

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION PORT OF MORROW
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

1:30 p.m. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and Oregon Revised Statutes ("ORS") 777.565, that the Port of Morrow, Oregon (the "Port"), will hold a public hearing and consider a resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., in the offices of the Port, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818. If adopted, the resolution will authorize the issuance of exempt facility revenue bonds for a qualified solid waste disposal facility pursuant to Section 142(a)(6) of the Code and as described in ORS 777.250(4)(c) in one or more series, issued either separately or together, tax-exempt or taxable, pursuant to a plan of finance, in the maximum aggregate principal dollar amount not to exceed \$65,000,000 (the "Bonds") and loaning the proceeds of the Bonds to Red Rock Biofuels, Inc. (the "Borrower") to be used by the Borrower for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping an advanced biofuels production facility converting waste woody biomass into renewable drop-in jet, diesel and gasoline blended fuels located at 18281 Kadmas Road, Lakeview, Lake County, Oregon 97630, approximately 64 acres of land located northwest of the corner of Highway 395 and Kadmas Road, Lakeview, Oregon 97630 and approximately 10 acres northwest of the intersection of Roberta Road and Stock Drive

Lane, Lake County, Oregon (the "Project"). The Borrower is the owner of the Project. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comment on the issuance of the Bonds by the Port. The principal of and interest on the Bonds will not constitute a debt of Port, nor shall the Bonds be payable from a tax of any nature levied upon any property within the Port nor within any other political subdivision of the State of Oregon. The Bonds will be payable only from the revenues and resources provided by the Borrower. Section 147(f) of the Code requires that the issuance of the Bonds be approved by the Board of Port Commissioners of the Port, as the applicable elected representatives of the governmental unit issuing the Bonds, after a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing will be to provide a reasonable opportunity for members of the public to express their views, orally or in writing, regarding the issuance of the Bonds and the uses and purposes of the proceeds of the Bonds. The hearing will be conducted in a manner that provides a reasonable opportunity for persons with differing views to be heard on the question of the issuance of the Bonds. Written comments also may be mailed to the Port of Morrow, Oregon, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818, to be received one business day prior to the public hearing. This notice is published pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 777.565 and the public approval requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code and the regulations and rulings issued thereunder. PORT OF MORROW
Published: October 21, 2020 and October 28, 2020 Affidavit

Obituaries

Grace A. Baker

Grace A. Baker, 87, of Lexington died, Monday, October 5, 2020 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A graveside memorial service was held on Friday, October 9, 2020 at the Lexington Cemetery.

She was born March 2, 1933, at Monument, OR, the daughter of Perry A. and Lydia J. Cox Wilson. She was raised in the Hardman area and graduated from Heppner High School.

In May of 1952 Grace enlisted in the United States Air Force where she served as a Radio Tech. Grace was honorably discharged in July of 1953.

She resided in Polson, MT, Kinzua and Heppner, OR.

Grace married Elmer Steers on March 14, 1954 at Lewiston, ID. The couple had two children, a son Harry Duane Steers and a daughter Nola Steers. Elmer died January 15, 1984. She married Ed Baker October 1, 1984 in Heppner.

She was a homemaker and school bus driver for Morrow County School

District. Grace was a member of the American Legion for many years, serving as chaplain and secretary.

Grace is survived by her husband, Ed Baker of Lexington; son, Harry Duane Steers and his wife Irene of Pensacola, FL; daughter, Nola Binschus and her husband Delbert of Heppner; stepson, Pat Baker of Ione; stepdaughter, Maggie Mabe of Heppner; grandchildren, Sam Steers, Alena Phillips, Dustin Steers, Mindy Wilson and Jacob Steers; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and siblings, Lulah Wilson, Floyd Wilson and Betty Breeding.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Elmer Steers; son, Ronald Steers; her parents and brothers, Tom Wilson and Johnny Wilson.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at sweeneymortuary.com.

Umatilla Forest to host field trip

The Umatilla National Forest will host a field trip to the proposed Ellis Integrated Vegetation Project (Ellis Project) on Oct. 22, 2020. The purpose of the field trip is to share information about the Ellis Project, discuss project objectives and proposed alternatives, and to gather information from the public about values that they would like the Forest Service to consider in project development.

The field trip will begin at 10 a.m. at the Kelly Prairie pull out, located on Forest Service Road 53 (the Western Route), approximately 2.3 miles west of Coalmine Hill campground.

Those interested in attending the public field trip are asked to bring water and a lunch. The field trip format will follow current Morrow County COVID-19 protocols for outdoor meetings.

The Ellis Project encompasses 110,000 acres spanning both the Heppner and North Fork John Day Ranger Districts of the Umatilla National Forest. The project is designed to increase forest health and vigor; enhance shrublands, aspen and meadows; improve wildlife habitat; decrease wildfire risk; and provide timber to support local economies. Proposed actions for the project include forest thinning,

BEO Bancorp reports third quarter earnings

BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced third quarter 2020 consolidated net income of \$1,366,000 or \$1.15 per share. Total assets were \$692.4 million; net loans of \$518.3 million; deposits were at \$552.6 million. Shareholders' equity was at \$41.0 million.

"2020 continues to be a very interesting year, unlike anything any of us have ever experienced with pandemics, fires, floods, political and social unrest. Even with the strange economic environment that goes along with these factors, the bank had good earnings for 3rd quarter 2020. As a predominantly agricultural-based bank, we, along with our communities, are impacted by the ups and downs of farming and ranching. We are pleased that, for the most part, crop yields were above average, there was decent feed in the summer grazing areas and commodity prices have rebounded from ear-

lier levels," said President and CEO Jeff Bailey.

Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said, "Interest rates continue to be at record lows; good if you are borrowing but discouraging for depositors. The Fed's monetary policy has flooded the market with liquidity in order to stimulate the economy, pushing rates downward. It appears we will be in this rate cycle for a while."

Chief Operations Officer Gary Prophet said, "We thank our customers for their patience and understanding as COVID precautions have at times disrupted normal branch hours and availability. We are also very proud of our employees' attitudes and work ethic, as all of us navigate strange times indeed."

Bailey concluded, "During third quarter we were able to eliminate our other real estate owned and continue to make sure that our loan loss reserve is funded appropriately. Most factors point toward an improving economy, but we are at the mercy of COVID, elections and so many factors outside of anyone's control. A prime example of how quickly things can change are the wildfires that have ravaged areas of the west. Our hearts go out to those impacted by these devastating fires."

prescribed fire, improving elk distribution and forage, placing large wood in meadow streams, invasive species management and road modifications.

The Ellis Project planning team is currently developing draft alternatives. The Forest will host a virtual community meeting later this fall. Additional information regarding the virtual meeting will be forthcoming.

For additional information about the upcoming public field trip, please contact the Heppner Ranger District office at 541-676-9187 or cynthia.doherty@usda.gov.

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