

MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
110 N. Court St., Heppner, Oregon
Zoom Meeting Information Below

AMENDED

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - 9:00 a.m.**
2. **City/Citizen Comments:** Individuals may address the Board on topics not on the agenda
3. **Open Agenda:** The Board may introduce subjects not on the agenda
4. **Executive Session:** Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) – To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent
5. **1:30 p.m.: Potential Decision or Action Item**
6. **Business Item**
 - a. **Comment Letter, True Organic Products’ Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director)**
7. **Adjournment**

Agendas are available every Friday on our website (www.co.morrow.or.us/boc under “Upcoming Events”). Meeting Packets can also be found the following Monday.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Roberta Lutcher at (541) 676-5613.

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this agenda includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting; however, the Board may consider additional subjects as well. This meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. Executive sessions are closed to the public; however, with few exceptions and under specific guidelines, are open to the media. The Board may recess for lunch depending on the anticipated length of the meeting and the topics on the agenda. If you have anything that needs to be on the agenda, please notify the Board office before noon of the preceding Friday. If something urgent comes up after this publication deadline, please notify the office as soon as possible. If you have any questions about items listed on the agenda, please contact Chair David Sykes, 541-256-0379.

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Margaret Hoffman, State Director
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 1801
Portland, OR 97204

Via Email

Re: Fertilizer Production Expansion Program application from True Organic Products, Inc.

Dear Ms. Hoffman,

This letter is in response to your January 25, 2023 letter regarding potential funding for True Organics, Inc. and its fertilizer business located in Morrow County.

Morrow County supports the USDA grant to True Organics and its organic fertilizer business, in general. However, we want to be clear that our support for funding is not to be misconstrued in anyway, as approval of any land use permits or other environmental review required for the business expansion.

Our Planning Department has been in communication with the owners of True Organics. They are aware that local land use permits must be secured prior to any expansion of the business located in Boardman, Oregon (77996 Tower Road).

Your letter also requested comment on potential environmental and related impacts of the project. Until we better understand the proposed business expansion, we are not able to comment on environmental impacts. As part of the land use permitting process, the Planning Department will provide notice to the public, as well as other local and state agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

David Sykes
Chair

Jeff Wenholz
Commissioner

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