

Present were Chairman Patrick Collins, Committee Members Doug Bennett, Luke Swanson, Weston Putnam, Jennifer Roberts, Drex Bailey, and David Bothum. Councilor Primmer, EOTEC General Manager Al Davis, City Manager Byron Smith, and City Staff Holly Lambert were also in attendance.

Guest Present: Steve Wallace

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 5:13pm. Introductions were made.

May 2nd, 2024, Minutes

Luke moved and Doug seconded to approve the May 2nd, 2024, EOTEC Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Barns Expansion

Byron reported the barns are set to be completed in time for the 2024 Umatilla County Fair. After the Fair, concrete will be added to a portion of the small animal barns.

Doug shared the new concrete scales for animals are in place.

Steve shared the electrical work (fire alarms and new fans) are to be completed by August 1st.

David suggested the desirability of permanent fencing to help keep animals off the grassy areas during events. (Temporary fencing is currently being used.)

Field Expansion- HEROS

Luke reported lighting should be ready and may be able to showcase the new lighting during the Umatilla County Fair to light the field parking area.

Steve asked if the light poles are numbered with large visible font for ease of locating parked cars.

Al answered the light poles have numbers, but not with large visible numbers. This is something to be considered.

Luke shared the HEROS committee has received a couple of grants and is working toward fundraising the final million dollars needed to complete everything planned to establish the fields. He also shared the ongoing issues of water and water retention for the fields. The committee will continue to work on improvements in this area.

Al shared he continues to work on a plan to keep the ground level by negating the effects of wind and soil erosion.

Operations Update

Al reported multiple events happening in the same time frame is occurring more often at EOTEC, as originally intended when built. This past weekend hosted six different events happening at once and ran smoothly. He shared barrel race events are continuing with multiple roping's and a concert coming in September.

Luke asked if EOTEC has begun to consistently charge parking fees at spectator events.

Al replied not at this time.

Other

A brief discussion was held regarding the flow of Rodeo and Fair parking and the watering of the fields during the Fair.

Al shared an ongoing conversation to bring seven-on-seven football to EOTEC in conjunction with Parks and Recreation.

Next Meeting- September 5th, 2024, at 5:30PM

Chairman Collins adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.