



**Banks Economic Development Commission  
November 4, 2015  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** City Planner Stacey Goldstein called to order the Regular Meeting of the Banks City Council at 7:03 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Mayor Pete Edison, Councilor Mark Walsh, Councilor Michael Nelson, Planning Commissioner Rachel Nelson, Doug Nixson with Quail Valley Golf Course, and Rich Weitzel with SWATCO

Absent: Planning Commissioner Rodney Jacobs, Jeff Leo - Banks School District Superintendent

Staff present: City Manager Jolynn Becker, and City Planner Stacey Goldstein.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Michael Nelson motioned to accept the minutes as written, Mark Walsh seconded and the motion passed MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

**Economic Development Commission By-Laws – Review Draft:** The BEDC reviewed the proposed charter and by-laws document that is will be forwarded to the City Council as an Ordinance. There were some minor changes made, most notable to term limits. Stacey explained that the City Attorney suggested the work be included in the City Code along with the other commissions. The BEDC agreed on the changes and have the document forward to City Council to adopt the Ordinance that creates the Banks Economic Development Commission.

Mayor Edison and Jolynn Becker introduced the Salmonberry Trail document. Mayor Edison stated that he was unhappy that Manning Trail Head was the designated place for improvements and the Banks/Vernonia Trail Head was not recognized at the place for improvements. The BEDC discussed the importance of the Banks/Vernonia Trail Head as an economic development tool for the City of Banks. Rachel Nelson suggested we develop a case to present to the Portland State University Project Manager who will present the draft plan to the City Council in the next few months. The group agreed that we need to bring forward a case that the Banks/Vernonia Trail Head is the right location for investment to support our downtown and overall economic development pursuits, as opposed to the Manning Trail Head which is a parking lot in the middle of nowhere.

Stacey and Jolynn walked through the next steps. They would like to have the Banks City Council adopt the ordinance as an emergency to keep the project moving forward. Jolynn will speak to the City Attorney. Stacey said that John Morgan should be brought back for some goal setting assistance and provide direction to the BEDC regarding how to approach external stakeholders and when to bring them in.

**ADJOURN** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next Regular Meeting will be held on December 2<sup>th</sup>, 2015 or January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by:

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Angie Lanter – City Recorder