

# Malheur County Development Corporation Emergency Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:30 pm (Mountain Time) Conference Call Number: 541-896-1824 Meeting held via telephone

## **Members Present:**

- Grant Kitamura, Board President
- Kay Riley
- Greg Smith
- Lynn Findley
- Corey Maag

### **Guests:**

- Brad Baird, Anderson Perry
- Larry Meyer, Argus Observer
- Les Zaitz, Malheur Enterprise
- Pat Caldwell, Malheur Enterprise
- Jim Maret
- Mike Walker

### Staff

- Ryan Bailey
- Julee Hicks

# **Emergency Board Meeting Call to Order:**

Board President Grant Kitamura called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Kitamura asked Greg Smith to offer an update on recent activity regarding the Treasure Valley Reload Center. Smith said submissions had been made to ODOT on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, including:

- The Industry Track Agreement.
- Affidavit acknowledging Americold and the shippers will work together.
- Affidavit acknowledging agreement between the Malheur County Development Corporation and Americold.
- Correspondence from Union Pacific.
- Clarification regarding permit completion.
- Lease Ownership Agreement between Malheur County Development Corporation and Americold.

Smith explained today's meeting is to reach concurrence on signature authorization on behalf of the Malheur County Development Corporation.

Kitamura asked for a motion to clarify that Greg Smith, Officer to the Board, may proceed as a signer for documents/agreements on behalf of the board. Kay Riley moved that Smith act as representative signer for the Malheur County Development Corporation. Corey Maag seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Smith then shared next steps regarding the TVRC reload project. He explained the Industry Track Agreement and its cost of approximately \$2.5 million, which includes all engineering, equipment, construction and aligns with the budget. Smith also noted that Union Pacific will accept split payments.

Smith noted the real estate cost; purchasing 65 acres from the county to the Development Corporation will be based on appraised value.

Smith asked Brad Baird to comment on his work. Baird said bid advertising will begin in the next week or two, followed by a pre-bid tour. Bids received will then be reviewed by the board for award.

Smith said his team will work with the City of Nyssa for a ground breaking ceremony.

Questions were posed by the media. Following a short discussion, Kitamura adjourned the Emergency Board Meeting at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Smith, Officer to the Board