

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**August 16, 2018**

1:50 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room  
434 NE Evans St

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Starrett, Richard L. "Rick" Olson and Stan Primozich.

STAFF: Laura Tschabold, Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch and Carrie Martin.

GUESTS: Nathan Brown, USDA Rural Development; Jill Reese, USDA Rural Development

TOPIC: USDA Rural Development Work Session

Commissioner Primozich called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

Jill Reese outlined the USDA community support programs for rural development. She explained several programs available to communities; rural housing, utility, business and cooperative services. Ms. Reese also explained the mobile home loan replacement/rehabilitation program. There was discussion regarding the water districts and their individual needs (Yamhill/Carlton S.D., COSSD and the City of Lafayette) in addition to discussion regarding telecommunication funding rural areas with broadband services.

Nathan Brown discussed the Rural Business Development grant which is intended to fund technical projects. The money is prioritized to rural business technical assistance. It applies to new and expansion projects and non-profits. There was discussion about applying this type of grant to local businesses. Other programs Mr. Brown also noted the Loan Guarantee program through banks year round which USDA guarantees. He noted typical loans are large \$250,000 or more but can work with smaller amounts. Mr. Brown stated that he would be the contact for small rural businesses interested in the RBD grant process.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Carolina Rook  
Secretary

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