

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA  
OREGON INVESTMENT BOARD  
Wednesday, October 19, 2016  
CGCC Indian Creek Campus, Room 203, Hood River, OR  
10:00 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

OIB Members: Ken Bailey, Jack Miller, Rick Leibowitz, Kristine Mier, Tammy Miller, John Southgate and John Kasberger.

Staff: Amanda Hoey, Sherry Wickert and Eric Nerdin.

Guests: Victor VanKoten and Carolyn Meece (Business Oregon)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

John Kasberger called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

John Kasberger requested that any Board member disclose any conflict of interests for any of the topics to be reviewed today. None were noted. Round table introductions took place.

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 MINUTES:**

Jack Miller moved to approve the minutes from September 21, 2016. Kristine Mier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Sherry Wicket reported that MCEDD's audit field work was completed. The MCEDD audit includes OIB as a component. Sherry presented the financial report for the period ending September 2016. Sherry reported Principal Repayments of \$96,570.34 noting that it included the loan payoff from Oregon Growers and Shippers. She reported that Professional Services expenses was \$9,225.80 and included payments for MCEDD's contract, legal fees and a loan filing fee to AmeriTitle. Sherry reported that the Loans Receivable Balance was \$1,643,752.50 and Available to Grant/Loan Balance was \$1,208,296.61.

Ken Bailey moved to accept the financials as presented. Jack Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion: Jack Miller stated that he liked having both versions of the financial statement and that he referenced both. John Kasberger asked why Oregon Growers and Shippers paid off their loan. Eric Nerdin stated that they were able to acquire a lower interest rate and better financing through a traditional lending institution.*

Rick Leibowitz joins the meeting.

**HOOD RIVER LEARNING CENTER**

Amanda Hoey and Eric Nerdin explained the background, overview and status of loans with Hood River Learning Center, LLC.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Per ORS 192.660 (h) Litigations, the Oregon Investment Board moved into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

Regular session was reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

**BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

Amanda Hoey reported that at the last meeting the Board reviewed proposed changes to the organization's Bylaws. She presented the edited Bylaws and reported that the discussed changes had been incorporated into the document for the Board's final review and approval.

Ken Bailey moved to approve and adopt the bylaws as presented. Jack Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion: Tammy Miller asked what constituted quorum. Amanda responded that it was a simple majority, which is four members.*

**DELINQUENCY REPORT UPDATE**

Eric Nerdin presented an update on Van Kessel, Inc., Sage Creek and Defiance Brewing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Per ORS 192.660 (f) Exempt Documents, the Oregon Investment Board moved into Executive Session at 11:17 a.m.

Regular session was reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

**LOAN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

Amanda presented an overview of the Oregon Investment Board Loan Committee. She also reviewed the role of the committee and requested the Board to discuss if the Loan Committee function was still useful and if so, to appoint new members to the Loan Committee

*Discussion: Rick Leibowitz asked if the Loan Committee was necessary. He stated that he did not think it was. Ken Bailey explained the background and stated that while it had a purpose in the past, he did not think it was necessary now. John Kasberger asked how any new or updated information could/would be communicated to the Board if there was not a Loan Committee meeting. Amanda explained that an addendum to the staff report would be presented. Jack Miller stated that most of his questions get answered at the Board meeting. Ken Bailey stated that if the Board decided to discontinue the Loan Committee they could reinstate it in the future.*

Rick Leibowitz moved to discontinue the Loan Committee. John Southgate seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS, GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

John Kasberger reported that he had discussed with Eric the large volume of disbursed funds and lack of future deals in the pipeline. John also stated that the banking industry was seeing similar trends. John Kasberger asked John Southgate and Tammy Miller to discuss what they were seeing and hearing in Multnomah County. Both stated that they have seen some growth in real estate. John Southgate

noted that Portland was a second tier market and that it was receiving an increase in international marketing efforts. Carolyn Meece reported that Business Oregon was seeing an increase in new businesses but noted that it is difficult to get them interested in the OIB geography.

John Southgate left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Amanda Hoey reported that the November OIB meeting is scheduled in Cascade Locks and then will move across the river to Stevenson for the annual bi-state meeting. She requested the Board note these two meetings on their calendars. Amanda also provided an update on the board appointments status and invited the OIB board members to the next regional economic development strategy meeting on October 27, 2016 in Stevenson.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.