

COUNCIL REPORT

For Meeting of February 22, 2016

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO. 2016-

SUBJECT:
EOTEC Board
Appointment

Subject

Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC) Authority Board member appointment.

Summary and Background

On February 5, 2016, the EOTEC Authority Board accepted the resignation of David Bothum as a member of the Board. According to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) forming the EOTEC Authority, David was an appointment of the Hermiston City Council based on the recommendation of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo (FCPR) Board. He was recently reappointed by the council for a new term beginning on January 1, 2015. His successor would then serve the remainder of that term until December 31, 2018.

After David's resignation, the FCPR Board met and has recommended that Ed Brookshier be appointed to fill the remainder of David's term. Ed was a member of the EOTEC Authority Board from its inception. He has intimate knowledge of the project and a demonstrated passion for its completion. He served as the Board chair for the last year he was on the board.

Fiscal Information

This appointment has no direct financial impact to the City of Hermiston. However, EOTEC operational costs could have a substantial impact on the City and so having someone in place to help make the best possible decisions related to EOTEC is important.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Appoint Ed Brookshier to the EOTEC Board as recommended by the FCPR Board.
 - a. This alternative places someone very familiar with the project on the EOTEC Board that can assist in completing the project.
 - b. This alternative puts someone on the board that has established ideas related to the project.
2. Appoint someone else to the EOTEC Board.
 - a. Depending on the person, this alternative could potentially place someone on the board with new ideas and energy to complete the project.
 - b. Depending on the person, this alternative would place someone on the Board at a very critical time with little or no knowledge about the project.

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3. Leave the seat vacant on the EOTEC Board.
 - a. This alternative would allow existing board dynamics to continue and promote the timely project completion.
 - b. This alternative could leave the Board shorthanded and less able to do necessary business.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the selection of Alternative #1 to appoint Ed Brookshier to the EOTEC Board to fill David Bothum's unexpired term (12/31/18).

Requested Action/Motion

Motion to appoint as presented.



City Manager Approval