

WASCO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008
IMPERIAL RIVER COMPANY
304 Bakeoven Road, Maupin, Oregon
10:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Andrea Klaas, Carina Schmidt, Dan Durow, Dan Spatz, Donella Polehn, Gay Melvin,
Joan Silver (Chair), Keith Mobley, Rob Miles (Vice-Chair)

GUESTS:

Dennis Ross (Mayor of Maupin), Bradley Bobbitt (RARE, City of Maupin), Nora
Donovan (RARE, Port of The Dalles)

EDC STAFF:

Amanda Remington; Layne Sylvester

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Joan Silver called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 MINUTES:

Keith Mobley moved to approve. Andrea Klaas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT: *(See staff report dated November 20, 2008.)*

Reports included: Rural Fire Training Center; Roll-Over of Unexpended Funds: EDC
Website; County Planning Ordinances and Destination Resort Overlay; Discovery
Center/Oregon Solutions; Juicy Ideas; Needs and Issues; MCEDD staff and OECDD
Realignment.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT:

Amanda Remington provided a review of the EDC web page template as they will appear
on Wasco County web site. The template for the new website can be found at:
<http://www.co.wasco.or.us/county/wcedc/>. Amanda requested comments on the navigation by
Tuesday, November 25, 2008. Content will be added after the navigation is completed and that
will also be made available for review.

DISCOVERY CENTER/OREGON SOLUTIONS:

The Oregon Investment Board approved a \$7,000 grant to cover match needed for the
Oregon Solutions process for the Discovery Center. Each partner has agreed to engage in
the Oregon Solutions process. One of the outcomes of the Oregon Solutions process is a
signed declaration of cooperation from all parties.

NEEDS and ISSUES INVENTORY – PRIORITY PROJECTS:

As requested by EDC, staff contacted several projects to check status and see if a small grant or grant writing assistance would help move the project along. Each of the projects appear to be moving forward and each could use (would welcome) funding to help. Staff felt that assistance to Shaniko to help fund test drilling for municipal well is most needed.

NEED and ISSUES 2009 PROJECTS:

The EDC engaged in a general discussion regarding the Needs & Issues process and agreed to add an additional meeting to allow group prioritization of the list. In addition, project proponents will be asked to provide information on past projects that have been completed. This will be tracked by EDC staff into the future.

Meeting schedule was set as follows:

The EDC Calendar of Meetings for 2009.

January 15, 2009- Mosier (tentative)

March 19, 2009- Dufur City Hall, 10:00 to 2:00 (lunch provided)

April 30, 2009- Port of The Dalles

May 21, 2009- Maupin

July 16, 2009- Mosier

September 17, 2009- Dufur

November 19, 2009- The Dalles

All meetings run from 10:00 a.m. to noon unless otherwise noted

COMMISSION STAFFING and GOAL:

As per request from Commission at 9/18/08 meeting, EDC staff presented a breakdown of how time and resources are spent in support of the EDC. Dan Spatz stated that it was a valid breakdown. Keith Mobley noted that it is money well spent. Andrea Klaas added that the breakdown presented is a good representation to show County Court EDC accomplishments. She also noted that it would be beneficial to put together a list of projects not yet completed due to lack of funds to help justify continued and increased funding of EDC to the County.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

It was suggested that for future meetings, Commission members will submit written report from their respective region before the EDC meeting and then present a brief synopsis at the meeting. EDC staff will send a reminder a week prior to the meeting. EDC members proceeded to provide regional reports on the status of economic development in Wasco County.

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GRANT WRITING CONTRACT WITH ROBIN COPE:

Robin Cope's contract for grant writing ends October 31, 2008. Rob Miles made a motion to tentatively agree to continue the contract with Robin Cope based on approval of the amount by WEDC via email. Dan Spatz seconded. Motion carried (Keith Mobley abstained).

NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 15, 2008, 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

*Respectfully submitted,
Layne Sylvester, EDC Staff*