Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes  
October 30, 2019  
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room  
Heppner, Oregon

**Present**  
Chair Jim Doherty  
Commissioner Melissa Lindsay  
Commissioner Don Russell  
Darrell Green, Administrator  
Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector  
Justin Nelson, County Counsel  
Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant

**Special District Representatives**  
Jerry Healy, Port of Morrow  
Bob Houser, Morrow County Health District  
Linda LaRue, Morrow County Unified Recreation District  
Skip Matthews, Willow Creek Park District

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**Orchard Wind Project**  
**Strategic Investment Program Agreement**  
**Community Service Fee Distribution**

**Call to Order:** 1:35 p.m.  
Discussion took place to determine if a quorum was present. Commissioner Russell contacted Marc Rogelstad, Chief of the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District. Chief Rogelstad asked Commissioner Russell to vote in his absence. Commissioner Russell removed himself from the dais and sat in the audience to represent the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District.

Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector, presented background information. He said the County entered into a SIP agreement with Orchard Windfarms on August 28, 2019. The 50 megawatt, 16 tower project will be between Butter Creek and Bombing Range Road, north of Highway 207. Included in the agreement is a Community Service Fee (CSF) to affected districts within the project area. Those six districts include:

1. Boardman Rural Fire Protection District  
2. Morrow County Health District  
3. Morrow County Unified Recreation District  
4. Port of Morrow  
5. Umatilla-Morrow Radio District  
6. Willow Creek Park District

Mr. Gorman reviewed the table he prepared to show the estimated CSF to each district. He said past SIP agreements were calculated using the same method – dividing the dollar amount by each district’s tax rate to determine the CSF.

Chair Doherty said the County opted not to take its share of the CSF in the last few SIP agreements. He asked if a vote was needed to confirm that.
Mr. Gorman replied that intention could be reflected in the way a special district representative frames the motion.

*Ms. LaRue moved to distribute the Community Service Fee by percentage of tax rate and exclude the County from receiving any, specifying the CSF will be given to the six special districts using the tax rate for special districts, since the County negotiated monies outside of this.* Mr. Houser seconded. Discussion. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Mr. Gorman asked that each special district hold a meeting very soon to solidify today’s action with a resolution.

**Adjourned:** 1:50 p.m.