

Committee Members Present: Luke Swanson, Jennifer Roberts, David Bothum, Kyndra Stone, Drex Bailey & Cari Shafer. Hermiston High School Youth Advisory council members Present: Emily Stone, Gloria Serrano and Jazmin Sanchez. EOTEC General Manager Al Davis, City Manager Byron Smith, City Councilors Roy Barron & Jeff Kelso, and City Staff Holly Lambert were also in attendance.

Member Excused: Steve Wallace

Guest Present: Josh Roberts

City Manager Smith called the meeting to order at 5:33pm and led the meeting by committee agreement.

Introductions were made and new member Cari Shafer welcomed.

September 4th, 2025, Minutes

Luke moved and Jennifer seconded to approve September 4th, 2025; EOTEC Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

HEROS Update

Luke reported that the HEROS committee is currently working to complete construction of the donor wall. The labor may be donated in-kind, and expenses would come from materials purchased. The design is to highlight sponsors using a two-sided wall viewable upon entrance and exit of the field. Luke noted the HEROS/Lacrosse committee continues to work toward hosting more events at EOTEC.

Operations Update

Al shared that January, as usual, has been a slow month to be followed with multiple events coming up in February.

Cari inquired about the marketing plan and requested the committee review and possibly update the plan.

Financial Update

Byron reviewed page 9 (EOTEC Fund) of the City's December 2025 Financial Report.

Water Rights & RV Park Updates

Byron stated the City of Hermiston acquired additional water rights with recent purchase of property that will expand EOTEC's footprint and help us with water issues now and in the future. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

Byron shared how the original RV Park plan is now going to be two RV Park's located at EOTEC. After a review of the EOTEC property, additional property recently acquired and taking into consideration the major stakeholders, the decision was made to separate the property into two RV parks. The north side RV park will feature ninety-two spaces, that will have the capability to be doubled up during the Umatilla County Fair, allowing for 160+ spaces. The 3.9-million-dollar bid awarded to Big D's Excavation is to complete this first RV Park in time for the 2026 county fair.

An additional twenty acres of land recently purchased have been annexed into the City for the EOTEC property expansion. The lower third of the twenty acres will be designated for the construction of the second RV park for Amazon contractors working in the area. The remaining two-thirds can be used for parking and additional HEROS use. The road from EOTEC's entrance to the end of the newly acquired property will be widened and nuisance trees removed for better visibility.

Other

Al Davis shared that a group who hosts trail riding competitions is interested in creating a permanent trail riding facility on the EOTEC property. A meeting is to be held in the next couple of months to discuss the possibilities.

Next Meeting- March 26th, 2026, at 5:30PM

City Manager Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm.