



**Umpqua Valley Development Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
12:00 pm
Zoom Video Conference Call**

Board Members Present: Richard Heard, Kelly Morgan, Steve Loosely, Linda Samek, Nikki Messenger, Kelly Morgan, Lisa Yop, Ryan Tribbett, Dallas Heard

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Phillip Scheuers

Other Attendees: Scott Carroll (News Review)

I. Call the Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Umpqua Valley Development Corporation was called to order by the Board President at 12:03 pm. A quorum was present.

The Board President read the following statement: “Due to COVID-19, we are holding this board meeting via video conference. We will be recording this meeting and making it available to the public at www.umpquavalleydevelopment.com. We will leave the meeting minutes open for public comment through Friday, July 3, 2020 for any members of the public to submit comments to info@umpquavalleydevelopment.com. Any comments received will be entered into the minutes and shared with board members.”

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

June 30, 2020 board meeting minutes were distributed to the Board for review.

Motion: Richard Heard moved to adopt the draft minutes. Lisa Yop seconded the motion. All members voted yes. Motion passed.

III. Officer to the Board Report

The Officer of the Board presented the following update to the board members.

State of Oregon Bond Sale



During the beginning months of the COVID-19 pandemic, Oregon took measures to bend the curve on inflection. The temporary closures of bars, restaurants, and other facilities have led to a dramatic decline in lottery revenues to the state. The Office of Economic Analysis stated in their June 2020 Economic and Revenue Forecast that lottery revenues for the 2019-21 biennium are projected to be 23.7% less than forecasted when Lottery Bond was authorized in the 2019 legislative session. \$10 million of the lottery bond approved during the session were earmarked for the Southern Oregon Medical Workforce Center.

The State of Oregon must maintain a 4-to-1 debt to revenue ratio regarding Lottery Revenue Bonds. After June 30, 2020, the State Debt Policy Advisory Commission analyzed the impact of the updated forecast on the state's debt to revenue ratio and shared it has dropped to a 3-to-1 ratio. Unfortunately, the commission has shared Lottery Revenue Bond will not be issued in the spring of 2021, as was originally planned. This means funding will not be available for grants that were approved by the 2019 legislature. This was not a decision by a legislator or the Governor to cut funds. The lottery bond cancelation was issued by a trigger of declining lottery revenue. The trigger is meant to keep the state in a positive 4-to-1 debt to revenue ratio for lottery funds.

Actions Taken

- The Officer to the Board held meetings with the legislative leadership. Leadership noted their knowledge that the SOMWC is an Oregon Solutions project, have match funding committed, and other financial commitments related to this project - such as CHI's financial commitment to UCC for reaccreditation. Leadership will be meeting with the State Treasurer to discuss options.
- The Officer to the Board visited with the Governor's office.
- The Officer to the Board visited with Oregon Solutions.

Options

- The project might be able to be reauthorization under a different bond type. Legislative leaders have shared a preference not to re-debate the merit of projects already approved. They would prefer to re-authorize projects under new bonds before the 2021 Session.
- The project can be reauthorized in the 2021 Legislative Session. SOMWC project has a strong standing to obtain reauthorization with match funding, other funding commitments, and, by then, a completed Oregon Solutions process.
- The project could seek new funding sources through other partners.

Next Steps

- The Oregon Solutions process will move forward as scheduled. This only gives the project a stronger standing for any of the options. The Oregon Solutions team agrees.
- Staff will continue to work with the leadership leaders, Governor's office, and others to evaluate all three options mentioned above and report back to the board.

Upcoming Meetings

- OIT Meeting - This week a meeting is scheduled with OIT.



- Oregon Solutions Scope of Work - Staff will be meeting with Oregon Solutions to produce a confirmed scope of work for the two groups.

President Heard asked board members if there were any additional questions. N. Messenger asked if there will be a need to resign DAS agreements related to the bonds. Staff shared that it is likely new documents would be needed, but more information would be available as the three previously mentioned options are narrowed down

See no further questions, President Heard moved to the next agenda item.

IV. Next Steps

President Heard asked staff to clarify what are the next steps. Staff shared the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

V. Adjourn

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Minutes Submitted By: Ryan Tribbett, Officer to the Board
Minutes Approved: July 28, 2020