



# Eastern Oregon Border Region Economic Development Board

July 7, 2025

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## Virtual Meeting

### Attendance

**Members Present:** Andrew Maeda, Cheri Hung, Taylor Rembowski, Ron Haidle, Nickie Shira, Montessa Young, Daniel Longoni

**Staff Present:** Shawna Peterson, Executive Director; Emily Conlon, Board Coordinator

**Guests Present:** Dawn Hert, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

### Welcome, Introductions, Minute Approval

Chair Maeda opened the meeting and board members and guests made introductions.

Ron Haidle made a motion to approve the June 2, 2025 meeting minutes. Montessa Young seconded the motion and all present board members voted in favor.

### Public Comment

None.

### Fiscal Report

Executive Director Shawna Peterson reviewed the OCF fiscal report/statements. As of July 1, 2025, the Border Board fund has a total of \$5,456,185.57. The board also reviewed Executive Director Shawna Peterson's financial report detailing expenses and disbursements for the month.

### Executive Director Update

Executive Director Peterson reported on her activities since last month's meeting and plans for the month ahead. Peterson provided an update on the latest Edge grant award disbursements and the recently completed Infrastructure Revolving Loan approval to JNuno Construction through Craft3.

Peterson reported that she had a meeting with Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) in June to discuss program logistics. The program will consist of 7 in-person sessions facilitated by RDI, 2 in-person sessions facilitated by EOBB, and 5 virtual sessions on grant writing (one of these sessions will be in-person).

Executive Director Peterson noted that she is continuing to work on comparing property taxes in Oregon versus Idaho and had a productive call with the County Assessor to better inform the analysis. Peterson will continue this discussion at the next in person meeting.

Additionally, Board Staff has been working on the annual report to the legislature and will circulate that to board members. Peterson would like to extend an invitation to Representative Owens and Senator McLane to attend an upcoming board meeting.

### **Rural Roots Leadership Academy Update**

Executive Director Peterson reviewed the recently submitted invoice from RDI for Cohort 1. Cheri Hung made a motion to approve invoice #2025-11 in the amount of \$59,600. Daniel Longoni seconded the motion and all present board members voted in favor.

### **Housing Incentive Application Approvals**

The board reviewed two Competitive Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) applications. Cheri Hung made a motion and to approve CHIP applications #82 and #83 in the amount of \$6,000 for a total of \$12,000. Nickie Shira seconded the motion and all present board members voted in favor.

### **Loan Program Application Approvals**

The board reviewed four Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program applications. Nickie Shira made a motion to approve application #32 in the amount \$12,150 to be repaid at \$202.50 monthly for 5 years, application #33 in the amount of \$15,000 to be repaid at \$250 monthly for 5 years, application #34 in the amount of \$10,000 to be repaid at \$250 monthly for 40 months, and application #35 in the amount of \$15,000 to be repaid at \$250 monthly for 5 years. Montessa Young seconded the motion and all present board members voted in favor.

### **Next Meeting / Agenda**

The next meeting for August 4, 2025. Agenda items will include a Fiscal Report from Oregon Community Foundation, and Executive Director update, and continued discussion on the leadership program.

Meeting closed at 3:28pm.

Approved by:   
Andrew Maeda, Board Chair  
Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board

08/04/2025  
Date