

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 12, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Curt Schonbrod, Vice Chair Gary Hanenkrat, Gus Meyer, Jerry Dove, Darcy Jones, John Gettman, Bob Garrigues, Steve Macartney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Hercher

PW STAFF: Liane Welch, Jeanette Steinbach, Walt Gile

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood, John Tarnasky

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm by Curt Schonbrod.

Item 2. Minutes Approval: Minutes December 15, 2008 reviewed. Amendment per Gus to clarify that the area the potholes are not going to be fixed by the Johnson Bridge project is on the gravel portion which is the south side of the approach. Jerry Dove moved to accept minutes as clarified, Gus seconded. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Vegetation Management Plan presentation: Discussion ensued about acceptance of the plan presented by Mike Wynands, the licensed Herbicide Spray Operator at the last meeting. The members recommended trimming limbs to 15', and a minimum distance from the road right of way should be 6' in subdivisions, and 18' on arterial/collector roads because of hazardous trees on hillsides. Jerry Dove suggested adding the language that if the landowner maintains or mows his area then the area should not be sprayed. The CRAC would like to review final changes of Vegetation Management Plan prior to review by Board.

Item 3. Field Access presentation by Walt Gile: Field approach access into farm area incurs a \$50 fee. The ordinance needs to be implemented because it is tearing the roads up. This department would like input from CRAC. Walt handed out photographs and a synopsis of the problems encountered due to these field approaches. Jerry Dove mentioned that this was brought to the BOC in 1995, and the farmers adhered to it for a while, but then the ordinance was disregarded. Farmers tend to use different areas to access the road so as not to impact the farm. It is important that specifications are formulated so that there is adequate base to minimize pavement damage. It was suggested that Liane meet with the Farm Bureau to discuss how best to deal with this issue. Also, it was suggested that manure on the road is a big public safety issue that needs to be addressed.

Item 5. Economic Stimulus package submittal: Liane stated that the packages are due on Friday 01/16/09. The projects have to be on Federal Aid System roads, contracted out in 180 days. Liane will be submitting 8 projects amounting to \$11,718,534. Liane believes that only \$600,000 might be awarded to Tillamook County. Stephen met with DeFazio who said that the monies would not be earmarked, but they want examples of projects.

Liane is also putting together a \$22 million package for a \$20 million Bond for the Citizens Road Funding group for consideration.

Item 5. Construction Project Update: Liane Welch

- Long Prairie Road/101 Intersection: OTIA will pay for damages incurred during the last two storms. Researching other avenues to curtail the damage to the pavement and shoulder. The members mentioned a lack of a hydrologist, sedimentation in the Trask River, gravel not being removed from the rivers in the last 20-25 years which has a huge impact on

flooding. Stephen motioned that CRAC write a letter recommending that the BOC hire a hydrologist to look at the overall impact of water on the county system. Gus seconded. Unanimously approved. Stephen to write the letter.

- Johnson Bridge: The Bridge will tentatively open temporarily sometime next week...
- Latimer Road/101 Intersection: Concluded. ODOT still surveying.

Item 6. FEMA/FHWA Projects:

- Salmonberry Bridge: Liane submitted mini RFP to ODOT in November. Waiting review comments from ODOT.
- Fawcett Creek: Plan to have a public meeting in mid-February to share information with the Public. All utilities will be involved.

Item 7. Road Dept Update:

- Reorganization Plan: Liane stated that going to 2 districts is not working out due to the extensive continuous flood damage in all districts. Productivity suffered, cost and safety is an issue. With CRAC's approval the plan is to go back to 3 districts with James Birmingham looking after signs, bridges, levees, facilities, and with each district looking after their own maintenance. The Project Engineer Supervisor and James Birmingham will monitor the assets and give projects to the districts. The plan is to have at least 4 or 5 employees in each district.
- January 2009 flood: Incurred lots of damage in the two floods of this month. During the last flood, the crew worked 2 x 12 hr shifts. Liane complimented the employees for a job well done.

Unscheduled: Liane is invited to speak at the Oregon State House Committee on Transportation January 16, 2009 for 3 minutes. Liane plans to talk about the flood impact, public safety – Fawcett Creek failure and threat to bridges – Salmonberry Bridge. Members suggested talking about long-term degradation of the road asset, short-term effects, and impact on the economy, development, US Mail, bus transportation and the newspaper. This has a huge impact on a continuous level which does allow Tillamook County to move ahead.

Item 8 Public Comment: Dora complimented Liane Welch for flagging on a weekend. Darcy Jones was impressed with the County's response during the snow storm. Gus Meyer complimented the Local ODOT on clearing Mills Bridge.

John Gettman suggested that Street Pix should be introduced to the BOC at a regular meeting.

There is a Shiloh Levee meeting 01/22/09 at 7pm.

There is a 5pm February 4, 2009 Public Hearing meeting at the Library to discuss the improvement of Hwy 101/Hwy 6 project.

Item 9 Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 09, 2009 at 3pm Conference Room B. Agenda items to include:

- Vegetation Management Plan
- Stephen's letter regarding the sediment on the rivers
- SB 994 Projects

Item 10 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.