



# Management Update Summary Minutes

OREGON

**August 6, 2024. 9:30 AM**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis. Staff: Jan Fritz, Matt Lawyer, Trevor Lane, Shawnnell Fuentes, Jon Heynen, Gary White, Nick Hunter, Brian Nicholas, Carl Lund, Kelli Weese, Lani Radtke, Ryan Crowther, Steve Brooks. Dennis Mansfield, Laura Sprouse, Kelly Martin, Phil Blea, Sheila Roberts, Steve Dickey, Tina Schwikert, Joe Malachi, Chris Eppley, Skylar Stangeland, Brian May, Scott Norris, and Chad Ball.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Reworld July 8<sup>th</sup> Work Session Response and Future Evaluation**

-Brian May

#### **Summary of presentation:**

- July 8, 2024, Work session with Reworld representatives and Marion County:
  - Discussed future potential options.
- Another meeting scheduled August 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.;
- Reworld submitted a letter with four topics of discussion:
  - Marion County investigate creating a transfer station by lease with Reworld;
  - Marion County buys facility and partners with Reworld to operate;
  - Reworld will continue looking to sell to a third party; and
  - Reworld has researched several scenarios and factors were evaluated including capital requirements, current and future market implications and potential changes to the regulatory environment:
    - Reworld is unable to commit to long-term operation of the facility given the challenges of the factors beyond December 31, 2024.
- If nothing is done option four is most likely to happen and there will be no operation after December 31, 2024;

#### **Board Direction:**

- Schedule work session August 12, 2024, to prepare for August 14, 2024, meeting;
- Need to discuss what each option means/entails;
- Bring as much information as possible prior to meeting;
- Commissioner Bethell's e-mailed questions to be answered; and
- The board of commissioners (BOC) are good to proceed.

### **Cascade Highway Resurfacing Project – Centerline Rumble Strips**

-Lani Radtke

**Summary of presentation:**

- Part of the project is reinstalling rumble strips that have been in place since 2018;
- Concern came from a Marion County resident, Ms. Schwikert regarding the strips:
  - Concern came in about two months; and
  - Would like an alternative as strips are loud to neighboring residents.
- Aware of loudness as the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) began considering installing strips within 600 feet of homes;
- All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) program is funding to reduce fatal injuries:
  - To get funding there is a need for serious and fatal crash history that are reducible by countermeasures.
- An alternative is sinusoidal strips which are more rounded:
  - Not done in Oregon and there is concern on its effectiveness; and
  - Concern of contractor not being able to do this as it is a new method.
- Decision was made to install the original rumble strips:
  - The BOC received multiple emails from upset residents.
- Prior to rumble strips there were a couple fatal crashes in 2011 and 2017;
- Systemic treatment that looks at the corridor as a whole:
  - It looks at repeated patterns and seek countermeasures to address patterns.
- Centerline rumble strips address head on collisions and run-off road crashes;
- This is an area where individuals drive faster than posted and move into the oncoming lane at the curve to avoid slowdowns:
  - Causing them to go over the rumble strips more often.
- Accidents occur all along the corridor;
- Most vehicles go off the lane on the curve;
- There has been one fatal crash on the straightaway in 1995;
- There is a grant to do rumble strips on the fog line and center lane;
- There are 80 homes on Cascade Highway and not placing within 600 feet would mean no rumble strips at all;
- Sinusoidal strips decrease the noise and tactile experience:
  - The concern is the accompanying reduction in potential safety benefits.
- Cannot assess crash history in small sections as certain sections of this road are not more likely than others to have crashes;
- Will assess alternatives to the fog/edge line and present them to the BOC:
  - Can discuss with ODOT regarding alternative funding uses.
- ARTS allows local agencies to choose countermeasures and use ODOT funding:
  - Assess the problem and identify countermeasures;
  - An amount is placed on reduction of serious injury and fatal crashes which is compared to the cost; and
  - Obligated to maintain installation for 20 years.
- Using County Road Fund to install the rumble strips;
- There is a balance between not disturbing residents and potential liabilities:
  - The county committed to placing safety measures and then removed them.
- Fog line design has not happened yet;
- Striping happens after placing rumble strips:
  - Waiting longer without striping raises other safety issues; and
  - There is about two to three weeks before paving is completed.

**Board Direction:**

- Come back to the BOC with some alternatives next week.

## **Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC) Appointment Considerations**

**-Keith Bondaug-Winn, Chair**

**-Bonnie Sullivan, Vice Chair**

-Brian May

### ***Summary of presentation:***

- This is a 16-member council;
- By-laws state that the Chair and Vice-Chair are elected every year; and
- In May the council voted to reinstate Mr. Bondaug-Winn as Chair and Ms. Sullivan as Vice-Chair.

### **Board Direction:**

- The BOC is good to proceed with the item on consent.

## **Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee (MWQAC) Appointment Consideration of Justin McGillivray**

-Brian May

### ***Summary of presentation:***

- Mr. McGillivray is filling an At-Large position;
- MWQAC is an 11-member council;
- Terms are served for four years;
- To become part of the committee the following steps take place:
  - Attend a MWQAC meeting;
  - Interview process; and
  - If approved, move forward to join the committee.
- Mr. McGillivray has the following qualifications:
  - Background in water resource;
  - Bachelor's degree in geography with a minor in Water Resource Management from Portland State University;
  - Wastewater Two Certification;
  - Certified in erosion and sediment control;
  - Works at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as a Stormwater Quality Specialist:
    - He made it clear he will not be representing DEQ.
- MWQAC advises on stormwater, water quality education, regulation, and county programs:
  - Work with staff regarding requirements for permitting and bring recommendations to the BOC.
- MWQAC has representation from some of the following:
  - Builders Association;
  - Land Development, Consultants; and
  - Citizen members.
- There is a strong industry perspective on the committee.

### **Board Direction:**

- There is a potential conflict of interest as there may be interaction with individuals within the committee that Mr. McGillivray regulates; and
- Send an e-mail to the BOC regarding what is Mr. McGillivray's DEQ jurisdiction:
  - Need transparency if there is any, or potential of, regulatory oversight of companies in Marion County.
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## **Suicide Prevention Awareness Proclamation Draft**

-Kelly Martin and Laura Sprouse

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Would like to do Suicide Prevention Month proclamation for September;
- The 'Life is Better with You Here' campaign will be continued:
  - It has been well received in the community.
- Will be doing some of the same activities of previous years;
- Working with first responders to promote 988:
  - Gave them card to handout during call responses.
- When individuals call 988, they are routed to specific hotlines including the veteran or agriculture hotlines;
- In the process of hiring a Youth Coordinator;
- Engaged in the rural communities;
- Pop-ups at local high schools and events;
- Sensory kits went out to most middle and high schools with the program's information;
- Working with the Boys and Girls Club and Teen Advisory Boards at local high schools; and
- Will bring supplies and materials with the campaign slogan to board session.

### **Board Direction:**

- Proclamation to be e-mailed to the BOC;
- Work with Marion extension relating to the agriculture hotline;
- Reach out to various youth organizations and high schools as they are doing their own related projects:
  - To build effectiveness and collaboration.
- Commissioner Kevin Cameron will send contact information for a contact point.

## **Down Payment Assistance and Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation**

-Steve Dickey

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Down Payment Assistance Report:
  - Since our last meeting three new recipients have come in;
  - There are 59 application submissions for assistance;
  - Those who have received assistance in the last month include:
    - Single mother with a teenaged son found a home in Northeast Salem:
      - Manufactured home and land price are \$335,000; and
      - The down payment assistance is \$125,000.
    - Single father with three preteens found a home in Jefferson:
      - Manufactured home and land price are \$300,000;
      - The down payment assistance is \$125,000; and
      - An additional \$30,000 from DevNW.
    - A couple with two small children found a home in Mill City:
      - Older home with the price of \$300,000; and
      - The down payment assistance is \$125,000.
  - In the last two weeks an application was submitted, and another home is close to closing. Additional updates to come on these;
  - The current amount available for down payment assistance is \$952,738:
    - Will finish using the funds from 2021 and then use 2022 funding.
- Homeowner Rehabilitation Program Report:
  - The current available amount is \$1,157,123;

- There have been seven jobs completed for a total of \$249,301.75;
- There are 16 additional projects under construction:
  - With a total estimate of \$582,600.63.
- There are eight additional projects in the bidding process;
- There are 41 additional projects that are in the process of applying for the homeowner rehab program;
- To date five applicants have been denied:
  - Two exceeded the income limits;
  - Two were inside the city limits of Salem; and
  - The last was a renter and not a homeowner occupant.
- A manufactured home on owned land in Idanha is still receiving bids:
  - Mother with a child, both have disabilities;
  - The home is in rough shape; and
  - Roof work is needed, bathroom updates, water damage and light updates.
- Home in Donald replaced seven windows, furnace, shower unit, water heater, siding, and installation under the home:
  - The total cost was \$50,000.
- Many older homes have tubs replaced with a walk-in shower due to individuals have mobility issues;
- Home in southeast Salem replaced 19 windows, roof, and deck:
  - The total cost was \$49,318.92.
- Home in northeast Salem replaced the roof, gutters, water heater, and wheelchair ramp as well as ductless heat pump installation, exterior painting and re-piping:
  - The total cost was \$49,318.92.
- All projects have before and after photos.
- Homeowner residential rehabilitation payback program parameters are as follows:
  - In years one through five the full amount is owed if the home is sold or transferred;
  - In years six through ten 14 percent is removed annually; and
  - The last 30 percent is a lien to be paid at the time of sale or in 99 years.

**Board Direction:**

- Commissioner Bethell will facilitate an e-mail for Mr. Dickey to meet with the two Northwest Senior and Disability Services managers of Marion County:
  - Several seniors living in homes that may be rehabilitated.
- The BOC is good with the update.

**Detroit Marinas Excavation – Project Grant Funding**

-Lari Rupp

**Summary of presentation:**

- There are two potential funding opportunities:
  - Tentative approval of application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of \$2 million for Economic Development Initiative Community;
  - Potential Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) grant to fund portion of an existing gap:
    - The gap is \$750,000 and the grant amount is \$406,250; and
    - Application is due October 15, 2024.
- Construction is beginning fall of 2025; and

- Procurement for a contractor begins at the end of 2024.

**Board Direction:**

- The ODF application should highlight improved community access to the lake;
- The ODF application needs to be brought to the BOC before submission; and
- The BOC is good to proceed with the HUD applications.

**Comcast 10G Internet Proposal**

-Cynthia Klein, Eric Reid

**Summary of presentation:**

- Comcast to upgrade the internet service connection from 8G to 10G;
- Three providers were approached, and Comcast was the only timely response:
  - No response was received from Atlas Networks;
  - Link Oregon is a semi-state funded
- Link Oregon is a semi-state funded middle mile fiber and internet provider:
  - They are not a direct provider for the end point service; and
  - Handful of engineers that run the entire backbone.
- Marion County has not paid for primary internet circuit for a long time;
- About \$1,200, monthly, is paid for the Comcast back-up connection which is being used as the primary circuit;
- This will be paid through Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) funds:
  - Recommended by Plante Moran to move to a 10G internet service to support ERP.
- There are infrastructure costs associated including pulling fiber and hardware maintenance.

**Board Direction:**

- Matt Lawyer to follow-up with Jan Fritz; and
- Then the BOC will decide.

**Board Session Agenda Review**

-Kevin Cameron

- Overview of agenda.

**Board Direction:**

- The BOC is good to proceed.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

**Commissioner Danielle Bethell**

- Northwest Senior and Disability Services meeting:
  - Concerns of the state public health unwinding from covid;
  - Individuals were made eligible for Medicaid during covid:
    - They will now be made ineligible.
  - Receiving supported services for housing help;
  - By the end of October 10,000 individuals will be processed;
  - Will be getting more data on this;
  - Need team navigation so disabled and senior individuals are not homeless;
  - Individuals losing care may not be able to maintain independence:
    - There are not enough facilities in Marion County to house individuals.

**Commissioner Kevin Cameron**

- N/A

**Commissioner Colm Willis**

- N/A

## OTHER

### **Gary White and Jon Heynen – HB 4002 Townhall:**

- Townhall is scheduled for August 22, 2024;
- Capital Media will be streaming the event;
- It will be promoted as a Facebook event;
- Suggest setting up meeting to discuss the format of the event:
  - Internal meeting; and
  - If needed invite Ryan Matthews, Paige Clarkson, and Sheriff Nick Hunter.

### **Board Direction:**

- Stream on all available channels;
- The BOC is good to schedule a meeting to discuss townhall format; and
- The BOC will moderate the meeting.

### **Gary White – Proclamation**

- Request came in from the League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk County;
- Would like to do proclamation in September for Voter Registration Week;
- Would like the support of the BOC; and
- Bill Burgess, Marion County Clerk, stated he will support it.

### **Board Direction:**

- The BOC agrees that Mr. Burgess can support the proclamation; and
- The proclamation will be changed to reflect the BOC's viewpoint.

### **Brian Nicholas – Eagle Crest Radio Site**

- Contract for \$160,000 for equipment and engineering;
- Final review is being completed;
- Final language was sent in regarding liability;
- Equipment will arrive five weeks after the order is placed;
- Within two weeks after it will be set up;
- Things will be back up by the end of September; and
- Things are run at a lower capacity.

### **Board Direction:**

- The BOC is good to proceed with this item on August 7, 2024, board session meeting; and
- The BOC is good with the update.

### **Matt Lawyer – Oregon Housing Community Services (OHCS) Meeting**

- Preparing substantial amendment to Homeownership Opportunities Program (HOP):
  - Renters who will be buying homes.
- Marion County will receive over \$13 million;
- Shifting to now allow renters occupancy;
- Funding can be used to build rental homes;
- How the funds will be used will be decided at a later date;
- Discussed bringing all groups together to speak across all the programs:
  - Potential options can then be discussed on the sewer system.
- Open to scheduling another meeting; and
- Final recommendations need to be ready by August 30, 2024.

### **Board Direction:**

- A more extensive background update will be given at a later date; and

- The BOC is good with the update.

**Adjourned** – time: 10:58 am

**Minutes by:** Mary Vityukova

**Reviewed by:** Gary L. White