



# Harney County Economic Development

Minutes  
Community Revitalization Team  
Wednesday, November 3, 2021  
5:30 PM- 7:00 PM  
484 N. Broadway, Burns OR  
And Via Zoom

## Attendees: In person

## Zoom

Pete Runnels-Harney County Judge	Patty Dorroh-Harney County Court
Kirby Letham-City of Hines	Brenda Smith – High Desert Partnership
Dan Brown-City of Burns	Heather Smith-The Historic Central Hotel
Gretchen Bates-Treasure Valley Community College	Tucker Billman-Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative
Judy Erwin-City of Burns	Curt Blackburn-Blackburn Real Estate
Steve Quick-Harney County School Dist. #3	Colby Marshall-Blackburn Real Estate
Marsallai Quick-City of Hines	Andrea Letham- Harney County SBDC
Dan Porter-Plectrum Music	Jeff Rose-Burns Bureau of Land Management
Greg Manning-Pioneer Project Partners	Misti Porter-Plectrum and Desert Moon Atelier
Barbara Cannady-Fair Value Auctions	Fred Flippence-Harney Electric Cooperative
Deanna Thrall-HC Chamber of Commerce	Jen Keady-Family Eyecare
Hilda Allison-The Truck Stop	Forrest Keady-The Historic Central Hotel
Denise Rose-HC Economic Development	Eric Squires-All Professional Real Estate
Will Keady-HC Economic Development	Susan Christensen-Greater Eastern OR Dev. Corp.
Keith Ziobron-Cardno	Irene Gonzalez- Small Business Administration
Nadya Vicente-Cardno	

**1. Introductions** Pete Runnels opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in person and by Zoom.

**2. Old Business** the minutes were provided on the website. Kirby moved and Judy seconded to accept the October minutes without changes.

### 3. New business

#### A. Regular Reports

**City of Hines, Kirby Letham-** in the interest of allowing time for the Cardno presentation, Kirby reported that the city is “doing a lot of work!” Current tasks are wrap up on projects he has been keeping the group aware of over the past months.

**City of Burns, Dan Brown-**The city is moving forward with forming the Urban Renewal Agency. The public meetings will be November 10 and 29<sup>th</sup>. There have been some questions and they have been able to provide a draft plan.

**Burns Paiute Tribe, Logan Hunt** –no report

**County Court, Judge Pete Runnels-**The weigh station east of town is up and running sporadically as it is being staff by the sheriff's department personnel as their schedules permit. It is surprisingly busy and providing a fair amount of revenue. The judge saw an Oregon Outback, Dark Skies presentation talking about night sky tourism, due to the unusually low ambient light in the county.

**Harney County Economic Development, Pete Runnels-** the Brownfield presentation will be informative, and the plan will be a useful tool as we recruit for industry and business development. There are two business expansion projects in the works and the First Home financing has been approved and the contractor hopes to start this fall with the foundation.

**Small Business Support Committee, Workforce Availability and Skills Committee, Infrastructure Committee, Housing Committee** – waived reports for this month

**B. Focus Work: Cardno Brownfield Economic Development District Plan and Update on progress with Brownfield work in Harney County**

Video recording of the presentation is available upon request, please contact the Economic Development office at 541-573-1638.

**General Announcements:**

**Greg Manning-** was in town with Cardno to tour the Lincoln building and evaluate for development. He sees some good potential for the additional property to be split out for housing and the building has a lot of great historic features. He asked for idea on the reuse of the Lincoln Building. The group discussed options which included condos, performing arts center and community gathering place.

**Eric Squires-**is a commercial real estate broker from Aloha near Portland and found the conversation very informative and will continue to explore options in the community.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 PM