



**DOUGLAS COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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**Minutes  
September 19, 2017  
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.

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

Dave Sabala, Lauren Young, Bob Ragon, Ron Doan, Alex Palm, Melony Marsh, Charmaine Vitek, and Steve Mountainspring.

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

Sean Negherbon, Lance Colley, Mike Baker, Steve Dahl, and Kristi Gilbert.

**County Representatives:**

Commissioner Chris Boice; and Paul Meyer, County Counsel.

**Staff:**

Wayne Patterson, The Partnership for Economic Development; Eileen Ophus, CCD Staff; Tracy Loomis, CCD Staff, and Cale Morgan, CCD Staff

**Ad Hoc Committee Members:**

Melony Marsh, Dave Sabala, Lauren Young, and Alex Palm.

**Guests:**

Heather Coffel, Douglas County Assessor's Office; Loran Waldron, Land and Water; Dan Meyer, ODFW – Rock Creek Hatchery; John Marsh, G-Stiles Realty.

**II. Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2017, Meeting**

Charmaine Vitek motioned to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017, meeting as presented. Stephen Mountainspring seconded. The motion carried.

**III. New Business:**

- A. Rock Creek Hatchery UV Project, Grant/Match Request \$40k - Dan Meyer**  
Melony Marsh introduced Dan Meyer, Manager of Rock Creek Fish Hatchery.

Dan Meyer stated he has worked for Rock Creek Fish Hatchery raising fish for the last 30 years. In recent years, Rock Creek has had trouble keeping steelhead smolt alive due to bacteria getting in the water. This hasn't allowed Rock Creek Hatchery to attain its goals of

how many fish they can release into the Umpqua Rivers. He said Rock Creek is trying to be pro-active about fixing the bacteria and parasite problem and has already completed phase one of the UV Filter Project by building one 20 micron drum filter and putting it in place. Dan said the smolt die off went from 90% to 2% from use of the small filter system.

Dan stated the second phase is to obtain a UV filter which will be enough to match the amount of smolt they want to release in the Umpqua Rivers. He said the \$40k from the DCIDB will match funding from the state. The state will be doing the engineering and installation of the UV filter.

Stephen Mountainspring asked why the state isn't coming up with the \$40k.

Dan Meyer responded that they just spent \$76k on the first phase of this project.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Chris Boice asked Dan to explain where the hatchery's funding comes from.

Dan explained there is only a small pot for the state to pull out of and their funding is 50% from the general fund and 50% from tag and license sales.

Commissioner Boice stated he has had half a dozen fishing guides contact him about the fact that several hundred thousand fish had died at the hatchery and wanted him to look into it because it is affecting their businesses. Commissioner Boice stated he called Dan Meyer and asked what was going on at the hatchery with the fish die offs. He said Dan outlined the problems and the solution for it. Commissioner Boice said that the loss of fish has a significant impact on the local fishing economy. He said the project funding would not give an advantage over any other business because it pertains to the entire fishing industry for the Umpqua Rivers and he encouraged Dan to fill out the grant application.

Discussion ensued.

Dan Meyer said that with the UV filter they will be ahead of the curve on the use of chemicals to treat the water; since their use will be banned sometime in the future.

Steve Mountainspring motioned to recommend to the Commissioners to approve the \$40k match funding for the Rock Creek Hatchery UV Project. Dave Sabala seconded. Melony asked for further discussion. None were forthcoming. Melony called the vote.

#### **IV. Reports/Old Business:**

##### **A. Budget/Project Update – *Cale Morgan/Melony Marsh***

Melony stated there is an informational budget sheet in the packet. She gave an update on each project and funding that was on the informational budget sheet.

Wayne Patterson gave an update on the Med Ed project. He stated there is a new Task Force that has been created and the first meeting is 9/21/17 at the Oregon Capital. He said the ODVA has taken the lead on the task force and has become an important part of the spearhead for this project. He said the primary focus is to get the project to the Governor and get her approval; then they will go after an academic partner.

Wayne gave an update on the UEDP and how they are shifting their focus to workforce development. He said The Partnership is getting a few people from Travel Oregon to help support in certain industries in Douglas County. He said they are also working with the Workforce Development Board and will take another person from that board under The Partnership umbrella and help develop workforce solutions for Douglas County. Wayne said this will come at no cost to The Partnership because the entities supplying the persons will pay for it.

Dave Sabala said that UEDP is having a bylaw committee meeting in October. He said they are looking to change the bylaw that states the DCIDB President has to be on the UEDP board.

**V. Open Discussion:**

Melony stated that Mel Arts has had some trouble mowing certain places in the industrial parks because his mower will get stuck.

Commissioner Boice stated he has heard, but does not know if it is true, that Mel Arts contracts out his County mowing jobs possibly to hay cutters. He also said a part of the South County Industrial Park was not mowed and they had to get Public Works to take care of it when the fire camp was being set up there.

Melony stated she would like CCD to look into this.

**VI. Adjourn DCIDB Business Meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas County Industrial  
Development Board

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Cale Morgan, Staff

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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 97470.**