

Present were committee members Jennifer Roberts, Doug Bennett and Patrick Collins. Also present were Mayor Dave Drotzmann, City Manager Byron Smith, EOTEC General Manager Al Davis, & City staff Holly Lambert.

Committee members Jessica Narain, Luke Swanson and Weston Putnam were excused.

Committee member Mike Kay and Youth Advisor Member Cesar Morfin Morales were absent.

No action taken due to no quorum. Attendees briefly introduced themselves and updates were shared.

### **Barns Expansion Project Report**

Byron reported the county has received their million-dollar grant money for improvements to the county fair. The City is awarded \$277,000 that has not yet been received. The City will provide all documentation for the grant and reimburse costs as the barn(s) are expanded.

### **Report on Field Expansion Project**

Byron reported Made to Thrive will lease the property, receive donations and pay expenses toward the field expansion. Approximately \$300,000 raised to date, mostly in in-kind donations.

### **Operations Updates**

#### **2022 Umatilla County Fair**

Doug shared overall numbers, parking, vendor profits and Youth Livestock Sale (a new record @ \$1.1 million) were up this year. The new Youth & Parents BBQ was well received, serving over 600 meals. The Fair Board is looking to expand into STEM educational opportunities in the future. He shared one thing that would be beneficial for all during Fair Week next year is to expand parking availability.

#### **2022 Farm City Pro Rodeo**

Al stated numbers were up Friday and Saturday nights for the rodeo.

#### **EOTEC**

Al shared EOTEC hosted the Champions program for the last two weeks with the elementary schools delayed start, the biggest roping event is coming up and Fall Festival featuring BBQ competition/dueling piano's/Faith & Blue the second weekend of October. Al shared event bookings are back to pre-pandemic levels, but noted overall attendance at events is still a little lower than pre-pandemic.

#### **Other**

Byron mentioned as the City resumes full management of EOTEC, there will be discussions on name rebranding.

**Next Scheduled Meeting- October 6th, 2022<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.