



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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Minutes

October 18 2016

10:30-11:30

Room 310

**Douglas County Courthouse
1036 SE Douglas
Roseburg, OR 97470**

I. Welcome & Introductions

Melony Marsh called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was present. Attendees introduced themselves, see attachment A.

II. Approval of Minutes –September 20, 2016 Meeting

Bob Ragon motioned to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting as presented. Dave Sabala seconded. The motion carried.

III. New Business:

A. Camas Valley School District, SWITCH VEHICLE CTE Training, \$8k Grant Request – Tyler Ochs

Tyler Ochs, Vice Principal, of Camas Valley School introduced himself and provided handouts to the IDB explaining the Switch Vehicle CTE Training Program. Tyler said both the State of Oregon and the school district are interested in offering more Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes as well as vocational training for students to be more successful post-high school. He explained Camas Valley School district faces two big hurdles when it comes to CTE /Vocational education and training; #1 is isolation, Camas Valley is located 17 miles west of Winston. Transporting kids on a daily basis to a certain site is not feasible which means most of the training needs to be done on-site. #2 is most large school districts are able to hire in an elective teacher. Electives in small school districts are taught by the best skill set of the teachers available. The CTE program needs to be able to last the rotation of teachers. He explained the Switch Vehicle CTE program has lessons, tests, and videos. An electric car is built over a period of four months; it is taken apart and then built again with the next rotation of students. The program is set up for any teacher to be able to teach step by step regardless of staff rotation and employment and has been approved by the California Board of Education.

Tyler explained Coquille has an alternative school, Winter Lakes, which has bought the Switch Vehicle program. He said he talked with the principal of Winter Lakes regarding his concerns and was reassured the instructions are fit for any teacher to teach with the step by step instructions. He said the kids love it, they build the car each year and it is entered into local parades and events. Tyler stated it will be easily implemented into the Camas Valley School District.

Tyler said the whole program is about \$24k and the school board is on board although they have not pledged the \$8k yet, they are excited about the program. He submitted a grant request to Cow Creek for \$8k and is asking \$8k from the IDB today. Tyler said it will be another four to eight weeks before he knows if the Cow Creek request is approved. There is an additional grant available in January through the Whipple Foundation Fund if the Cow Creek grant request does not get approved. Tyler asked if there were any questions.

Melony Marsh asked Tyler if he was contributing and funds or if the kids were running any fundraisers. Tyler responded no. He explained there is a large amount of money set aside for vocational and post-high school type of training and that's what they will be using those monies for.

Dave Sabala asked since this program was approved by the California Board of Education is it ok for Oregon as well. Tyler said he could look into it. Dave asked if it matters with it being CTE. Tyler responded no, he didn't believe so.

Bob Ragon asked if this was a request the IDB could consider since it doesn't relate to job creation.

Melony asked if it would eventually bring in a new teacher. Tyler responded no. He said he spoke with Dave Wolfe a mechanics instructor at UCC and was told the number one thing he looks for in kids enrolling in his program is the ability to adapt to different situations. Tyler said the Switch Vehicle CTE training is a great way to get them ready. Melony agreed, she stated this is a great opportunity to get them ready at the high school level.

Dave stated in the past the IDB has contributed to educational programs and on the job training for certain employers. He said he is trying to understand if this meets the criteria for recommending a grant to the Board of Commissioners who have the final say.

Dave asked Paul Meyer if this request would meet the ordinance. Paul responded because Camas Valley is a school district, a public entity, it is a government and there is flexibility to enter into an intergovernmental agreement even if it doesn't meet the letter of the ordinance as long as it meets the letter of the statute and constitution that constitutes the funding stream. Paul explained these are lottery dollars and there is a statute that provides what the local government can use the money for. He said the list of things in the statute includes things the IDB almost always considers; job creation and economic development. He explained in the statute there is a third item on the list which is financing public education and education is defined to include programs that support elementary and secondary schools. Paul stated he believes it fits the statute and the constitution because the entity is a government entity and there is flexibility to go beyond the scope of the ordinance.

Melony explained these kids are isolated and having a program like this would make things easier as far as being able to adapt once they do move into a job and/or the bigger cities. She said it would not be a shock and would provide them hands on experience they could use as a trade. She said high school is where it needs to start. Melony thanked Tyler.

Eileen Ophus explained her brother is a robotics CTE teacher in Seattle and some of his students have jobs before they leave high school. She said It is wonderful training and she would see this as a first step.

Wayne Peterson explained the K12 programs have been discussed here before; the feeder programs that feed into education, jobs and careers. He stated his question is about implementing this program and who will manage it. He said there is not a qualified instructor to take this program on and be able to implement it. He asked who will execute this program, implement it and manage it so it is a successful project and not just a car that sits around with some videos and manuals.

Tyler responded he would be the one implementing and managing the program. He stated he is not a professional mechanic but as he'd said before, Coquille had a similar situation where the principal took the project on and was able to get the car completed. Tyler explained his goal is to eventually rotate it to where there is more than just him teaching the program as well.

Wayne stated he would like Tyler to come back to the IDB with an update at some point if the commissioners approve the request.

Dave Sabala motioned to recommend that the Board of Commissioners grant Camas Valley School District \$8k for the Switch Vehicle CTE Training with the caveat it is contingent upon approval of the other grants. Bob Ragon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports/Old Business:

A. Backside Brewing \$40k Match Funds Request– Wayne Patterson

Wayne explained at the September 20th meeting the IDB voted to defer the Backside Brewing \$40k match funds request to allow time for the IDB to receive and review additional information prior to a decision. That information was sent to IDB members.

Wayne explained this request was covered in depth and there was a lengthy discussion at the last meeting. He said instead of going back and having that discussion again he'd like to open it up for any questions. None were forthcoming.

Bob Ragon motioned to recommend the Board of Commissioners grant \$40k match funds to Backside Brewing. Dave Sabala seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. DCIDB Funding Application/Review Discussion – Melony Marsh

Melony Marsh explained a draft application was sent via email this morning to the IDB and hard copies were available near the sign in sheet. She stated discussion would take place at the November 15 meeting to allow time for members to look it over and come up with comments, questions and suggestions.

Wayne suggested the application be sent to the Commissioners as well. Brandi responded this draft was sent to the IDB, Commissioner Boice and Paul Meyer.

Dave Sabala stated there needs to be a section that addresses infrastructure projects.

Charmaine Vitek asked who makes the determination if there is a need for the proposed project development.

Paul stated the applicant would need to make the argument of why there is the need but the IDB would have to make the determination or finding that it is correct.

V. Open Discussion

VI. Adjourn DCIDB Business Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

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Brandi Whelchel, Staff

Douglas County Industrial Development Board

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President/Vice 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:

Dave Sabala, Lauren Young, Bob Ragon, Melony Marsh and Charmaine Vitek

The following DCIDB Ex-officio members attended the meeting:

Lance Colley, Sean Negherbon and Kristi Gilbert

County Representatives:

Paul Meyer, County Counsel

Staff:

Wayne Patterson, The Partnership for Economic Development; Shawn Clark, The Partnership for Economic Development; Eileen Ophus, CCD Staff; Tracy Loomis, CCD Staff; Bryan Sykes, CCD Staff and Brandi Whelchel, CCD Staff

Ad Hoc Committee Members:

Melony Marsh and Lauren Young

Guests:

Tyler Ochs, Camas Valley School District; KC McKillip, Backside Brewing; Joanne Gordon, Milo/Days Creek/Tiller; Loran Waldron, Land and Water Environmental Services, Inc.; and Gary Leif, Commissioner Elect.