



Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
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MINUTES OF WORK SESSION

DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

Present were Commissioners Anthony DeBone and Alan Unger; Commissioner Tammy Baney was out of the office. Also present were Tom Anderson, County Administrator; Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator; David Doyle, County Counsel; Wayne Lowry, Finance; Whitney Malkin, Communications; and Nathan Garibay, Sheriff's Office. No representatives of the media or other citizens were in attendance.

Chair DeBone opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

1. Discussion and Authorization to Apply for a Rangeland Wildfire Threat Reduction Technical Assistance Grant.

Nathan Garibay gave a brief overview of the item, which is a newly available grant through the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and relates to Sage Grouse and rangeland protection, and equipment needed for this purpose. The group is completely volunteer, and works with the Oregon Department of Forestry. They have six engines now but need a bulldozer and other equipment, and they are applying for a separate grant for this. The Sheriff's Office will provide primarily communications system equipment compatible with the BLM system, and two external defibrillators.

UNGER: Move approval.

DEBONE: Second.

VOTE: UNGER: Yes.
DEBONE: Chair votes yes.

2. Other Items.

Discussion took place about working with other counties in the event of a major natural disaster such as an earthquake or tsunami. Lane County and Clatsop County inquired through AOC. It was felt that this kind of partnership could be valuable and should be established in advance. Tom Anderson will follow up.

Community renewable energy was also a big topic at AOC, and a nonprofit has been formed. It is primarily involved with wind power at this point, but other energy sources are being considered. Chair DeBone said it costs \$100 a year for a membership and he would like to be more involved to determine if what the group is doing is of value. Mr. Anderson stated he would check their website and see if it makes sense.

Budget Committee members will have their mid-year meeting next week. Ideally, they would like to identify the new member soon and have them attend. There are six applicants so far, and the deadline is today. Mr. Anderson wants to know who should do the interviews. Commissioner Unger could be available part of Friday; Chair DeBone is available Thursday afternoon. Steve Swisher, Larry Fulkerson and someone from the City of Bend's finance department have applied. The others have accounting or a business background. Commissioner Unger likes the balance they have today and wants it to remain well-rounded.

Erik Kropp feels that someone who could represent the private sector would probably be best. Wayne Lowry added that they all seem to be viable candidates. He will make arrangements for the interview process and come up with some standard questions.

The Goal 11 public hearing will be continued at La Pine High School on the evening of January 6. Chair DeBone hopes to be able to bring this to closure in the community, after years of hard work.

There are two Sunriver meetings next week; one with the Service District board and with the Owners' Association board.

The SROA meeting is on Friday, December 18, and should include a discussion of recycling center improvements. They have identified the land for this already and want some help in building it. Timm Schimke is working with Sun Country Disposal so they can continue to meet their profit margin.

Chair DeBone had asked about having EDCO be in attendance, to discuss economic development in that area, including the Business Park.

They will also speak about Goal 11, and Nick Lelack could attend. He could also speak about the Sunriver/Caldera expansion proposal, and update everyone on marijuana business and land use issues. SROA wants to talk about vacation rentals and the COVA relocation. They also mentioned non-recreational business development. Harper Bridge will not be on the formal agenda.

Attendees will be the three Commissioners, Tom Anderson, David Doyle, Nick Lelack, Timm Schimke and Whitney Malkin.

Regarding the meeting with the Sunriver Service District board on Wednesday, December 16, transient room tax dollars will be of interest, and river access/Harper Bridge. This is impacting the Sunriver Police Department. This could be discussed but preferably not posted as an agenda item since there is work continuing behind the scenes. They also want to have more bike patrol in place in the summer.


Mr. Kropp said he thought they had room in their tax base for an increase. Commissioner Unger would like to know what they bring in regarding room tax, in comparison to other locations and the cities. Mr. Anderson stated that it can be broken out but he knows that it is more than from any other source. There are several property managers and the resort, and some from outside Sunriver proper. They are hesitant to share all this information, as some of it is proprietary. Attendees would be the Commissioners, Mr. Anderson, Wayne Lowry, Erik Kropp and David Doyle. The meeting would include the District's report to the Board.

Discussion took place regarding the Board retreat in January. Commissioners Unger would like the same facilitator, Ellen Waterston, if possible. Chair DeBone asked if a facilitator is needed at this point, since they have narrowed the scope over the past few years. Commissioner Unger would like to see consistency each year and not throw the departments off. They need to keep the list concise. Mr. Anderson said that having a facilitator enable him, Mr. Kropp and Judith Ure to be more involved in the process.

3. Adjourn.

Being no further items discussed, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.


DATED this 28th Day of December 2015 for the
Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.


Anthony DeBone, Chair


Alan Unger, Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary

 absent -
Tammy Baney, Commissioner



WORK SESSION AGENDA

DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1:30 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this agenda includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be addressed at the meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the Board to address additional subjects. Meetings are subject to cancellation without notice. This meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend.

Work Sessions allow the Board to discuss items in a less formal setting. Citizen comment is not allowed, although it may be permitted at the Board's discretion. If allowed, citizen comments regarding matters that are or have been the subject of a public hearing process will NOT be included in the official record of that hearing. Work Sessions are not normally video or audio recorded, but written minutes are taken for the record.

1. Discussion and Authorization to Apply for a Rangeland Wildfire Threat Reduction Technical Assistance Grant – *Nathan Garibay, Sheriff's Office*

2. Other Items

3. Adjourn

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AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

For Board WORK SESSION of December 7, 2015

DATE: December 1, 2015

FROM: Nathan Garibay Sheriff's Office 541-617-3303

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of Board Signature of authorization to apply for the Rangeland Wildfire Threat Reduction Technical Assistance Grant.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DATE? No

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Oregon Department of Forestry administers funds provided by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to Counties and Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPA) to support wildland fire suppression activities. Deschutes County has one RFPA, the Brothers-Hampton Rangeland Fire Protection Association. This RFPA provides wildland fire suppression on otherwise unprotected lands in eastern Deschutes County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Deschutes County will purchase equipment for the RFPA and be reimbursed by the State of Oregon. The total grant amount for Deschutes County is \$15,000 and there is no match.

RECOMMENDATION & ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the application for the Rangeland Wildfire Threat Reduction Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$15,000.

ATTENDANCE: Sgt. Nathan Garibay, Emergency Services Manager

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS:



To: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
From: Sgt. Nathan Garibay
Date: December 7, 2015
Subject: Proposed Grant Application for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office
Commissioner/County Administrator Approval: *[Signature]*
Date: 12-7-15

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board of Commissioners' approval to submit a grant application on behalf of the County. A summary of the grant opportunity follows.

Program: Rangeland Wildfire Threat Reduction Technical Assistance Grant

The Sheriff's Office will utilize Rangeland Wildfire Threat Reduction Technical Assistance Grant to support the Brothers-Hampton Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA).

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office proposes to apply for the grant to support Brothers-Hampton RFPA with much needed equipment. The Brothers-Hampton RFPA protects a large amount of otherwise unprotected lands in eastern Deschutes County. They are formed as a non-profit organization with the assistance of the Oregon Department of Forestry with the mission of providing wildland fire response to rangelands not protected by local, state, or federal fire agencies.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's office will utilize funds to provide portable radios, automated external defibrillators, and parts to install surplus radios in RFPA vehicles.

Funding Agency: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) through the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

Due Date: Application: December 15, 2015 (ODF needs application by December 10, 2015)

Amount: No greater than \$15,000

Matching Funds: No match required

Duration: July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017

Background: If the County is awarded the funds, ODF will issue a formal grant document which will be presented to the Board/County Administrator for signature.

Reporting: Sgt. Garibay, the Deschutes County Emergency Manager, will be responsible for meeting reporting requirements to ODF.

Please contact Sgt. Garibay at 541-617-3303 if you have questions concerning this request.

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