

Calvin Bennett joins Representative Greg Smith as Chief of Staff



Calvin Bennett in office. -Photo from press release.

SALEM – Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) has announced the addition of Calvin Bennett to his legislative team. Bennett steps into the role previously held by Dawson Quinton, who served in Smith's office for three and a half years. In this new role, Bennett will contribute to shaping legislative priorities and advancing initiatives for District 57.

Calvin Bennett is a graduate of Mitchell High School and Eastern Oregon University (EOU), where he earned a double major in Business Administration and Marketing, alongside a minor in Political Science. During his senior year at EOU, Bennett served as President of the Associated Students of Eastern Oregon University, gaining firsthand experience with legislative processes and Representative Smith's work in the state capitol.

Bennett expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity, stating, "Representative Smith's significance in Salem is truly unique. He

is someone who everyone looks up to in the capitol, and it is a deep honor to work with him."

Representative Smith shared similar sentiments about Bennett joining the team. "I am so incredibly excited to work alongside Calvin this session. He has an impressive resume, honest character, and it does not hurt that he is from one of my favorite small towns in Oregon," said Smith.

Representative Greg Smith, recently elected to his thirteenth term as a State Representative, is the longest-serving member in the Oregon Legislature and the fourth longest-serving State Representative in Oregon history. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government, Co-Vice Chair of the full Joint Ways and Means Committee, and ranking member of the House Revenue Committee.

Smith represents the entirety of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler, and Wasco counties, as well as portions of Clackamas, Jefferson, Marion, and Umatilla Counties. For inquiries, constituents can reach out via Representative Smith's Facebook page or email at rep.gregsmith@oregon-legislature.gov.

Myers Lane laydown yard supporting 107 new turbines for wheatridge



Wind turbine blades near Lexington at the laydown yard. - Contributed Photo

The laydown yard located near Lexington, is a key logistical site for the construction of the Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility in Morrow County. This yard facilitates the delivery, staging, and preparation of wind turbine components for installation at the Wheatridge East Wind Facility.

Timeline: In September 2019, turbine components began arriving at the laydown yard for distribution to final installation sites.

Purpose: The yard served as a centralized location to organize and transport parts for the facility's 300-megawatt (MW) wind farm, which includes over

100 turbines.

Location Role: Positioned near Lexington, Oregon, the yard supported the broader development of the Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility, which also incorporates a 50-MW solar array and a 30-MW battery storage system.

This logistical hub was integral to the successful completion of the facility, which began wind farm operations in December 2020 and added solar and battery storage components in spring 2022. Together, these technologies are said to provide enough power to approximately 100,000 homes.

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BEO Bancorp announces dividend for 2024

Heppner, Oregon, (November 21, 2024) "I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of BEO Bancorp has voted to declare a \$1.25 per share dividend for 2024. The dividend will be paid to shareholders of record as of December 6, 2024; payable on or before December 13, 2024," said President and CEO Jeff Bailey.

According to Board Chair Bob Armstrong, "BEO Bancorp has paid a dividend 38 of the past 39 years. Dividends reflect the financial stability and profitability of the bank. We are incredibly happy to be able to provide this dividend to our shareholders."

"The dividend of \$1.25 per share is up 8.7% com-

pared to the dividend paid in 2023. In addition, the \$1.25 per share is the highest dividend ever paid by BEO Bancorp. The board of directors and employees work hard to improve the overall strength of the bank, add value to our shareholders, as well as provide the brand of banking that our customers appreciate and expect from Bank of Eastern Oregon," said Bailey. He concluded by saying, "The support of our shareholders, communities and employees have made it possible for us to continue to be successful."

For further information on the Company or to access internet banking, please visit our website at <http://www.beobank.com>.



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Price Reduced

\$170,000

Charming 1900 Victorian Home in Heppner, Oregon – A Unique Opportunity! Step into history with this 1900 Victorian gem, located in the picturesque town of Heppner, Oregon. This two-story home offers 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Classic Victorian Style: From its timeless architecture to intricate woodwork and high ceilings, this home exudes vintage appeal. 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms: Plenty of space for a growing family. Detached Garage & Basement: A versatile space for storage, a workshop, or future renovations. Ideal for those with a vision, this property offers the opportunity to restore and personalize to your taste. With a little love and care, this house could become a stunning blend of classic and modern. Enjoy the charm of small-town life in Heppner while crafting the home of your dreams. Don't miss out on this rare chance. Selling as-is. 195 N COURT ST Heppner MLS#:24426505

Sheriff's Report

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MCSO June 27th

Civil Service

Officer initiated activity at Boardman Ave Nw, Boardman, OR. Civil Service #24-0344. Disposition: NEGATIVE

Contact

Parking Complaint Occurred at Rustic Truck Bar & Grill on E Highway 730, in Irrigon, OR. RP would like a Deputy to check out a white Ford Explorer SUV parked in their parking lot without plates. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Civil Service

Officer initiated activity at Sw Second St, Irrigon, OR. Civil Service #24-0345. Disposition: NEGATIVE

Contact

Driving Complaint Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon, OR. RP advised a tan Ford F-250 went past his house at a high rate of speed and turned on Brandon. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Vehicle Check

Officer initiated activity at Paterson Ferry Rd/ Columbia Ln, Irrigon, OR. The vehicle is off the roadway in the bushes. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Welfare Check

Occurred on Se Brandon St, in Irrigon, OR. RP is requesting a welfare check on the neighbor. Disposition:

Completed

Driving Complaint Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon, OR. RP advised of speeding vehicle. Disposition: ADVISED.

Extra Patrol

Occurred on Se Fourth St, in Irrigon, OR. Extra patrols for individuals tampering with vehicles. Disposition:

Completed

Building Check Officer initiated ac-

tivity at Heppner Market Fresh, N Main St, Heppner, OR. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Extra Patrol

Occurred on Ne Chase St, in Heppner, OR. RP advised someone tried to steal a trailer from her house last night. RP would like some extra patrols at night. She also has a John Deere tractor that she would like checked on. Disposition: COMPLETED.

June 28th

Dog Complaint

Officer initiated activity at Se Seventh St/Se Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. Deputy out with German Shepard. Clear, dog was returned to owner. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Trespass

Occurred at Se Brandon St/Se Eighth St, in Irrigon, OR. RP advised that a male and female were in his yard. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Area Check

Officer initiated activity at Stock Drive Rd/ Fuller Cyn Ln, Heppner, OR. Completed area check of Stock Dr. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Welfare Check

Occurred at Glen Haven Apartments 1-8 on Ne Pioneer Dr, in Heppner, OR. RP is requesting a welfare check on her sister and requesting contact back. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Vehicle Check

Officer initiated activity at Columbia Ln/Paterson Ferry Rd, Irrigon, OR. Vehicle tagged for tow. Disposition: VEHICLE TAGGED.

Citizen Assist

Occurred on Nw Water St, in Heppner, OR. RP is requesting assistance, locked out of her residence. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Noise Complaint

Occurred at Nw Oregon Ave/Nw Second St, in Irrigon, OR. RP advised her neighbors in the area are playing their music loud. Deputy responded, unable to locate. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on I 84 E, in Arlington, OR. RP advised of a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

June 29th

Civil Service

Officer initiated activity at Boardman Police Department, City Center Circle, Boardman, OR. Civil Service:

Process# C2024-0348-grand jury subpoena

Controlled Burn Log

Occurred at Morrow County Sheriff's Office on W Willow View Dr, in Heppner, OR. Controlled Burn Log for 06/29/2024. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Trespass

Occurred on Main St N, in Boardman, OR. RP advised there is someone sleeping in the building, female light blue shorts and dark blue shirt, dark hair. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Dog Complaint

Occurred on Se Court St, in Heppner, OR. Large Heeler dog chasing and attacking her cats outside. Disposition: CLOSED PENDING RECONTACT.

Noise Complaint

Occurred on Se Utah

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For Sale

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