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December 14, 2022
McMinnville Economic Vitality Leadership Council
Regular Meeting

3:00 pm
Zoom Meeting
McMinnville, Oregon

Members Present: Carson Benner, Chris Chenoweth, Steve Patterson, Heather Miller, Trena McManus, and Mike Morris

Members Absent: Walt Gowell, Dani Chisholm, John Dietz, Deven Paolo, Ellen Brittan, Erin Stephenson, and Gerardo Ochoa

Staff Present: Gioia Goodrum - McMinnville Chamber of Commerce, Dave Rucklos - McMinnville Downtown Association, Patty Herzog - McMinnville Economic Development Partnership, Heather Richards – Community Development Director, Anne Pagano – Public Works Director, and Willy Williamson – McMinnville Airport Manager

Others Present:

1. Call to Order

Chair Benner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Minutes

- August 18, 2021

There was no quorum present to approve the minutes.

3. Discussion Items

- Airport Economic Strategic Plan (Anne Pagano and Willy Williamson)

Willy Williamson, McMinnville Airport Manager, discussed the Airport Master Plan, which was just getting started in the process. They planned to take an inventory of the airport and the focus of the plan was the needed infrastructure, identifying obstructions, activities, and community needs. They would also create an implementation plan. He discussed challenges with funding and FAA requirements for activities.

There was discussion regarding incorporating economic development, the Three Mile Lane development plan, and innovation center into the master plan process. There was further

discussion regarding the biggest opportunities at the airport, aviation related industries for the Three Mile Lane expansion, developing shovel ready sites for ancillary businesses, intention for the innovation center, scope of the project, property owned by the airport, state involvement in the plan, building a new terminal, electric airplanes and infrastructure, income resources, community engagement and advisory committee, hanger space and rents, examples of other city airports, demand for hangars in the region, and other uses for the hangers.

Community Development Director Richards said this was a priority of the committee and they wanted to help in the effort, such as creating a business plan.

4. Rumor Mill

None.

5. Citizen Comments

None.

6. Committee Member Comments

Chair Benner noted there was one at-large vacancy. The committee gave suggestions for possible candidates.

7. Staff Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

Chair Benner adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.