

General Discussion: August 13, 2019

9:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Lily N. Morgan, Darin J. Fowler and Daniel E. DeYoung; Trish Paredes, Recorder

Chair Lily N. Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. SOREDI Update and Presentation

Colleen Padilla, SOREDI Executive Director, updated the Board on the regional economic development strategy for Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc. (SOREDI). SOREDI has been involved in each community in Southern Oregon through focus groups and steering committees. After going into each community SOREDI has identified five areas of focus to help with economic development: 1. Innovation 2. Entrepreneurship 3. Tourism 4. Talent and 5. Place making. The Board and Ms. Padilla talked about the workforce-housing crisis in Southern Oregon and possible solutions. Ms. Padilla presented a gift to the Board **Business Friendly Proclamation of Southern Oregon (Exhibit 1)**.

2. Airports Quarterly Update

Larry Graves, Airports Director, reviewed **Josephine County Airports Department – Directors Quarterly Report: August 13, 2019 (Exhibit 2)**. The Board and Mr. Graves discussed the fuel supply problem at the Grants Pass Airport and the costs, processes, and funding options to fix this issue. The Board and Mr. Graves discussed the caretaker residence out at the Illinois Valley and the obstacles of construction for that dwelling and a possible solution of moving in a mobile home on permanent foundation instead of a stick built residence.

3. City of Grants Pass Tourism Advisory Committee County Liaison

Commissioner Fowler discussed **Re: Tourism Advisory Committee County Liaison (Exhibit 3)**.

Commissioner Fowler volunteered to be the Liaison as he already attends and is active in this Committee.

Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to appoint Commissioner Fowler as City of Grants Pass Tourism Advisory Committee County Liaison, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes and Commissioner Fowler.

4. Additional Subjects/Matters from Commissioners – ORS 192.640(1)

Commissioner DeYoung brought up the Fair VIP table for the concerts and who will be invited to that table.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit 1 – Business Friendly Proclamation of Southern Oregon

Exhibit 2 – Josephine County Airports Department – Director’s Quarterly Report: August 13, 2019

Exhibit 3 – Re: Tourism Advisory Committee County Liaison