



**DOUGLAS COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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**Minutes**

**August 19, 2014**

**10:30-11:30**

**Room 310**

**Douglas County Courthouse**

**1036 SE Douglas**

**Roseburg, OR 97470**

**I. Welcome & introductions**

Alex Palm announced that there was not a quorum and the meeting would be informational only unless members arrived. Attendees introduced themselves.

**II. Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2014**

Alex Palm said we would skip this item as no quorum was present.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Proposed Non-Ferrous Welding Education Project**

Alex Campbell explained that he had met with Brent Hutchings North River Jet Boats. Brent has bought out the equity group from the receivership. North River said they were having challenges with the workforce. They are looking to add a second shift of about 30 new jobs and improving LEAN.

Alex explained that the workforce issue is related to a shortage of trained nonferrous (aluminum) welders in Douglas County. There are no nonferrous training programs currently in Douglas County. North River and some other manufacturers in Douglas County would like to see nonferrous trained employees that were eligible for certification. Alex said that the discussion indicated that, ideally, there would be a program at UCC and at Roseburg High.

Alex said that this had led to discussions with a number of different funding partners and Roseburg High. Roseburg High is interested and they have space in their shop. The Partnership received a bid on four welding set ups which would allow for classes of 15-20. North River is willing to supply the consumables and working with Craig at Roseburg High and providing students with tours and opportunities at North River.

Alex explained that 4 nonferrous set ups would be about \$20k. Potential funding partners are North River Boats, UT&E, DCIDB, The Partnership, and possibly the UCC Foundation.

Alex Campbell is seeking a head nod from the IDB to provide up to \$10,000 to provide the set ups. He said cost would be reduced with more funding partners. Alex reminded IDB members that the IDB budget did include dollars for workforce development and training.

Discussion regarding the impact on the South County welding program and opportunities for other communities in the County to benefit ensued. It was noted that this would be an initial start to the program and did not preclude the opportunity for growth to both North and South County as the program developed.

Alex Palm, Ron Doan, Cindy Kent and Perry Murray were in favor of supporting the project. Alex Palm asked Alex Campbell to bring information regarding the possibility of opening the program enrollment across the County, reporting on the availability of a program teacher and developing a reporting system for program viability and success for the next meeting.

Alex Campbell stated that there seemed to be a consensus and would continue moving it forward. His next step will be to secure the other funding commitments and place the equipment order.

Lance Colley asked Alex Campbell to submit a letter to the City Economic Development Committee to see if they could participate and help reduce the cost of the equipment or purchase another set up that could be used in one of the other high school's welding programs.

Paul Meyer stated that we had a procedural point. He would have Tania contact him to make arrangements for another meeting with a quorum to meet the requirements.

## **V. Unfinished Business/Reports (continued)**

### **A. Alpha Leisure Update (Paul Meyer)**

Paul Meyer covered the background on the property and owner name changes over the years. He explained that there was a judgment against the land that had been placed by one of Alpha Leisure/Alpha Land's vendors.

Paul said that Alpha Leisure, Alpha Land and Mr. Elige all have interest in the land. He has filed the foreclosure against all three parties. Mr. Elige attorney acknowledges that his interest is junior to the County's. Mr. Elige is not willing to provide a quit claim.

With Alpha Leisure/Alpha Land we had delayed filing as we were working on getting a quit claim. The attorney had agreed, but was then fired prior to the event, so the lawsuit was filed. Alpha Leisure/Alpha Land will be fighting the foreclosure lawsuit. We can push forward at any time, but we are trying to negotiate a quit claim. If we don't get a result in 4-6 weeks we will move forward with the suit.

## **VI. Open Discussion**

Susan Morgan announced that Douglas County was working with Coos and Curry County on the Regional Solutions Council to develop a regional project to benefit all three counties with economic development. The problem identified is that we don't have enough 18-25 year olds entering work force with necessary skills, including a willingness to work, to replace those that will be aging out of the market or retiring in the next 10 years. The project on the table is a project to develop job skills and match jobs to the 18-25 year old group. Employer/employee matching and on the job training dollars can be matched up. The project will start in the High Schools with job readiness and aptitude and then reach out to older individuals. The project funding will be about mid 2015.

## **VII. Adjourn DCIDB Business Meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas County Industrial Development Board

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Satania Korpi, Staff

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Dave Sabala, President

## **Attachment A**

**A recording of the meeting is available at the CCD office, 522 SE Washington Suite 111A, Roseburg, Oregon.**

### **The following DCIDB members attended the meeting:**

Alex Palm, Cindy Kent, Perry Murray, and Ron Doan (arrived at 10:45)

### **The following DCIDB Ex-officio members attended the meeting:**

Robb Paul, Lance Colley, Sean Negherbon

### **County Representatives:**

Paul Meyer, County Counsel

### **Staff:**

Alex Campbell, The Partnership for Economic Development; Satania Korpi, CCD Staff;

### **Ad Hoc Committee Members:**

Alex Campbell, Cindy Kent, Alex Palm

### **Guests:**

Melony Marsh, G. Stiles Realty; John Marsh; Loran Waldron, Land & Water Environmental Services;  
Rita Harris