

Military Economic Advisory Committee Minutes
April 18, 2019
Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, Boardman, Oregon

Attendees: Bob Guertin, Larry Lindsay, Stephen Wrecsics, Stan Hutchison, Don Russell

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Introductions were made and minutes from March were reviewed and approved as presented.

Mission, Goals, and Objectives Discussion:

During this discussion the group agreed to begin generating objectives related to the following goal at the MEAC meeting in May:

- ☐ Mutually develop and implement an early notification, communication and coordination process between the military, developers and local governments to address projects under and near military training and operations areas.

Measure 56 Notice, Solar Rulemaking:

The county noticed affected landowners of Land Conservation and Development Commission proposed amended rules that, if adopted, could limit landowner's ability to develop solar energy facilities on their land. The first rule would ban solar development on Class 1, 2, prime or unique soils within the Exclusive Farm Use zone. The second would allow the county to approve facilities exceeding the current 12-acre limitation on high value farmland if the proposed project has a secondary use within the site boundary, i.e., apiary, or grazing use.

Energy Project Updates:

Boardman to Hemmingway – ODOE is coordinating with review agencies while drafting the Draft Proposed Order (DPO). ODOE has an anticipated DPO issuance timeframe of May 2019, with public hearings in June. The schedule for the DPO hearings has been released, however, it is specific only to the Counties and Cities in which those public hearings are to be held. Time and locations of hearings are to be finalized prior to the public notice of the DPO. As related to the federal process, the IPC archeological study was submitted to Oregon SHPO restarting the section 106 clock. Tribes and IPC have reached a mutual agreement on cultural issues and are wrapping up tribal consultations.

Green Energy Corridor - Rulemaking notice expected in June. No other updates.

Wheatridge – County provided limited comments to Amendment 4 request and has received the request to amend local CUP as it pertains to Amendment 2 and Amendment 3. Comment deadline has been extended; Morrow County has met the original deadline.

Nolin Hills – No updates.

Orchard Wind – Contractor selection expected by May with start of construction in fall 2019. Planned operation middle of 2020.

Boardman Solar – Local CUP has been issued. Gilliam County CUP for GenTie is still pending. Tentative 2020 to begin construction.

Carty Solar – Site Certificate issued, no other updates.

Harp and Morrow Solar – Both Harp Solar and Morrow Solar projects were sold to Avingrid.

MEAC Mapping Discussion:

The group brainstormed ideas for the types of projects and infrastructure they would like to see mapped for the May MEAC meeting and generated the following list:

- ☐ Existing and Proposed ODOE and local projects
 - Wind
 - Solar
 - Other
- ☐ Military Airspace, and MTR's
- ☐ Existing Transmission Lines
- ☐ Proposed Green Energy Corridor
- ☐ Measure 56 Soils

Military Updates:☐ **Navy**

RACUIZ release expected in August 2019. Navy would like to have further discussion with the group during the June MEAC meeting. Brush clearing operations have started around NWSTF Boardman.

☐ **Army**

UXO sweep of the footprint for the proposed Oregon Guard flight facility has been moved to May 22, 2019. RFQ shortlist for firms completed. RFQ under DOJ review. Flight facility will include admin space, hanger, and 1000' runway for UAV operations. Biomas facility planning underway for the Umatilla County side of the Army Depot, will service 5 facilities in the depot cantonment area. OMD is hiring seasonal employees for wildland fire suppression. OMD has also received funding for additional suppression equipment to include an additional brush truck.

Items for the Good of the Order:

- Next MEAC meeting May 16, Lexington.

Meeting adjourned 10:00a.m.