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Letters to the Editor

Creamer has interest in entire county

To the Editor:  
Hello to the voters at large of Morrow County. This coming week you will be asked to vote for Port of Morrow's commissioners for two expiring terms. I would like to recommend the reelection of incumbent Dan Creamer. He has served us well in this capacity and has the interest of the entire county in mind

in his service. He is well versed in the functions of the Port of Morrow and the many dreams of the future that are anticipated.

Let's return Dan to his incumbent position and let him realize the satisfaction of realizing the completion of some of the many challenges he has worked toward.

Sincerely,  
(s) David Barnett

Grace has expertise

To the Editor:  
This letter is written in regards to position no. 2 race on the Port of Morrow Commission Board coming up for election in March.

With the continuing diversification in business development going on at the Port of Morrow it is more important than ever to have commissioners with a solid financial background to analyze business ventures and help Port Commissioner Gary Neal review possible business relationships.

John Grace, a local banker, has those qualifications. Besides working in a commercial bank on a daily basis, John also serves on the GEODC board where he has

gained valuable experience in reviewing business plans.

His expertise and experience would be a valuable asset to the Port of Morrow.

Both in incumbent Dan Creamer and Gene Allen are long time residents of North Morrow County and are quality individuals, however both of them lack the financial background that I feel is important in this race.

Please support John Grace in the Port of Morrow Commissioner Position No. 2 race.

Sincerely,  
(s) George Koffler

Sharkey puts in maximum effort

To the Editor:  
I would like to voice my support for Bill Sharkey for reelection to the board of commissioners for the Port of Morrow. I have known Bill since he came to Boardman some 20 years ago. Since that time Bill has been involved in a lot of public volunteerism. He has been a city councilman, a member of the board of directors of the park and cemetery districts and for the last eight years as a port commissioner.

Bill is not one to get elected and then sit there with a title and do nothing. When Bill takes on a job

he puts the maximum effort into making sure that the job has been done right, as is evidenced by his time spent this last year on the commission. He took time out of his day on 80 different occasions to be involved in port business. There are few people with this commitment and time. There has also been a tremendous amount of growth in the eight years that Bill has been involved. It is for these reasons that I urge you in joining me in supporting Bill Sharkey for reelection.

Yours truly,  
(s) Vernon Russell

Grace nice addition to port commission

To the Editor:  
Elect John Grace Port of Morrow Commissioner. John's experience as vice president of GEODC has already brought us some local benefits.

He has some ideas about using the federal Jobs Training Partnership Act to develop local sons and daughters to fill the ever expanding employment base at the port.

Our Port of Morrow has been an aggressive and irreplaceable leader in locating industries to add value to local produce and develop jobs. John Grace's energy and experience would be a nice addition to the port commission.

Respectfully,  
(s) Eric Anderson

Vote for Creamer

To the Editor:  
I am writing this letter in support of Dan Creamer for port commissioner. Dan has been able to have a positive impact on the port these last four years. Dan, as a retired tug boat captain has been active in the planning and design of the expansion of the dock facilities. Dan has also helped to pass the resolution in both the planning commission and the port commission to build a road through the Boeing property from Ione to Boardman.

Dan has worked hard with the Oregon Public Ports Association (as vice president) to lobby for Bill 996 (gas pipeline for the cogeneration plant), as well as Bill 2429, which helped with dock and dredging activities.

Dan has also been active in the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association's efforts to gain help at the federal level towards dredging, fish and timber issues. Vote for Dan Creamer.

Sincerely,  
(s) Kent Goodyear

Grace has solid financial background

To the Editor:  
I was delighted to see that John Grace, the manager of Inland Empire Bank's Morrow and Gilliam County bank branches, has thrown his hat into the ring for Port of Morrow Commissioner.

John's expertise in financing and business development, together with his clear headedness, and a can do attitude towards getting a job accomplished, would dovetail well with the leadership exhibited by Kent Goodyear, commission president, and Gary Neal, the Port manager.

I have worked with John over the last several years on the board of directors, executive and loan committees of the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation, and have grown to appreciate his good judgement, ability to work with people and

his deep knowledge in finance. These qualities have helped that organization grow.

John has been instrumental in disbursing the GEODC's offices from Umatilla County to Heppner, where we now have our new headquarters, and in getting the services of the GEODC spread to all of the outlying communities in our five county area.

I see John Grace as an emerging leader in a younger generation of Morrow County citizens who can add tremendous new dimensions to the abilities of the Port of Morrow in its service to business and industry, and to all of us citizens.

I strongly recommend your vote in support of John Grace in the coming March mail election.

Very truly,  
(s) John Prag

Grace qualified for commissioner

To the Editor:  
John Grace is running for commissioners for the Port of Morrow in the March election. He is well qualified for this position. As manager of the Boardman branch of Inland Empire Bank he is well aware of the economic activity

going on in the area. He also services many customers in the south end of Morrow and Gilliam Counties and is attuned to their needs. John will be a great asset to the Port of Morrow. I urge you to vote for John Grace.

Signed,  
(s) Buzz Logan

Sharkey's performance warrants support

To the Editor:  
As a past port commissioner of Morrow County, I know for a fact, it takes a great deal of time and energy to be a port commissioner.

An effective and efficient commissioner should travel and attend meetings outside of the area, in addition to the monthly port meetings, to be a well-informed commissioner. Bill Sharkey has done this. He has worked part of or all of 80 days in the past year, serving you the voters of Morrow County. Obviously, he is concerned about the welfare of Morrow County and its citizens.

He knows the history of the Port of Morrow, how it functions, and what its goals are in

trying to promote economic growth for all of Morrow County. Currently, he is on the negotiating committee for the cogeneration plant, and with his support, this soon could be a reality and a great asset to Morrow County.

Bill Sharkey tries to be as accurate and concise as possible, he wants to know all the facts before voting any decision that affects you, the citizens. His experience and knowledge of the Port of Morrow is of great value. I strongly urge you to vote and reelect Bill Sharkey, Port of Morrow commissioner.

Sincerely,  
(s) Colleen Nuttbrock  
past commissioner, '84-'85

Supports Grace

To the Editor:  
It is my pleasure to recommend to the voters of Morrow County my support for the election of John Grace to the Port of Morrow Commission. Our generation of citizens in Morrow County needs to have leaders of John's ability speaking on our behalf for the future development and progress of Morrow County.

John Grace's ability to cut clearly to the point and seek out new and better ways to finance business have been greatly appreciated by us in our ongoing business affairs and I am sure that the same sort of expertise would be invaluable to the Port of Morrow Commission.

John's service to Morrow County includes serving on the planning commission of Morrow County, the board of directors of Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation, and as past director for Community Action

Program of East Central Oregon. John has been active in working with various groups promoting affordable housing for our communities, as well as being a past member of a citizens' advisory panel for the jobs training act.

I strongly support the election of John Grace to the Port of Morrow Commission in the March election.

Sincerely,  
(s) Lee Docken

Consider balance, re-elect Sharkey

To the Editor:  
Bill Sharkey has been a commissioner of the Port of Morrow the past eight years, and during that time has had a great deal of input into the direction of the Port. He has great knowledge of the daily operations of the port and his help was invaluable for several months when we were between port managers.

Bill has spent a great deal of time and effort over the last two and a half years with me on the

"Joint-Venture" committee negotiating a successful conclusion to the agreement on the "Coyote Springs" Cogeneration Plant to be built by Portland General Electric.

When you vote for this important position, I hope you consider the balance we currently have on the Port Commission. Re-elect Bill Sharkey.

Sincerely,  
(s) Kent Goodyear

Current port works well

To the Editor:

When the Port of Morrow was formed, no provision was made to zone the county-wide district to provide representation on the Port Commission which would assure representation of the entire county. At port commission elections, commissioners were selected on the basis of the highest votes even if all commissioners should come from only one area of the county. While serving on the port commission, I was concerned about this because it held the possibility of leaving some communities without representation on the Port Commission. Other commissioners were equally concerned. An investigation revealed that at the late date, attempts at zoning would have almost meant dissolving the port and starting over. This was out of the question. However in recognition of the

problem the commission voted to number all of the commissioner's positions so that voters would vote on each position separately and in that way there would be at least a good chance that equal representation could be maintained. For the past eight years this has worked well. Present commissioners are: Kent Goodyear, Heppner; John Bristow, Ione; Larry Lindsay, north Lexington; Bill Sharkey, Boardman; and Dan Creamer, Irrigon. These commissioners have worked well together in the best interest of the county wide port district. All are experienced and have spent much time and effort in furthering the port. I believe this is a pattern of representation on the port commission that needs to be maintained.

Sincerely,  
(s) Matt Doherty

Allen for Port Commissioner

To the Editor:  
If we are to be all we can be, then we must all work together to assure that it comes to pass.

That is what Arthur Allen believed two and four decades ago.

He was very successful in that. If you choose politics as usual with no particular vision in mind,

then I say you deserve it.

On the other hand, if you choose a clear vision based on experience, high intelligence and the will to serve all of Morrow County, your choice is clear.

It is Gene Allen for Port Commissioner Position #2.


Gene Allen has earned your trust and deserves your vote.

(s) Mabel Allen

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