

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 15, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Curt Schonbrod, Vice Chair Gary Hanenkrat, Gary Hercher, Gus Meyer, Jerry Dove, Darcy Jones, John Gettman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Garrigues, Steve Macartney

PW STAFF: Liane Welch, Jeanette Steinbach, Mike Wynands and Grant Graves

COUNTY EMPLOYEES: Commissioner Charles Hurliman

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 3 pm by Curt Schonbrod.

Item 2. Minutes Approval: Reviewed the minutes from the September 15, 2008 meeting and October 13, 2008 workshop. September 15, 2008 meeting correction is an addition to Page 2 **Latimer Road Intersection with Highway 101:** There is now the worry that we will *not* be able to comply with the terms of this agreement given the current financial status of the County, and a correction on Page 4 Ms. Welch stated that we cannot complete all of the *budgeted* projects included in this Plan based on the current funding of the department. The September 15, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with the corrections and the October 13, 2008 minutes.

Item 3. Vegetation Management Plan presentation: Mike Wynands, the licensed Herbicide Spray Operator went through a power point presentation of vegetation management. Control of vegetation, removing hazardous trees, and keeping the water off the road enables the road to stay dry and have less maintenance needs. Partnerships with State Parks, other agencies and landowners allow this to happen. Good vegetation management cuts down on road maintenance which saves the department money. Mike is working on other avenues to control vegetation. Darcy suggested hiring of work crew or the Nestucca Valley School. The work crew costs \$80/man/day, and Grant Graves will make contact Nestucca Valley School if they could help with the manual aspects of vegetation control. Discussed the revenue that could be obtained from the trees. The roads are not “fee title” so that would not be viable.

Item 4. Street Pix Viewer software presentation: Liane explained that this has been a great tool for the engineers, administration and operations staff. It is a record detailing everything that is on the road system. It is also a good for any liability questions that might arise. The software also shows the longitude, latitude, crossroad and milepost information. This software will be updated every 2 years. Members applauded this addition to the Road Dept. stating that it will only help manage the road department more efficiently. The committee was asked to review the County’s Vegetation Management Plan for discussion at the next meeting in January 2009.

Item 5. Construction Project Update:

- Long Prairie Road/101 Intersection: This project will be completed soon.
- Johnson Bridge: The Bridge will be temporarily opened in January, closing again in spring to complete the project. The members recommended a 4-way stop sign on the North at 20MPH with a Stop Ahead sign. This is only a temporary opening. Public works will be responsible for maintenance of the temporary roadway. It was recommended that pot holes not be fixed to reduce speed. *Amendment at the 01-12-09 meeting, Gus to clarify that the area the potholes are not going to fixed by the Johnson Bridge project is on the*

gravel portion which is the south side of the approach. The debris under the bridge will be cleared by the contractor.

- Blaine Road: This is a federal highway project. Construction is stopped until spring 2009.
- Latimer Road/101 Intersection: Discussed some outstanding issues with the pavement quality and curbing. The cul-de-sac is meant for future commercial improvements.

Item 6. FEMA/FHWA Projects:

- Salmonberry Bridge: The mini RFP has been submitted, and the IGA w/ODOT was signed by the Board of Commissioners. Liane encourages strong coordination with the Port and Utility companies for this project. Jerry said that the Port has posted a “No trespassing” sign for liability concerns.
- Fawcett Creek: Culvert is being replaced by a bridge. Liane reviewed the Design Acceptance Plan report today and has completed a hydraulic analysis, geotechnical analysis, and bridge and roadway design that meet local and state standards. She hopes construction will begin in the summer of 2009. A local contractor was interested in helping with replacement of the culvert, but Liane said that this project needs Cultural Resource Investigation, Archeological analysis, and water quality compliance. That area now has barricades with lights and a rock pile that has been placed for safety.

Item 7. Road Dept Update:

- East Beaver Creek Road: Road washed out at MP 3.5. Partnering with agencies to open the road.
- Clarence Creek: Federal Highway would like a realignment study done before repair.
- Committee Members: Members reappointed Gary Hanenkrat, Darcy Jones, Stephen Macartney and Curt Schonbrod. Commissioner Hurliman thanked them for their service.
- Economic Stimulus Project: \$10 million worth of shovel ready projects have been submitted. Liane plans on submitting more if able.
- Trask River Road: ATV’s discussion to use road by Wagner Bridge. ATV users want permission to use a stretch of 1 mile of paved road to connect the trails. Jerry suggested contact County Counsel for his approval. Commissioner Hurliman remarked that if more money was available through permit fees like Washington State, alternate routes could be made. Dora felt that the trail could be blocked. She commented that they rev up their engines by her residence. Liane will report back to the committee. There is a meeting scheduled with affected agencies and stakeholders.

Item 8 **Public Comment:** None

Item 9 **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2009 at 3pm Conference Room A. Agenda items to include:

- Vegetation Management Plan,
- Field Access: Liane said that Walt Gile would be presenting. Commissioner Hurliman said that manure trucks are breaking off the edge of the road, and the question is who is responsible when the road doesn’t have a good base. The goal is to preserve our roads so a reasonable compromise will need to be reached.
- ATV Use.
- Economic Stimulus package submittal.

Item 10 **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.