

**COLLABORATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2020 at 3:00 pm**  
**Courtyard Conference Room**

**Committee Members:**

Gene Merrill (Chair)  
Bryan Hawkins (Vice Chair)  
Tripp Androy  
Shauna Bland  
Sam Engel  
Ron Goss- Absent  
Jon Bowen- Absent  
Kenny Houck – By Phone  
Josie Molloy- Absent  
Colene Martin  
Cameron Camp- Absent  
Julie Thomas  
Paul Lonnquist  
Kim Dickson- Absent  
Vacant-Natural Resources

**Government Liaisons:**

Susan Seereiter – City Business Advocate  
Darin Fowler – County Commissioner  
Jean Ann Miles – City of Cave Junction  
Dennis Roler – City Councilor- Absent

**Guests:**

Tracy Thompson  
Taylor Graybehl  
Amber DeLay  
Valerie Lovelace  
Marta Tarantsey  
Doug Walker

**1. Roll Call**

- a. Chair Merrill opened meeting at 3:00

**2. Public Comment:**

- a. Doug Walker shared information about the Housing Advisory Committee and alignment effort with CEDC and formulation of a sub-committee
- b. Tracy Thompson introduced himself as Director of the Innovation Hub
- c. Valerie awarded Gene Merrill with a vocational service award.
- d. Marta explained the One Stop that convenes funders together to help with infrastructure needs for public entities.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Approval of minutes from January 6, 2020.

**Motion**

**Member Androy moved and Member Martin seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2020 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”:**

**Committee Members: Engel, Bland, Lonnquist, Hawkins, Thomas, Androy, Martin, Houck and Chair Merrill. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None.**

**Absent: Members Camp, Bowen, Goss, Dickson and Molloy. The motion passed.**

**4. Work Session Items:**

**a. Recap of City Council Strategic Plan**

- Chair Merrill shared his experience and presentation at the strategic planning session.

**b. Prioritize Goals/Action Items for coming year**

- Chair Merrill outlined the workplan and went through line item goals such as broadband and housing.

- It was decided that the CEDC have a sub-committee to work with the Housing Advisory Committee to address like minded recommendations that will be discussed at the Joint Board of County Commissioners and City Council on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner Fowler mentioned that the County has agreed to set aside 150K from the lottery funds economic development for the Grants Pass airport runway extension.
- There was discussion about the importance of solving the water issues in the NV Industrial Area too.
- The committee also stressed the need for staffing of the Josephine County Housing Advisory Council.
- The bottom line is the need for an extended runway. There are several grants that the Airport has been successful in obtaining. The need is to have a reserve for the extra 10% needed for the match. There is great support for all of the activities that are being housed at the airport.
- The ask for the airport was if the City and County would consider contributing to the funding for the extension of runway for next five years.

#### **Motion**

**Member Martin moved and Member Androy seconded the motion to nominate Sam Engel, Julie Thomas and Jean Ann Miles for the Housing Sub-Committee.**

**The vote resulted as follows: "AYES":**

**Committee Members: Engel, Bland, Lonquist, Hawkins, Thomas, Androy, Martin, Houck and Chair Merrill. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None.**

**Absent: Members Camp, Bowen, Goss, Dickson and Molloy. The motion passed.**

#### **5. Information Sharing:**

#### **6. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:**

- Housing Update
- Youth-Labor development
- Broadband providers informational
- Spalding update

#### **7. Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

#### **Next scheduled meeting:**

**Monday, March 2, 2020 at 3:00 pm, Courtyard Conference Room**

*Minutes prepared by Susan Seereiter, City Staff Liaison.*