



Morrow County Clean Water Consortium Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025
Port of Morrow Riverfront Center
Boardman, Oregon

Consortium Members Present

Lisa Mittelsdorf
David Sykes
Tamra Mabbott
Kelly Doherty

Others Present

Brandi Warburton

Consortium Staff Present

Matthew Jensen

Present Via Zoom

Valerie Ballard
Eileen Eakins

Call to Order

1:17 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 15 and April 30 were reviewed. Minor structural changes were requested.

Tamra Mabbott motioned to approve the Consortium meeting minutes with the amendments requested. Kelly Doherty seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Adoption of Consortium Bylaws

A draft of Consortium Bylaws was reviewed with updates to the budget process and the composition of the Advisory Committee.

Lisa Mittelsdorf motioned to approve the bylaws as presented with changes. Ms. Mabbott seconded.

Discussion:

Ms. Doherty expressed discomfort with the budget process highlighted in the bylaws and said she felt the Consortium should adhere to full ORS budget laws for governing bodies.

Ms. Mittelsdorf replied that the consortium is not obligated to comply with those laws and by adopting them, it adds to compliance requirements and increases potential for mistakes.

Legal advisor, Eileen Eakins, explained that the bylaws include more stringent budget procedures than required and almost identical to what is required of most other public entities.

Ms. Mittelsdorf then said she was opposed to the notice period and had stated that at a previous review of bylaws establishing the budget committee.

Ms. Mabbott addressed another section of the Bylaws, with questions regarding the composition of the budget committee.

It was then proposed to strike 5.2 and say *the Board will establish a budget procedure via written policy.*

Ms. Mittelsdorf then withdrew her motion.

Ms. Mittelsdorf motioned to approve the bylaws as presented, replacing 5.2 with “the Board shall establish a budget process by separate resolution”. Ms. Doherty seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Request for Reimbursement

Valerie Ballard

A post office box was rented by Valerie Ballard under the direction of Consortium Manager, Matthew Jensen. The rental is \$110 per year.

Ms. Doherty motioned that Valerie Ballard be reimbursed for rental of a post office box for Consortium mail. Ms. Mittelsdorf seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Other Business

Mr. Jensen went to Salem to testify on behalf of West Glen regarding Oregon Senate Bill 5531, which would modify the amount and purposes of lottery bonds authorized to be issued to specified state agencies.

An outreach meeting is planned for West Glen residents for June 18 and invitations will go out once the location is finalized.

Starting June 1, City of Boardman will conduct a study on out of district water rates to provide residents will detailed information on what joining the municipal water system will cost.

There was discussion on setting a meeting schedule with locations and the consensus was Tuesday evenings appeared to be best, and the next meeting was set for June 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

3:10 p.m.