

Meeting	Joint Meeting Between Morrow County (MC) and Morrow County Health District (MCHD)		
Date / Time	February 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.	Location	Gilliam Bisbee Building 106 E May Street, Heppner, Oregon
Chairs	Morrow County: David Sykes Morrow County Health District: Diane Kilkenny	Recorder	Sam Van Laer
Board Members	Morrow County: David Sykes, Jeff Wenholz, Roy Drago Jr Morrow County Health District: Diane Kilkenny, John Murray, Stephen Munkers, Trista Seastone, Scott Ezell		
Staff/Guests/Press	Morrow County Staff: Valerie Ballard, Greg Goebel, Matthew Jensen Morrow County Health District Staff: Emily Roberts, Nicole Mahoney, Sam Van Laer Guests: Troy Bundy, Bob Blackmore Press: None		

<p>Mission Bring essential health services to our rural communities that meet the unique needs of the people we serve.</p>	<p>Vision Be the first choice for quality, compassionate care, and lead the way in promoting wellness and improving health in our communities.</p>	<p>Values Integrity, Compassion, Quality, Respect, Financial Responsibility</p>
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Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Call to Order	<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Diane Kilkenny and David Sykes. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board Members and staff at the table introduced themselves.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emily Roberts, MCHD Chief Executive Officer 2. Sam Van Laer, MCHD Chief Clinical Officer (recorder) 3. Diane Kilkenny, MCHD Board Chair 4. Trista Seastone, MCHD Board Vice Chair 5. Stephen Munkers, MCHD Board Member 6. Scott Ezell, MCHD Board Member 7. Jeff Wenholz, MC Board Vice Chair 8. David Sykes, MC Board Chair 9. Roy Drago Jr, MC Commissioner 10. Valarie Ballard, MC 11. Greg Goebel, MC Deputy District Attorney
12. Purpose of Meeting(s)	Diane Kilkenny recited the outline of the agenda. Diane Kilkenny states the purpose of the joint meetings between MC and MCHD is to find common ground and to discuss the rules of the meetings, the framework,

	<p>media and press releases, and to set future meetings. Diane Kilkenny reports the intention is to do what is best for the community and the government by being good community partners.</p> <p>David Sykes agrees with Diane Kilkenny’s statement and reports that the Boards are not going to be able to move forward unless the past is let go. David Sykes states that specific topics worth solving should be identified for discussion and goals set at the next meeting without bringing up past transgressions.</p> <p>Valarie Ballard was asked to unmute John Murray, MCHD Board Member, on Zoom. John Murray introduced himself at this point in the meeting as he was unable to do so during the round table introductions.</p>
<p>13. Rules of the Meeting(s)</p>	<p>David Sykes suggests that this discussion should be among the Board members of each entity. David Sykes poses the question of whether non-board members will be allowed to speak or if comments will be received from the public present and on Zoom.</p> <p>Diane Kilkenny encourages participation to be civil, courteous, kind, professional, and without personal attacks. Diane Kilkenny states that public comment is not on the agenda. John Murray shares that he thinks the Boards should be communicating with each other.</p> <p>David Sykes asks if each board can ask their staff questions. Diane Kilkenny states that if either Board needs a questions clarified then they may ask their staff, but the staff may not lead the conversation. Boards agree that they will each govern their own staff’s participation.</p>
<p>14. Framework of Meeting(s)</p>	<p>Skip/integrated into other agenda items.</p>
<p>15. Media and Press Release Discussion</p>	<p>Trista Seastone recommends that the entities do not put out “he said, she said” press releases after these meetings. David Sykes inquires if the entities will be putting out press releases regarding the meetings. Diane Kilkenny states MCHD uses social media to distribute factual documents. David Sykes states that if they do not agree about what the facts are, then the MC may be putting out competing press releases. Scott Ezell suggests having the Board chairs approving statements on social media.</p> <p>Roy Drago Jr points out that two MC Commissioners is a quorum for their board and they cannot have conversations with each other regarding County business without a public meeting. Scott suggests the MC commissioners, Jeff Wenholz and Roy Drago Jr, communicate to their Chair, David Sykes, through County Counsel or their Administrator.</p> <p>Diane Kilkenny suggests only having press releases regarding the meetings coming out on each entity’s official website. John Murray suggests joint statements by the entities. David Sykes suggests sending the statements to each other from the joint committee. Diane Kilkenny clarifies this process is for what is discussed during the joint committee meetings.</p>

	<p>Scott Ezell discusses the need to implement additional rules as the meetings progress. David Sykes agrees. Roy Drago Jr states that the Boards cannot discuss anything that is not on the agenda.</p>
<p>16. Set Future Meetings</p>	<p>It is agreed that David Sykes and Diane Kilkenny will collaboratively set the agenda for the meetings.</p> <p>Roy Drago Jr states he will be vacationing 2/24/24 through 3/4/24, but will be able to attend via Zoom, preferably in the evening. The Boards agree evening meetings are preferred.</p> <p>Diane Kilkenny urges that the Boards meet often as there is little time left to cover a lot of ground. Diane Kilkenny opines that the entities should do business in front of the public and that the public may engage the Boards to ask questions or voice concerns after the meetings. The Boards agree on meeting a minimum of once per week.</p> <p>David Sykes inquires as what the agreed process will be for taking minutes during these meetings and how they will be distributed. The Boards agree that each entity will take their own minutes.</p> <p>The Boards agree that when the Boards decide on something of substance, each side will vote separately so there is record of the motion for each entity.</p> <p>The Boards agree that the meeting locations should alternate between North and South ends of the County. The Boards agree that these meetings are considered Special Sessions and require twenty-four hour public notice.</p> <p>David Sykes suggests using the Port of Morrow for the next meeting in the North end as it is a neutral location with facilities that can accommodate public attendance and equipment for the option to join via Zoom. The MCHD Board agrees with David Sykes. The Boards agree that Valerie Ballard will research and present the conference room options at the Port of Morrow to the Board Chairs, David Sykes and Diane Kilkenny, via email.</p> <p>The Boards agree to meet this coming Tuesday, 2/13/24, at 6:00 p.m. Roy Drago Jr suggests adding an end time to the meeting of 9:00 p.m. which may be extended by vote if the Boards choose. The Boards agree with this suggestion.</p> <p>The Boards agree that they will meet a minimum of once per week and will decide on the following meeting time at the end of each meeting.</p>
<p>17. Good of the Order</p>	<p>Roy Drago Jr encourages continued collaboration. Scott Ezell suggests to continue meeting once per month or once every six months even after this matter has been resolved to continue collaboration between the entities.</p>

	<p>John Murray thanks everyone for the chance to meet and communicate. Diane Kilkenny announces that she will be reaching out to her other Board members to gather the goals they would like to present. David Sykes agrees that Diane Kilkenny and he are the conduit for each of their Boards' input.</p> <p>David Sykes states that there will not be packets for the meetings, just an agenda. Diane Kilkenny states that she would like the meeting minutes posted. David Sykes states that he would like to discuss a joint press release with Diane Kilkenny in the morning.</p>
<p>18. Adjourn</p>	<p>With no further business to come before the Board, the Special Session adjourned at 6:43 p.m.</p> <p>Minutes taken and submitted by Sam Van Laer. Approved February 13, 2024.</p>

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