

# **Columbia River Gorge Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**June 23, 2004**

***A complete record of this meeting is available on audiotape***

Location: Columbia River Gorge Commission office

#1 Town and Country Square, White Salmon WA

Time: 9:30 a.m.

### ***MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE***

Kenn Adcock

Doug Crow

Jane Jacobsen

Walt Loehrke

Joe Palena (by telephone)

Dave Robertson

Kathy Sheehan (by telephone)

Anne Squier

Wayne Wooster

### ***MEMBERS ABSENT***

Judy Davis

Michael Farrow

Dan Harkenrider

Joyce Reinig

### ***STAFF PRESENT***

Martha Bennett, Executive Director

Kathy Obayashi-Bartsch, Administrative Assistant

### ***AUDIENCE PRESENT***

Cornelison, Peter. Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Doke, Mike. Port of Hood River

Schafroth, Steve. Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCCEDD) and Oregon Investment Board (OIB)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Squier at 9:34 a.m. and she announced that two Commissioners, Sheehan and Palena, were participating via conference call. She said the special meeting was called for the certification of Economic Development Grant # H04-0109. This is a \$30,000 grant to fund tenant improvements for the Columbia Gorge Community College in the Big 7 Building

Bennett introduced the issue and explained the Port of Hood River has applied for a \$30,000 OIB grant to partially fund improvements to the Big 7 building that will allow the Community College to provide instruction and services at a satellite campus in Hood River. The Big 7 building is eligible for the National Historic Register, but the Oregon

State Historic Preservation Officer has found that the improvements will not adversely affect the historic character of the building. She said that because it a historic building it doesn't not qualify for the expedited process. She said staff recommends the Commission certify the application as it is consistent with the Management Plan and the Scenic Area Act.

Chair Squier asked if anyone in the audience (?) wished to make comment on the item and there was no response.

Commissioner Crow asked why the OIB exceeded its maximum grant award of \$10,000. Doke explained that the reason for exceeding the \$10,000 amount was based on the value of the project to the area.

Commissioner Jacobsen asked when the facility would be open. He said they plan to have possession of the site by mid-August, to meet fall opening schedule of late September.

Commissioner Wooster asked what the enrollment was projected to be. Doke said the site would serve 300 students per day, with operating hours from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and this would just account for the student enrollment, not the technology or skill center.

Commissioner Adcock moved to certify the economic development grant and Commissioner Wooster seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Business**

As there was no other business, Chair Squier adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7/13/04 at The Best Western Hood River Inn, Hood River Oregon

Minutes taken by Kathy Obayashi-Bartsch

Minutes approved on 8/10/04