG: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes
CHANG: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

Mr. Keith reported there are two prescribed fires planned tomorrow.

3. Consideration of Board Approval to Apply for Birth Certificate Grant Program

Molly Wells Darling, Health Services presented this item for consideration for a grant program through the Oregon Health Authority.

CHANG: Move approval of the grant application
ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes
ADAIR: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

4. House Bill 3295 / Marijuana Tax Revenue / Cannabis Advisory Panel

Planning Manager Peter Gutowsky presented the item for the discussion noting the Board chose the evening of Monday, October 18 for the first meeting of the Cannabis Advisory Panel. Mr. Gutowsky presented the items that are still in need of determination.

Commissioner Chang reported that he spoke with two of the candidates regarding membership on the panel. Discussion held on the seat for the candidate holding an issued marijuana retail license. The Board supported the appointment of Joseph Stapleton representing retail licenses. Discussion held on the seat for public member(s). The Board selected Andrew Aasen, Mary Fleischmann, and Liz Lotochinski. Mr. Gutowsky will include the appropriate names within the drafted Board Order. He will also clean up the proposed Charter. The Commissioners are liaisons to the panel and are ex-officio. Terms of membership are staggered in two and three year terms. The Board made recommendations for revision on the draft Order. Discussion will be had at a future meeting for the staff responsible for meeting agendas, schedules, and facilitation. The Board directed Peter Gutowsky to serve as the Staff facilitator.

Mr. Gutowsky will bring the Board Order and Charter to the Wednesday October 6 BOCC meeting for approval.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeBone acknowledged the first meeting for Nick Lelack as County Administrator
- Communications Director Whitney Hale presented draft letters for consideration.

A letter of support was presented for Upper Deschutes River Communities grant application to create defensible space and reduce the potential impacts of wildfires.

CHANG: Move approval of Board signature
ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes
ADAIR: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

A letter of support of ARPA funds for the renovations at the Greenway Motel. After discussion and comments, the Board offered recommended revisions and opinions on the projects being considered. Commissioner Chang supported the presented letter. Commissioners Adair and DeBone did not support the letter as written.

A letter of support for interim housing on rural lands was presented. Mr. Lelack noted the Association of Oregon Counties has expressed support.

ADAIR: Move approval of Board Signature
CHANG: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes
CHANG: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

- Commissioner Chang reported on the Wall that Heals exhibit and the homeless camp clean up on 17th Street in Redmond.

- Commissioner DeBone also attended the ceremony for the Wall that Heals exhibit in La Pine and the Made in Redmond tour.
- Commissioner Adair also attended the ceremony for the Wall that Heals exhibit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the time of 2:42 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (a) consideration of employment. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:50 p.m.

ADJOURN

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

DATED this 20 Day of October 2021 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR



PHIL CHANG, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:


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PATTI ADAIR, COMMISSIONER