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County hears Lime, watershed update

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Shirtcliff and Erickson discussed the agreement with the Board, and Shirtcliff said that it's a two-year contract, and it would mean additional revenue from the State to the County of around \$30,000.

Erickson discussed Intergovernmental Agreement No. 13786, between the County and the Oregon Youth Authority, for the services of and reduction of juvenile crime, with the Board.

The agreement, which was approved, with a motion from Harvey, and a second from Nichols, is also a two-year contract, and the County would be compensated in the amount of \$36,912.

Baker County Social Media Policy No. 13.3.1 was adopted, with a motion from Nichols, and a second from Harvey.

Prior to approval, Lee discussed the policy with the Board, which Lee said is a more clarified policy, as requested by staff.

Morris, who has been Executive Director for about the last eighteen months, provided a Powder Basin Watershed Council (PBWC) update, first explaining that historically, the PBWC provided the County with an update yearly, but that's not been the case for the last couple of years.

He spoke about the formation of the PBWC and other similar councils. In 1987, he said, the Clean Water Act was modified to include "nonpoint source pollution," which is when rural areas were added (urban areas were previ-

ously the main focus). Councils such as the PBWC were formed in the mid-1990s, after the development of water advisory boards, he said.

Christo said that the PBWC administers three basic programs: education and outreach, data collection, and in-stream restoration (he provided copies of the PBWC Monitoring & Assessment, Restoration & Education 2016 Annual Report, and the PBWC Monitoring Program 2014 Full Report).

Among the Monitoring & Education highlights for 2016, the PBWC: monitored 73 water quality sites across the Powder Basin; used 31 volunteers, including students from three Baker County schools, to collect water samples; completed the final year of nutrient monitoring on the Powder River for 20 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sites; and completed engineering designs for the Lower Clear Creek Restoration Project.

Among the Outreach & Education highlights for 2016, the PWBC: had 85 volunteers, for a total of 641.51 hours; saw 5th and 6th grade attendance of 135, of students from Haines and South Baker, who participated in the Council's third field day event; had 37 guests and 12 students attend the Council's Fair and Spring Tours; engaged community members in five public watershed learning events and two river cleanup events; provided watershed education for approximately 140 students of Haines Elementary

and South Baker, at the Sixth Grade Outdoor School Event; and distributed three issues of the Council's newsletter, The Thalgeweg, to 3,700 basin residents (The Thalgeweg is also regularly available at the Baker County Library).

Christo said that the PWBC is in its third and final year of data collection for the Water Quality Monitoring Program in 2017, and a final report will be available by March 2018, covering 78 monitoring sites across the basin, by that time.

The Lower Clear Creek Restoration Project will include revegetation and stabilization of bare banks, improved fish habitat, fencing, and design work to address fish passage barriers.

The PWBC expects to off more educational and outreach presentations during spring and fall, to continue offering Field Days, and to participate in Baker Public School's Summer Academy and Outdoor School, among other details.

A public hearing was held in the matter of Ordinance No. 2017-04, Amending The Zoning Map Adopted By Ordinance No. 84-1, The Comprehensive Plan Adopted By Ordinance No. 2000-04 (Which Readopted Ordinance No. 83-2), And The Baker County Zoning Ordinance Adopted By Ordinance No. 2014-01; Creating An Overlay To The Timber-Grazing Zone Titled Limited Use Tourist Commercial Overlay (LUTCO) For Tax Lot 400 In Township 07 South, Range 38 East, Section 4C.

Kerns and Quam introduced and detailed the matter, using the County's interactive Smart Board, after Harvey read a hearing statement, and the Daniels, the applicants, provided further testimony, with details and highlights of the benefits to the surrounding communities, of adherence to standards, and of efforts regarding mitigation.

Hardt provided brief testimony in favor, and there was no other testimony offered, either in favor, or in opposition. Ordinance No. 2017-04 was approved to be read by title only,

with a motion from Harvey, and a second from Nichols, and the matter was continued to the Wednesday, June 21, 2017 regular session, at 9:45 a.m., with a motion from Harvey, and a second from Nichols (two public hearings before the Board are required).

Order No. 2017-132, Appointing A Member To The Baker County Fair Board, was approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols.

Ann Kniesel was appointed, her term set to expire on May 1, 2018.

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