# Eastern Oregon Border Region Economic Development Board



February 7, 2022 Ontario, OR

#### Attendance

Members Present: Dana Young, Acting Board Chair; Bill Johnson, Stuart Reitz, Ron Haidle

Members Present Via Zoom: Roberto Gamboa

Staff Present: Lisa Reeser, Board Coordinator; Shawna Peterson, EOBB Executive Director

**Guests Present:** Nickie Shira, Malheur ESD; Mark Redmond, Malheur ESD; Brian Bond, Malheur ESD; Cathy Yasuda, Treasure Valley Community College; David Koehler, Treasure Valley Community College

**Guests Present Via Zoom:** Courtney Warner-Crowell, Office of the Governor; Feather Sams Huesties, Business Oregon; Jennifer Purcell, Office of the Governor

Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

#### Welcome, Introductions, Minute Approval

Chair Young opened the meeting. Board members, guests and audience members made introductions.

Bill Johnson amended the January 12, 2022 minutes, correcting the Future Oregon Ready cost to \$200,000,000 and made a motion to approve the January 12, 2022 meeting minutes as amended. Stuart Reitz seconded the motion and all present board members voted in favor.

#### **Public Comment**

None

## Fiscal Report

As of February 4, 2022 the Border Fund has a total of \$3,858,713.77.

# **Grant Recipient Final Reports**

Nickie Shira and Brian Bond with the Malheur ESD presented a final report on the Malheur ESD Mobile Makerspace and the Malheur ESD Malheur Works Internship Program; two programs that received grant funding from the Eastern Oregon Border Board in 2020 and 2021.

Cathy Yasuda and David Koehler with Treasure Valley Community College presented a final report on the Treasure Valley Community College Nursing & Allied Health Program and future building; a program that received grant funding from the Eastern Oregon Border Board in 2021.

#### **Future Oregon Ready Presentation**

Jennifer Purcell, with the office of Governor Brown, presented to the board on the Future Oregon Ready bill that is currently being discussed in this legislative session. The board followed up with questions about the bill and how their involvement with this package could be helpful in the Border Region.

## **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Shawna Peterson submitted an executive summary and reported her activities since last month's meeting. She and Lisa Reeser are still receiving responses to the State of the Border Region request, the due date for those was January 24. She and Chair Cruickshank have been invited to present at the REAL-Oregon agricultural leadership program in March. Executive Director Peterson is closely monitoring the goings on of the current legislative session, including bills the board may want to weigh in on. Three of the Border Board's grants opened for applications and will close on March 31. The loan programs are nearing readiness to launch.

## **Incentive Program Application Approvals**

Bill Johnson made a motion to approve one application for the property tax incentive portion of the Competitive Housing Rebate Program in the amount of \$1,500 and one application for the Property Improvement Rebate Program in the amount of \$4,804. Stuart Reitz seconded the motion and all present board members voted in favor.

## **EOBB Program Discussion**

To be continued at the next meeting.

## Next Meeting/Agenda Build

The next Border Board meeting will be held on March 7, 2022 from 3pm-5pm, in the Hanigan Board Room at Treasure Valley Community College. The agenda items will include a fiscal report from Oregon Community Foundation, an executive director update, legislative update, program discussion and incentive application approvals.

Meeting closed at 4:55 pm.

Approved by:

3/7/2022

Tiffany Cruickshank, Board Chair

Date

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