

Kennison project receives second diamond sponsor

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The Kennison Field Renovation Project received its second diamond sponsor Monday night, from the City of Hermiston.

The City agreed to invest \$100,000 in the project in exchange for access to soccer fields at Rocky Heights Elementary School, over a 33 year lease agreement. Aside from use of district green space, council members favored the economic development impact the Kennison Field Renovation Project poses for the community.

The facility will be capable of hosting OSAA state playoff games and have an artificial turf field. Being the only such facility on this side of Oregon, the district hopes to draw regional playoff games, preventing eastern Oregon schools from having to travel to the Portland area and reducing travel costs.

Thus far, the fundraising committee has raised \$565,000, from the following donors, closing 80% of the \$700,000 funding gap:

- OSU-Hermiston Agriculture Research & Extension Center
- Wenaha Group, Inc.
- Calpine Corporation
- Barnett & Moro, PC
- Lifetime Vision Source
- Threemile Canyon Farms, LLC
- Mid Columbia Bus Company
- Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation
- RDO Equipment
- Burns Mortuary of Hermiston
- Representative Greg Smith
- Ross Machine and Steel Sales, Inc.
- C Holt Real Estate
- Bob and Janet Severson
- O So Kleen, Inc.
- City of Hermiston
- Additional anonymous benefactors