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March 20, 2024

Wallowa County Board of Commissioners (BOC)
Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. Thornton Conference Room
VIA Zoom Meeting
Wallowa County Courthouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner John Hillock
Commissioner Todd Nash
Commissioner Susan Roberts

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Micka, Administrator
Amanda Piper, Executive Assistant
Caprice Locke, Grants Manager

Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant
Andy Marcum, Vegetation Manager
Katy Nesbitt, Natural Resource & Economic
Development Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Gavin Carman, Tri-County CWMA
Allyssa Wilson, USFS
Bonnie Jones, Wallowa Resources
Raider Heck
Mike McNally, WC Chieftain
Lisa Collier

Beckijo Smergut-Wall, USFS
Bill Bradshaw, WC Chieftain
John Amond
David Hurley
Jolene Cox
Marci Schreder, Wallowa Resources

ZOOM ATTENDIES: Joanna Lyons-Antley, County Counsel
Angelika Dietrich

Dan Larman, City of Joseph

9:00 a.m. – Commissioner Nash opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Consideration and/or approval of Consent Agenda

Consisting of:

1. **Payment of Claims on County Funds**
2. **Minutes:**
3. **Employee Action Notice(s):**

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Chrystal Allen – Grants, Separation from Service

Marc Christman – WCSO, Separation from Service

Judith Swank – Building Codes, Separation from Service

Resolution 2024-007 Amending Language in the East

Moraine Management Plan

Resolution 2024-008 Appointing an Interim WC Assessor

4. **Resolution(s):**
5. **Order(s):**
6. **Contract(s):**
7. **Easement(s):**

None

None

None

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| 8. Agreement(s): | None |
| 9. Grant Initiation(s) | None |
| 10. Letter(s) | None |
| 11. Policy/Plan | None |
| 12. Purchase Approvals | None |

*Commissioner Hillock moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented
Commissioner Roberts seconded*

Commissioner Nash expressed concern on a portion of the language of Resolution 2024-007, regarding banning the use of alcohol on the moraine. After discussion, it was determined the banning of alcohol was not an “over-arching” ban into the larger management plan, with Katy Nesbitt advising the East Moraine Community Forest Management Committee will clarify this item at their next Executive Session.

Commissioner Hillock withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Roberts her second, to restate the motion reflecting the concerns of Resolution 2024-007.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to approve Resolution 2024-007
that specifically addresses the limited use permit
and non-use of alcohol attached to that permit, and the rest of the Consent Agenda
Commissioner Hillock seconded*

*The vote:
Commissioner John Hillock – aye
Commissioner Todd Nash – aye
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye*

The motion passes

Agenda Items:

Weed Board Presentation – Andy Marcum, Wallowa County Vegetation Manager, Gavin Carman, Tri-County CWMA, Beckijo Smergut-Wall, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, and Marci Schreder, Wallowa Resources presented the annual Weed Board Update highlighting accomplishments of 2023 and plans and goals for 2024 (see PowerPoint pages, attached).
Commissioner Nash thanked those involved and expressed his appreciation for the work they do.

Eastern Oregon Mining Association Membership – Commissioner Nash advised membership is approximately \$80/year. Wallowa County does not have any active mines. Commissioner Roberts read a portion of the Mining Association goals addressed in the letter. Not seeing a benefit of the membership to the citizens of Wallowa County.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to not spend the \$80
for membership in the Eastern Oregon Mining Association
Commissioner Hillock seconded*

Commissioner Nash, expressing his desire to align with this association and in appreciation for the work they have done, advised he would be a nay vote.

*The vote:
Commissioner John Hillock – aye
Commissioner Todd Nash – nay
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye*

The motion passes

Wallowa County Policy on Cost Allowability for Charges Against Federal Awards – Commissioner Nash highlighted the policy. Commissioner Roberts added this policy allows Wallowa County to take our costs from the grant monies.

Commissioner Hillock moved to adopt the policy
Commissioner Roberts seconded

The vote:

*Commissioner John Hillock – aye
Commissioner Todd Nash – aye
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye*

The motion passes

Other Business:

Acceptance of a Bid for Wallowa County Fair Arena Lights – Commissioner Hillock recused himself on basis of conflict. Commissioner Roberts explained the bid process and advised one bid was received from Enterprise Electric and it met the requirements of the bid. The amount was \$97,500.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to accept the bid from Enterprise Electric
for Arena Lights at the Fairgrounds
Commissioner Nash seconded*

The vote:

*Commissioner John Hillock – recused
Commissioner Todd Nash – aye
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye*

The motion passes

2nd Amendment to Wallowa County Fairgrounds contract with Wellens Construction – Commissioner Nash advised we will approve this amendment today, and send it to Wellens, the contractor, for signature.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the amendment

Commissioner Hillock recused himself, Conflict of Interest as a sub-contractor.

Commissioner Nash seconded

The vote:

*Commissioner John Hillock – recused
Commissioner Todd Nash – aye
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye*

The motion passes

Commissioner Roberts advised the bridge at Cow Creek has been completed along with some smaller road-side projects.

Commissioner Roberts introduced the Wallowa County Government Outstanding Citizenship award which will be given to deserving members of our community. We already have a few names of those who will be recipients.

There was no further business and no further public comments.

At approximately 10:07 a.m., Commissioner Nash advised the meeting is going to recess, and into executive session. This is in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(f).

At approximately 10:49 a.m., Commissioner Nash reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Adjournment:

With no further comment or business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.


Respectfully submitted by:

Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

WALLOWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Commissioner John Hillock



Commissioner Susan Roberts



Commissioner Todd Nash



ATTEST: Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant