



DOUGLAS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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**Douglas County Industrial Development Board (DCIDB)
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2009
Ford Room, Douglas County Library Headquarters
1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.
Roseburg, Oregon**

Welcome

Norm Gershon called the meeting to order. Please refer to attachment A for the list of members and guests that attended the meeting.

Norm welcomed the newest members of the IDB, the ex-officio members representing the cities in the County. He thanked the Commissioners for their help in changing the IDB ordinance allowing the City representatives to serve as ex-officios. Norm went on to explain that the appointment would become official July 8th. He went on to explain that this change had been made to include the cities because the entire County is suffering due to the economy and unemployment and collaborative efforts in economic development would benefit everyone.

Norm asked everyone to take a look at the new brochure the IDB had worked on. He thanked Ron Doan for his efforts in heading the group that had collaborated on the brochure. He explained that the brochure would help explain the economic development pieces in the County. He also reminded everyone that the Douglas County website had information about the IDB.

New Business

Approval of Minutes

Norm requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 board meeting. Ron Doan moved to approve the minutes. Georgia Stiles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Veterans' Home

Perry Murray informed the IDB that there were 156 Veterans' homes in the US with one currently operating in Oregon. He said the State had received a \$28 million grant to locate a second home in Oregon and is offering an RFP for interested Communities to compete for the location. He mentioned that one of the requirements would be \$15 million match from the selected community and discussed match criteria. Perry said that a committee had been formed and was working with Sandra Jackson, an administrative consultant, and Dave Leonard, an engineering consultant, to prepare an RFP. He said Commissioner Laurance was pursuing match options. Perry explained the value of the facility in terms of jobs and benefits to Douglas County.

Eric Swanson touched on the workforce training strategies and the efforts to meet with local care facility providers to discuss their concerns. He also said that there would be a future need for a letter of support.

Norm commented that the project was well supported; Norm then explained that previously the IDB approved a resolution to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Roseburg for the hiring of a

consultant to work on the Veterans' Home project. He then said that as a matter of house keeping the resolution needed to be changed to contribute to the County's hiring of the consultant. He explained that the IDB supports the efforts of the County to directly hire a Project Manager and asked for a motion to authorize the use of the \$15,000 formerly authorized for the IGA with the City to the County's direct hire of the Project Manager.

Georgia Stiles so moved. Lynn Herbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

South County Task Force – Vocational/technical facility

Joy Yori gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the need and opportunities that the addition of a vocational/technical training facility in South Douglas County would address. She covered skills gaps and employer needs for skilled employees and explained that the distance between UCC and South County was prohibitive to many individuals seeking to improve their skills. Joy explained that the availability of industrial lands, training facilities and skilled workers would make the South County Industrial Park more attractive when recruiting companies.

Joy, Pete Bober and Ted Romas answered questions about the project.

Norm recommended that the IDB consider a letter of support for the South County Task Force project. Ron Doan moved that the IDB write a letter of support for the South county Task Force Vocational/technical facility project. Georgia Stiles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Off Agenda Item

Georgia Stiles asked if the IDB had written a letter of support for the pipeline. Georgia moved that the IDB write a letter of support for the pipeline if one hadn't been written yet. Ron Doan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DCIDB Ordinance

County Counsel, Kathleen Johnson, handed out the definitions of Acquisition and Disposition of Industrial Facilities and the IDB ordinance. She explained the importance of the definitions and their relation to the powers and purpose granted in the IDB ordinance. She explained that the majority of the activities related to 2.16.020 and 2.16.030 of the IDB ordinance and recommended Board members keep the pages handy if they have questions.

Discussion of the goals and name of the IDB ensued. The scope of focus on large industry versus smaller companies and industrial versus other types of companies were considered. Susan Morgan stated that the real thing to keep in mind was the goal of economic diversification and family wage jobs.

It was agreed that it may be time to consider the statutes and ordinance of the IDB with the idea of addressing the new economic challenges. Norm said he would work with Kathleen and the Commissioners on looking at that.

Reports

Norm thanked Aaron Cubic for sharing the City of Myrtle Creek's Economic Development Plan and asked members to feel free to review the plan or share their city's plan.

Perry Murray informed members that the gas line had received EIS approval and that the gas line creates the opportunity for up to 700 jobs in South County once construction begins.

Blaine Nisson said that enrollment was up 24% and that UCC was working on a Drafting Certification program and a Practical Nursing Program. He then invited everyone to attend the Wine Program opening.

Helga Conrad, The Partnership, referred members to her report in the packet. She told the IDB that she had shown a client involved in boat manufacturing sites and that she had attended a Familiarization Tour at the coast. She

said the tour was a well done presentation of the various industrial sites at the Coast and that OECDD had attendees.

Lynn discussed the Familiarization Tour that was held in Riddle and thanked Perry Murray for his help.

Norm thanked Tania for her efforts in coordinating the expanded IDB membership meeting.

Robb Paul let the IDB know that the Bolon Island dredge spoils overlay appeal had been over ruled and that the next appeal, if there was one, would have to be through LUBA. He said the overlay would be lifted and the site would be available for development.

Norm asked David VanDermark if he would reserve the Winston Community Center Building for the June 16 meeting. Dave agreed to look into it.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas County Industrial Development Board

Tania Korpi,
Staff

Norm Gershon, President

A Tape Of The Meeting Is Available At The CCD Office.

Attachment A

The following is the list of DCIDB members who attended the meeting:

Lynn Herbert, Norm Gershon, Georgia Stiles, Kelly Morgan, Perry Murray, Ron Doan

The following is the list of attending DCIDB Ex-officio members and members to be:

Eric Swanson, Charmaine Vitek, John Loosely, Blaine Nisson, Robb Paul, Aaron Cubic, Bette Keehley, Bill Duckett, Carl Patenode, Rob Corbett, David VanDermark, Kathy Finley,

County Representatives:

Commissioner Susan Morgan; Kathleen Johnson, County Counsel

Staff:

Tania Korpi, CCD Business Development; Tracy Loomis, CCD Business Development; Eileen Ophus, CCD Business Development; Helga Conrad, UEDP

Guests:

Joy Yori, Roseburg Chamber; Vicki Howren, Tri-city Water & Sanitary; Pete Bober, UCC; John Ayer; Robert Tilton, City of Riddle; Kay Huff, Green Sanitary District; Ted Romas