

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Curt Schonbrod, Jerry Dove, John Gettman, Gus Meyer, Gary Hanenkrat

MEMBERS ABSENT: Darcy Jones, Gary Hercher, Stephen MacCartney, Bob Garrigues

STAFF: Liane Welch, Director and Cheryl Bruner Recorder

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM
Agenda item 3b added: Staff Update Budget

Item 2. Minutes on January 14, 2008 accepted as amended.

Item 3. SB 994 Draft Project List by Liane Welch

12 roads are on the list, Liane provided project description, estimated repair cost estimated funding match along attached with the total projected cost for each repair project. She informed the committee that the State legislature passed SB994 in 2007, taking \$56 million from ODOT to counties. This is a one-time fund. Of the 56 million dollars distributed to 36 counties, Tillamook received \$883,559.00. Gettman suggested that with timber money going down, the county might want to save these funds. The state legislature does not want counties to save the money, but to use it for road projects. This list was presented and reviewed at the February 2008 Tillamook County Mayor/Administration meeting.

Item 4. Bike budget: \$140,000 is in this account, by state law 1% of DMV receipts each year goes to the bike fund which equals \$14,700 this year. Liane said that it should be left there until there is a partnership to go with this money from another source. Dora pointed out that there is a lot of bike traffic on Netarts Road, and she has offered part of her pasture to be used for a bike lane. ODOT funds money for that area of HWY131. As a result of the Hwy 131 transportation plan, a potential bike path project from Hwy 131 to Netarts boat ramp may be possible.

Item 5. Update Road Department OTIA 3 Projects, Liane mentioned that five bridges have been completed. In mid-June Long Prairie Rd. should be done. Johnson Bridge construction will begin soon after that the sixth OTIA Bridge. There will be no detours because of lack of funds. Gary Hanenkrat voiced his opinion that the bridge would be closed for winter, and with flooding this could be very difficult. Jerry Dove pointed out that it will be only for a few days at a time; Liane agreed and pointed out that it would depend on the incoming tides as well as the amount of rain. The project manager on this project is Liane. Liane also stated that she would let the community know before the project started.

Gus stated that the Trask River area residents are becoming upset because they are lacking information, The committee discussed Kansas Creek Rd new pavement is gone because of the large trucks and the way they are turning.

Latimer Road, at the railroad crossing is being repaired by the Port of Tillamook Bay; the port will add the bars. Gary is very happy that Liane is just fixing Latimer with county road staff and not hiring consultants and contractors to fix.

Item 3b. Liane submitted two budgets, one if the ballot does not pass, and one if it does pass. Jerry motioned that she present both budgets on Thursday, Gus second. Unanimously passed. Liane reported that if the road ballot doesn't pass, then 9.5 people will lose their jobs in November. She plans on getting as much done as possible, she also pointed out that the foreman are not union employees, and are not paid over time. Foreman are called out day and night. Also North and South shops could be shut down for now to save funds, and used on a limited basis. If one shop has to be closed Liane felt that it would be better to close North and keep South open. There are presently 27.5 employees, and if 9.5 are cut, that would leave 17 employees. Liane notified the committee that she has 9 MTC employees presently working with the crews with no charge to the county.

Liane went over the budget in general term. John asked if Public Works receives the money collected from permits, and Liane replies that permit fees have not gone up in several years.

John stated that two state timber jobs did not receive bids, and maybe the timber money should just be saved for now.

Liane said she would like to see Miami Foley Road and Bay Ocean Road kept in good condition with overlays, as good preventative maintenance practices.

Salmonberry Bridge: ODOT might help with some of the cost of this temporary bridge project.

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SB994 Draft Project list: Liane indicated her support and the committee also concurred.