



WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TYGH VALLEY TOWN HALL
APRIL 19, 2018

PRESENT: Scott Hege, Vice-Chair
Rod Runyon, County Commissioner
STAFF: Kathy White, Executive Assistant

At 6:07 p.m. Vice-Chair Hege opened at Town Hall Meeting at the Tygh Valley School Community Center.

Commissioners Runyon and Hege explained what the Board of Commissioners does as well as reviewing the various committees/boards on which they serve or participate.

Brian Manning, South Wasco Park and Recreation District Board Member, talked about their efforts to obtain funding for repairs and upgrades at the Pine Hollow Reservoir. Just yesterday they were awarded Oregon Marine Board grant funding to repair the south boat ramp and will be applying for ODFW funding to replace the north boat ramp. He announced that they paid for the removal of the old boat ramp themselves. In addition they will be applying for Oregon State Parks grant funding to improve land donated by Wasco County – they hope to create a park that will generate revenue for the District. Commissioner Runyon pointed out that the District is non-taxing. Mr. Manning added that they are dependent on grant funds and donations; they will be organizing fund-raising events in the community as well.

Julie Tucker asked if there is anything she needs to do in conjunction with the County in order to pursue deconstruction activities. She said she is involved with a DEQ program that encourages reclamation of building materials rather than demolition projects that send materials to the landfill. The Board said they would put her in touch with the County's Planning Department.

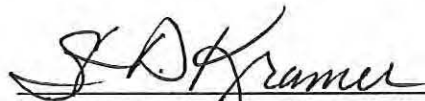
A citizen asked if QLife could extend their Maupin project to Wamic. Vice-Chair

Hege responded that QLife met with Century Link who is getting funding specifically targeted at bringing connectivity to rural Wasco County. He said that he thinks they have approximately three years to expend the funds and he will continue to work with them and others to push the project forward. He said it is a big issue nationwide but it will take time. Commissioner Runyon noted that it is key to look at the rural communities as frontier areas.

A citizen expressed his views on the condition of the Deschutes River as a result of PGE activity and suggested that the County apply pressure to have PGE's license revoked.

Vice-Chair Hege thanked the South Wasco Alliance for hosting the Town Hall and all the citizens for their attendance. He closed the Town Hall at 7:10 p.m.

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Steven D. Kramer, Board Chair



Scott C. Hege, Vice-Chair



Rod L. Runyon, County Commissioner