



Harney County Economic Development

Minutes
Community Revitalization Team
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
5:30 PM- 7:00 PM
484 N. Broadway, Burns OR

Attendees: In person

Zoom

Guy McKay – Worksource Oregon	Valerie Long – HCED Staff
Kirby Letham – City of Hines	Manuel Mose – Burns Paiute Tribe
Greg Smith - HCED Director	Tracy Kennedy – Burns Paiute Tribe
Pete Runnels – Harney County	
Andrea Letham – Biz Harney/SBDC	
Tucker Billman - OTEC	
Deanna Thrall – Harney Chamber	
Ryan Bailey – HCED Staff	

1. **Introductions:** Greg Smith opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. **Old Business:** The minutes were provided for the July meeting. There were no changes or comments.
3. **New business:**
 - a. **Update on Biz Harney – Judge Runnels and Andrea Letham**
 - i. Branding process is underway, and the final product will be shared with CRT when it is ready.
 1. Tell a Story of Harney County – company based out of North Carolina working on a project regarding life in Harney County.
 - ii. Biomass – ongoing discussions with Business Oregon to continue this project.
 - iii. Youth collaborative with HDP. Developing a pipeline to develop county youth.
 - iv. Technical assistance for businesses. Brining in partners to support efforts.
 - b. **Open discussion regarding the future and format of the CRT**
 - i. The group is beneficial and needs to remain intact.
 - ii. Potentially deviate from the 4 set talking points.
 - iii. Major changes occurring in the County, in addition the cities. Change can lead to a loss of momentum.
 1. A productive next step would be to meet with incoming leadership to determine their standing.
 - iv. Daycare is an important monthly topic, as it heavily impacts economic development and the community as a whole.
 - v. The economy is only going to get worse; the CRT needs to be that resource for community businesses to turn to. The CRT also needs to be a voice for Harney

County that can express local concerns to larger organizations (Business Oregon, legislature, etc.).

- vi.** Recruitment for the group should be a major goal as well.
- vii.** There is a lot of competition for people's time, so CRT needs to be worthwhile for them.

Adjourned 6:30 PM

