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Portland, OR

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## Attendance

**Members Present:** Kanth Gopalpur, Commission Chair; Representative Janelle Bynum, District 51, Clackamas; Jessica Gomez, Rogue Valley Microdevices, Inc. (participated by telephone); Thomas Insko, Eastern Oregon University; Senator Betsy Johnson, District 16, Scappoose; Katherine Lam, Bambuza; and Keith Leavitt, Port of Portland

**Members Absent:** Paula Hayes, hue noir; and Kelley Minty Morris, Klamath County Board of Commissioners

**Staff Present:** Chris Harder, Director; Nick Batz, Government Affairs Manager; Chris Cummings, Assistant Director, Economic Development; Nathan Buehler, Marketing Manager; Art Fish, Incentive Coordinator; Bryan Guiney, Regional Development Officer; Ramona Rodamaker, Assistant Director, Operations & Finance; Brian Rogers, Executive Director, Arts Commission & Cultural Trust; John Saris, Finance Manager; Kate Sinner, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Manager; Ed Tabor, Program Services Manager; Gina Wiedrick, Executive Assistant; and Jenny Wilfong, Chief Financial Officer

**Guests:** Greg Fallon, AutoDesk, Inc.; Erin Flynn, Portland State University; Mark Gregory, Oregon Small Business Development Center Network; and Denise McCarty, AutoDesk, Inc.

Meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

## Welcome/Introductions

Chair Gopalpur welcomed attendees to the meeting of the Business Oregon Commission. Mr. Fallon gave a brief history of AutoDesk, Inc., what they do, the use of artificial intelligence in the office; it was started in Tigard, Oregon, about 25 years ago, and has about 200 employees. Future talent is important, looking at expanding to full capacity of up to 500 employees. They also have 8,000 square feet set aside for start-ups, rent free, no strings attached except that the companies are required to use AutoDesk software.

Chair Gopalpur introduced new commissioner Tom Insko, and everyone in the room introduced themselves.

## Innovation Quadrant

Ms. Flynn gave an introduction, areas of focus, and future plans (see presentation for details).

Commissioner Gomez joined the meeting at approximately 9:56 a.m. via teleconference.

## **Approve Proposed Meeting Minutes**

**Action:** Chair Gopalpur called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2018, meeting; Commissioner Leavitt moved and Commissioner Lam seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Minutes approved.

## **SIP Community Service Fees/Resolution Approval**

Mr. Fish gave an overview of the Strategic Investment Program and these two special resolutions:

- Distribution of Local Community Service Fee Under Strategic Investment Program, Pursuant to Resolution No. SIP-17-03: on September 29, 2017, the commission determined that the Umatilla County Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility was an SIP-eligible project to be assessed and taxed as provided in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 307.123. Today, the commission is being asked to approve the community service fee as outlined in the documents.
- Distribution of Local Community Service Fee Under Strategic Investment Program, Pursuant to Resolution No. SIP-17-04: on September 29, 2017, the commission determined that the Vadata Data Centers were an SIP-eligible project to be assessed and taxed as provided in ORS 307.123. Today, the commission is being asked to approve the community service fee as outlined in the documents.

Copies of the city of Umatilla and the Board of Commissioners of Umatilla County resolutions are on file.

**Action:** Chair Gopalpur called for a motion to approve Distribution of Local Community Service Fee Under Strategic Investment Program, Pursuant to Resolutions No. SIP-17-03 and SIP-17-04 for the Umatilla County Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility and the Vadata Data Centers respectively; Commissioner Leavitt moved and Commissioner Lam seconded the motion.

**Vote:** SIP Community Service Fees approved.

Representative Bynum joined the meeting at approximately 10:32 a.m.

## **Oregon Capital Access Program Transfer**

Mr. Saris gave an overview of the project.

**Action:** Chair Gopalpur called for a motion to approve the transfer of funds from the Oregon Business Development Fund to the Capital Access Program; Commissioner Lam moved and Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion.

**Vote:** transfer approved.

## **Break**

At approximately 10:42 a.m., Chair Gopalpur called for a break. At approximately 10:54 a.m., Chair Gopalpur reconvened the commission meeting.

## **Budget Presentation**

Director Harder and Ms. Wilfong went through the budget as per the presentation.

Note that the overall Lottery Funds dollars (of the whole state) doesn't take into account the summary judgements from pending lawsuits and how much money will be lost to those lawsuits.

At approximately 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Gomez signed off from the meeting.

## **Break**

At approximately 12:19 p.m., Chair Gopalpur called for a break. At approximately 12:51 p.m., Chair Gopalpur reconvened the commission meeting.

## **Budget Presentation Continued**

Marine Modal Transportation Plan for \$750,000—The commissioners are not comfortable with this ask. Director Harder will work with staff to reword and add language to describe more specific goals and outcomes.

Asia Trade Representative for \$500,000—This is a great opportunity for developing opportunities for younger people, especially minorities; a great opportunity to reach these communities through internships. Director Harder will follow up with Representative Bynum on understanding this better.

At approximately 12:59 p.m., Senator Johnson left the meeting.

Chair Gopalpur stated that the board does not have the authority to approve the budget, but rather would make a recommendation to proceed. However, there is no longer a quorum now, and Business Oregon staff need to make a second pass to the budget, make changes, and email the final draft to the commissioners in the coming weeks.

## **Public Comment**

No public comment was presented.

## **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

The September 21, 2018, meeting needs to be rescheduled and Ms. Wiedrick will follow up with the commissioners.

Director Harder announced the upcoming departure of Ms. Rodamaker, her work and institutional knowledge will be greatly missed; her position will be filled as soon as possible.

Meeting closed at 1:28 p.m.

Draft Minutes

**Approved by:**

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Kanth Gopalpur, Chair  
Oregon Business Development Commission

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Chris Harder, Director  
Business Oregon

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