

BOARD MEETING

When: Monday, June 15, 2026

Time: 1:30 PM

Where: Klamath Idea (803 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601)

Name	Organization / Title	Present
Kelley Minty	Klamath County Commissioner – SCOEDD Chair (Officer)	X
Barry Shullanberger	Lake County Commissioner – SCOEDD Vice Chair (Officer)	X
Ashley Trushell	City of Bonanza – SCOEDD Treasurer (Officer)	X
Vacant	Vacant – Executive Board Member	
James Williams	Lake County Commissioner	X
Mark Albertson	Lake County Commissioner	
Andrew Nichols	Klamath County Commissioner	X
Shelley Batty	At Large – Lake County	
Larry Dugger	Underrepresented	X
Rod Duarte	People's Bank - Financial	X
Rashell Carvalho	Oregon Tech - Higher Education	X
Other Attendees		
Bethany Osborn	SCOEDD Loan Officer/Grant Coordinator - Klamath County Focused	X
Ginger Casto	Brownsfield	X
Cassady Brown	On The Verge (Re-Branding)	
Estella Woodley	SBC	X
Zak Kenney	Herald & News (Media)	X
Courtney Neubauer	Herald & News (Media)	X
Julie Jespersen	SBC	X
Darin Rutledge	Klamath IDEA	X

AGENDA

1. Open Session:

Call to Order 1:30 pm by Chair Minty.

Vacant Board Seat: Jonathan Teichert resignation leaves one executive spot open for recruiting a new Board Member.

May Minutes Approval: Commissioner Nichols motion, Ashley Trushell second – Board approves.

Financial Report: Bethany shared that she and Budget Committee are working on clarifying where current funds in each account came from; getting a picture of restricted vs. unrestricted funds. Shared this is very time consuming and challenging but she has also reached out to current funders for information. She has started re-coding accounts as of 7/1 for ease moving forward. Julie expressed some accounts have been re-ID'd for clarity and the group is still working on figuring out where the funds came from that started each account. "Pass-through" special accounts are now broken out separately to help with budget understanding.

Audit Update: Bethany states this is not yet moving forward, the next steps are finishing re-doing all the books in Excel instead of MIP. Auditor suggested getting more help for this, Bethany reached out to 2 accountants and has not heard back. 2 other Economic District Eds have offered help. Ashley would like to be a part of the meetings when the assistance comes to town. Commissioner Williams will take lead and reach out to other Economic District EDs to see who is available and willing to come for 2-3 days to the office within the next 15 days and help get everything on track-need help from experienced districts.

Current Loans: *Yarrow In Bloom* application – not moving forward at this time; questions from Loan Committee – on hold. Microloan programs also on hold at this time until financials and overall agency is settled and moving forward positively. Motion made by Commissioner Nichols to pause all new loan applications and programs until financial situation is straightened out, Commissioner Williams second – Board approves.

Lakeview IGA: Discussion regarding Business Oregon funds to The District (SCOEDD) to complete Brownsfield Project; Commissioner Shullanberger states 3:30pm today there was a meeting with the DEQ, Chair Minty deferred to Lakeview representatives for their input; Commissioner Shullanberger suggests waiting to hear DEQ input and move this item to next month after further information gathered. Board agrees.

Bylaws Change: Chair Minty suggested change to bylaws to allow a non-commissioner to be Chair of The District. Commissioner Williams expressed hesitation to change Bylaws, Commissioner Nichols stated support due to the event that another board member, non-commissioner, may be more experienced and a better fit from time to time. Chair Minty stated Commissioners will still make up half the Board total. Commissioner Shullanberger expressed that as a Commissioner the amount of time needed to devote to SCOEDD is already a concern at times without being Chair in addition, plus the distance to travel from Lakeview for meetings is already sometimes a daunting task. Bethany noted that an Executive Director appointment may alleviate stress on the Board. Commissioner Williams stated, and Commissioner Nichols echoed a concern to ensure Lake County is as represented as Klamath County if this change is made. Chair Minty expressed that a new chair will likely bring more energy and fresh ideas and enthusiasm to move the agency forward. Chair Minty motioned to allow Bylaws amendment to allow non-Commissioner to be appointed Chair. Commissioner Shullanberger second – Board approves.

Chair Appointment: Chair Minty motioned to approve Ashley Trushell as The District (SCOEDD) Chair moving forward as this is Commissioner Minty's last Board Meeting in the role. Ashley shared that she is eager to be involved and has been instrumental in researching and cleaning up the financials as Treasurer and wants to see the organization fiscally and overall healthy. Commissioner Nichols second – Board approves.

Treasurer Appointment: As Ashley was appointed to Chair of the Board, Chair Minty motions to have Rod Duarte appointed in vacant Treasurer seat. Rod has extensive financial background and thanked Board for the opportunity; Commissioner Williams second – Board approves. Bethany noted that new officers (and all Board Members) are encouraged to do online Economic District training or attend upcoming opportunity at Running Y later this month. Was sent via email.

Legal Update: Commissioner Nichols suggests this be moved to Exec session for next month.

Strategic Plan: Bethany updated that Phase I with On The Verge is complete, Phase II is an option moving forward as agency settles in after financial clean-up is complete. Survey was sent to Board and governor's office to design road map for The District moving forward; this was also shared via Herald & News. Suggestion from Chair Minty to still lay low on social media due to negative backlash from community still possible at this time.

Budget: Julie working on breaking out Grant Funding/reports – what money was received, what was spent and what is left for each portion of each grant budget line item; hopeful to complete by end of week. Rod suggests one document explaining as much as possible for budgets and current funds to expedite help for audit and assistance coming from other Districts. Large Board Budget meeting postponed – Budget Committee meeting scheduled 6/18.

Community Engagement/Floreecer: On hold for next month pending financial priorities at this time. Inquiry on competitiveness and how this company was chosen – conversation shifted to Brownsfield.

Brownsfield: Ginger clarified the request for Lakeview is for the downtown Lakeview road map/partners. Reminded that the deadline for the current project is 9/30. Also anticipating more information will come at the 3:30 meeting with DEQ. Expressed Lakeview has a new mayor, 3 new councilors and just lost the fiscal manager. Lakeview is not at capacity to take on managing the funds from Business Oregon, via EPA which is why the request is made for The District (SCOEDD) to be the pass-through entity to receive the funds, on a draw-down basis and act as the fiscal agent for this. Chair Minty shared that she is hesitant to agree to another financial project due to the current state of SCOEDD finances. Bethany & Ginger reiterated that this would just be pass-through funding and on a draw-down basis. Ginger states it will be more secure and safe through SCOEDD and that Lakeview just does not currently have any experience and really needs help. Chair Minty states she is still worried SCOEDD is being pulled in too many direction outside of our own capacity at this time. These are new funds from the EPA to Business Oregon to Lakeview. Commissioner Williams suggests moving this to next month's agenda and Commissioner Nichols expresses agreement in that this is brand new information and there has been no time to review and evaluate.

Bethany Hours: Bethany requested approval to work more than 25 hours per week. Commissioner Nichols moves to allow Bethany to work over her 25 hours per week allotted with a focus on priorities of finances, audit & grant reporting. Chair Minty seconds – Board approves.

Adjourned 2:45

Next Meeting July 13, Executive Session at 1pm, Public Meeting at 1:30pm.