

WASCO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009  
PORT OF THE DALLES  
3636 Klindt Drive, The Dalles, OR 97058  
10:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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

GUESTS:

Bradley Bobbitt (RARE, City of Maupin), Dennis Ross (Mayor of Maupin), Nora Donovan (RARE, Port of The Dalles), Carolyn Meece (OECDD), Sherry Holliday (Wasco County Commissioner)

EDC STAFF:

Amanda Remington, Layne Sylvester

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Joan Silver called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2009 MINUTES:

Dan Spatz moved to approve. Donella Polehn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEEDS AND ISSUES PROJECT PRIORITIZATION:

Joan Silver led the review of the top scoring projects on the Wasco County 2009 Technical Assistance Priorities and Infrastructure Priorities list. General discussion among the group followed regarding the status and merits of the various projects.

All projects submitted will be included in the action plan as they were prioritized by the communities. Only ten projects for Technical Assistance and ten projects for Public Works were given a ranking.

Technical Assistance Priorities 2009

1. Marine Terminal design, City of The Dalles
2. Airport Water Distribution System Engineering, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
3. 911/Emergency Operations Center Design, Wasco County
4. Central Oregon micro-enterprise facilitation, City of Maupin
5. First Street/Washington Street Underpass Design, City of The Dalles
6. Comp. Plan/ Main Street Mosier Downtown Plan, Main Street Mosier
7. Historic Vehicle display design, Fort Dalles Museum
8. Industrial park waterline upgrade engineering, The Dalles Public Works
9. South Basin water storage design, City of Dufur
10. Thompson Park pool & facility design, engineering, N. Wasco County Parks & Recreation

Infrastructure/Public Works Priorities 2009

1. Marine terminal construction, City of The Dalles –
2. Downtown Streetscape Phase III construction, City of The Dalles
3. Runway Strengthening, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
4. Airport Water distribution system construction, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
5. First Street/Washington Street railroad underpass, City of The Dalles
6. Fire Hall Construction, City of Dufur
7. 911/Emergency Operations Center Construction, Wasco County
8. Annex Area renovation construction, Wasco County Employee & Admin Services –
9. Fairgrounds Arena improvement construction, Wasco County Employee & Admin Services
10. Historic vehicle display construction, Fort Dalles Museum

In addition to prioritizing the top ten projects in both categories, the EDC decided to list EDC top priorities but include ALL projects.

“A” list – top 10 projects

“B” list – all other projects

Wasco EDC staff will also include in the final report a column for the community’s priorities of their submissions.

#### STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN UPDATES

Joan Silver suggested that the Strategic Action Plan updates be reviewed at the next WEDC meeting. Amanda Remington indicated that there would be adequate time at the next meeting to include the review of the Strategic Action Plan Updates.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Wasco County Economic Development Commission Budget for 2009-2010.

Amanda Remington noted that there will be no funds available for projects this coming fiscal year. Budget will be \$40,000, down from \$50,000 for current fiscal year. Sherry Holliday added that this is in no way a reflection of the work of the WEDC, merely budget cuts due to the economy.

#### REGIONAL REPORTS:

The Commissioners provided updates on economic development initiatives throughout the County.

NEXT MEETING – MAY 21, 2009, 10:00 A.M., MAUPIN, OREGON

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Layne Sylvester, EDC Staff*