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Minutes

August 22, 2007

Special Called Meeting

Monthly Meeting: 6:00 p.m. at UCEDC Office 1119 Washington Avenue,
La Grande

Meeting Facilitator: Tim Seydel-President
Board Reporter: Violet Trapp, Administrative Assistant
Executive Director: Craig Thompson
Members Present: Tim Seydel, Bill Whittemore, Howard Perry, Dennis Spray, John
Howard, Russell Lester, Mike Poe and Dale Case
Absentees: Lee Lindsey, Sheri McDonald, Janet Hume-Schwarz and Lori Hines

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Tim Seydel, President.

Tim called for a motion to approve the July minutes.

Dennis Spray moved that the board approve the July minutes. Dale Case seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase Offer - Baum Industrial Park: - John Howard
The board went into Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The board came out of Executive Session.

Dale Case moved that UCEDC make a counter offer to the buyers with the exception of agreement #3. Taking #3 out and extend the floodway easement and a description concerning the roadway and floodway easement as by an attorney. Bill Whittemore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The board discussed the possibility of using the money from the sale for operations. The standard procedure is to use the interest income for operations and to reserve the principal for land

purchase. The consensus of the board was that this is not the time to make a decision and no action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

UCEDC/City of La Grande MOU & Work Plan – Craig Thompson

Craig handed out draft copies of the MOU and Work Plan. The board members reviewed the copies and had some discussion. Howard Perry said that at the work session the MOU and the work plan were separated so the MOU stands from year to year and the work plan will be reviewed and changed annually as needed. Otherwise there were no significant changes. Howard asked if the MOU and work plan has gone back to the City of La Grande Council. Craig said no, the UCEDC Board needs to approve the MOU and work plan, and then he will forward the MOU and work plan to Eldon Slippy who will forward on the city council. The council will work out a schedule for approval of the MOU/work plan and UCEDC's Funding Request.

Dennis Spray moved the board accepts the MOU as drafted. Dale Case seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The board then went to the work plan. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the 'mock site visit' UCEDC is responsible for arranging. It appears there is not a clear understanding of how this visit is to be done. Dennis Spray said he would like to have a clear understanding of what the city council's expectations is and that it be as beneficial as possible.

Howard Perry moved that the board approve the work plan and submit it to the City of La Grande. Dennis Spray seconded the motion.

Howard amended his motion to say that UCEDC approve the work plan, recommend to the council with the understanding that if the council approves the MOU and the work plan UCEDC will move forward with the 'mock site visit'. Dennis Spray seconded the amended motion. The motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Violet Trapp
Administrative Assistant

Note:

Next Board Meeting: **Thursday September 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**
UCEDC Office at 1119 Washington Avenue

Executive Meeting: **Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:30 a.m.**
UCEDC Office at 1119 Washington Avenue