



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.**

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer; Phillip Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon; Arnie Kampfer; Troy Jones and Shayla Escudero, Reporter for Democrat-Herald.

1, 2, 3. At 9:30 a.m. Chair Nyquist called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Chair; Will Tucker, Vice-Chair and Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Courtney Leland, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer was excused.

4. Approval of Agenda.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Approval of the August 29, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the August 29, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Reports of Staff and Committees: There were no reports of staff or committees.

7. Correspondence: Commissioner Sprenger asked for clarification if whether or not a letter had been sent to the Oregon Department of Energy in regard to the Muddy Creek Solar Project. Commissioner Nyquist indicated that he assumed the deadline to submit

comments by Saturday, August 12, 2023 was correct and that a letter was sent to the Oregon Department of Energy on Friday, August 11, 2023.

8. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept the Personnel Action Forms list as Exhibit 1. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Resolution & Order 2023-332 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Lebanon Aquatic District.

**Action taken below.**

C. Resolution & Order 2023-336 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Koos Seed Co.

**Action taken below.**

D. Resolution & Order 2023-337 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Schmizza Public House.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-332, 336 and 337. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Nyquist thanked Courtney Leland, Office Specialist III, on behalf of the Board, for managing the Youth Wage Grant applications.

9. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: Commissioner Tucker indicated that on Monday, September 11, 2023 there would be a ceremony held at the Linn County Courthouse and an AOC meeting would held in Salem the afternoon of Monday, September 11, 2023.

10. New Business: Commissioner Sprenger thanked Commissioner Nyquist for his support in regard to her absence last week.

11. Announcements: There was no announcements.

12. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): Troy Jones, "Friends of Gap Road"; 22335 Gap Rd Harrisburg, OR 97446.

Mr. Jones thanked the Board for their position in regard to the Muddy Creek Solar Project and wanted to reiterate his opposition and, again, asked for support from the Board. Commissioner Tucker asked Mr. Jones about his communication with the


Oregon Department of Energy in regard to the Muddy Creek Solar Project and Mr. Jones indicated that they had a lot of support from the community which included support from Representative Boshart-Davis. Commissioner Sprenger stated that if there was anything in particular Mr. Jones wanted from the Board, he should be descriptive. She encouraged any audience members to advocate their position for the record. Commissioner Nyquist discussed the Muddy Creek Solar Project proposition and the negative impact it could have and how it would affect the people the most who lived from Harrisburg to Wilsonville. A discussion continued.

Arnie Kampfer, "Friends of Gap Road", 23511 Gap Rd Harrisburg, OR 97446.

Mr. Kampfer spoke in opposition of the Muddy Creek Solar Project and wanted to advocate on behalf of the people who live in the area in regard to the aesthetic value of the land. He thanked the Board for their support. Commissioner Nyquist indicated that the financial impact was severe when it came to back taxes for this project. Commissioner Tucker thanked Mr. Kampfer for his advocacy to the Oregon Department of Energy.

13. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

 Recorder  
For Board of Commissioners  
Courtney Leland

**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Roger Nyquist, Chair

  
William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair

  
Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 9-12-2023