

Committee Members Present: Luke Swanson, Jennifer Roberts, David Bothum, and Kyndra Stone. EOTEC General Manager Al Davis, EOTEC Operations Manager Brian Rust, City Manager Byron Smith, City Councilors Roy Barron and Jeff Kelso, and City Staff Holly Lambert were also in attendance.

Members Excused: Weston Putnam and Steve Wallace

Member Absent: Drex Bailey

Guest Present: Umatilla County Fair Coordinator Beth Wheeler

City Manager Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and led the meeting by committee agreement.

Introductions were made and Kyndra Stone was welcomed as the committee's newest member.

February 6th, 2025, Minutes

David moved and Luke seconded to approve February 6th, 2025; EOTEC Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Field Expansion- HEROS

Luke reported the application to the Oregon Parks & Rec Department is submitted and the HEROS committee will go to Salem later this summer to do a full presentation of the work that will be done to complete the Field Expansion project if awarded.

EOTEC staff confirmed a soccer tournament will be hosted on the new fields this summer.

Operations Update

Al presented the past and upcoming events report (see attached) and shared tonight EOTEC is hosting it's first "Thursday Night Lights" event with open Lacrosse fields. He shared several weekends at EOTEC have hosted multiple events simultaneously, working well bringing larger crowds and beneficial for vendor participation.

Al shared the EOTEC staff is exploring the possibility of hosting a Monster Truck show at EOTEC and mentioned a couple of larger future concerts cancelled their events as the headlining bands faced visa restrictions.

Financial & Water Rights Update

Financials were not brought to this meeting but will be provided at the September meeting.

Byron shared the City is in the process of acquiring some additional water rights, once complete the result will be less leased water needed each year from the Stanfield Irrigation District.

RV Park Update

Byron stated the City Council approved an eight-million-dollar grant from Amazon to build an RV Park at EOTEC. The final RV Park designs will essentially consist of two RV Parks, one using currently owned land and two, land the city is looking to acquire. Potential properties may come with additional water rights

helpful for long-term water needs. The city is working with both the Fair and Rodeo to meet the needs of all. Once designs are finalized, it may be possible to begin building in 2026.

Other

No other business was discussed at this time.

Next Meeting- September 4th, 2025, at 5:30PM

City Manager Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

Past Events

Amazon Party
UCFD 1 Training, BTI in Parking lot
Lifeline Screening
Click it RV Sale
Religious Memorial Service
UEC Dinner
Oregon Trail High School Rodeo
BMCC Rodeo
Quince
5-GCBRA
3-HPD Meeting
Hermiston School District Choir Festival and Awards
Equine Trail Sports
Cinco De Mayo Celebration
Rock and Gem Show
HPD Communications Meeting
Good Shepherd Health and Family Fitness Day
Bobo Barrel Race
Lacrosse end of year tournament
I love my city
Desert Storm Livestock Show
HHS Booster Fundraiser
H5 Bucking Bulls and Performance Horses
MidPoint Tech Reviews
Oregon Fair Association Meeting

Upcoming Events

EO Cruisers Car Show
UCCA Beef Jackpot Show
Franco Entertainment/Rastelli Circus
Western State JR Rodeo
Ranch Horse Clinic
4H Horse Show
Graduation Party
Oregon Business Meeting
Fair Court Fundraiser
City forklift training 2 days
2 weddings
Fair and Rodeo