

INFORMAL WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 14, 2020 1:30 p.m.

Room 32, Courthouse
535 NE Fifth St.

Present: Commissioners Casey Kulla, Mary Starrett and Richard L. “Rick” Olson

Staff: Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch, Josephine Ko, Silas Halloran-Steiner, Lindsey Manfrin, Carrie Martin, Keri Hinton and Nohely Barajas-Montalvo

Guests: Nicole Montesano, News Register and others as listed on the sign-in sheet

Commissioner Kulla called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

A. CALENDAR SESSION: This time is reserved for the review of the commissioner’s joint schedule (if needed).

The Commissioners reviewed joint schedules for January 14 through January 31, 2020. No other county business was discussed.

B. WORK SESSION: This time is reserved for topics of discussion scheduled for the Commissioners in advance. If a work session is not needed, the balance of the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

1. Work Session – OSU Extension Services

a. Meet and greet.

Kelly Watcherson introduced Mike Bondi, Director of North Willamette Research Extension Center. He provided an overview regarding the agricultural research that the center conducts as it relates to the diversity of farming crop industries in the Willamette Valley region.

b. End of work session

C. INFORMAL SESSION: This time is reserved for briefings, receipt of reports, consultation among commissioners and staff, reports from commissioners on recent actions in the areas of their responsibilities, and other personnel and administrative decisions as appropriate.

1. Department Updates – None.

2. Thursday Formal Session Agenda Review

a. Consent Agenda Review (keep or move to non-consent)

There were no items on the consent agenda.

b. Non-consent Agenda Review (add to consent or leave off)

The consensus of the Board was to move items F1 through F6, minus F3 to Thursday’s consent agenda. Item F3 will remain on non-consent.

3. Executive Session - None

4. Commissioner Updates/Announcements/Discussion:

a. Discussion for submitting a letter of support for the reopening of the Willamette Falls Locks. (Commissioner Olson)

Commissioner Olson requested consideration to draft a letter of support related to reopening the Willamette Falls Locks minus financial commitment. The consensus of the Board was for Commissioner Olson to draft a letter and move its consideration to Thursday's consent agenda.

5. Adjourn

Following commissioner updates the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Carolina Rook
Secretary