

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 13, 2009

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

PW STAFF: Liane Welch and Jeanette Steinbach

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Curt Schonbrod.

Item 2. Minutes Approval: Jerry made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Darcy seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 3 Old Mohler/Wheeler Road: Liane informed the committee that the crew completed the work on the road, and it is now opened with the dead end signs still in place. Jerry motioned to keep the road open and remove the dead end signs, Gus seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 4. Budget: Liane presented it to the Budget Committee 04-09-09. The Treasurer presented the general fund balanced budgeted with \$1.6M shortfall. AFSCME and Management have approved 11 days Mandatory Leave without Pay. These days are to be taken on the same day for all employees except the Health/Sheriff departments. Management does not get COLA increase, and AFSCME will not get a COLA increase in 01/01/10. They also took a VEBA reduction to \$45. Elected Officials and Teamsters hoped to reach an agreement soon. Some of the employees of Road department were not happy because when the road department took layoffs, the other county members were not affected.

Liane went through the budget that was handed out. Curt mentioned that only \$279,000 is being expanded on pavement. The staff costs are high. Gary Hanenkrat states that 40% of TCCA's cost is employees' wages and benefits. Liane said this is only for materials; it does not include equipment or labor. We have a county transportation system that includes ditching, culverts, striping, signs, and other maintenance tasks. If additional money is available, it will go into paving. Curt noted that \$161,000 is being paid to General Fund. Federal Highway will be paving approximately 6 miles of Blaine Road. Liane mentioned that full depth reclamation would be done on sections of McCormick Loop, Brookfield and Kilchis River Roads. In addition, \$200,000 has been budgeted for design of a new bridge at Boulder Creek Culvert @ Blaine Road MP 4.1.

Bike path: 1% of budget is put into that fund.

OTIA: 6 bridges funded at over \$8 Million, Johnson Bridge is the last one to be completed.

Trask River Road ODF1: Approximately \$159,000 is funded scheduled for 2010 projects. The money just came in.

Gus motioned to accept the budget, and if surplus money is available to put that into paving, Darcy seconded, unanimously approved. Liane thanked everyone for their support.

Item 5. Summer Program: In stream work: Liane handed out in stream work project list. Gus informed the committee that they are 5 breaches on Makinster Road.

Item 6. Federal Stimulus Update: The stimulus funds are being used for Johnson Bridge approaches. The initial plan was to close the bridge April 27-May 06, 2009, we were unable to successfully negotiate a cost for this. The signs were placed indicating the road was closed. A decision was made to cancel the contract and use the money saved for additional asphalt. Bid opening July 16, 2009. Dora asked if possible to make it a Toll bridge. Liane said historically this has not been a good or popular idea in the State of Oregon.

Item 7 River sediment – review letter to the BOC: Liane handed out the draft letter prepared by Stephen McCarthy. This was tabled to the next meeting since Stephen is not present today. Letter should be sent from the CRAC committee, and gravel removal from the rivers should be mentioned.

Item 8 Construction Project Update: Liane Welch

- Long Prairie Road/101 Intersection: Nearly completed.
- Johnson Bridge: Repackaged to get better bids. July 16 Bid opening. ODOT to administer this project and will be submitting weekly reports.
- Boulder Creek RFP: RFP will be published in the papers on 04/15/09.

Item 10. FEMA/FHWA Projects:

- Salmonberry Bridge: Still waiting for the RFP from ODOT.
- Fawcett Creek: Bids out May 28, 2009, approximate opening planned for December 2009.

Item 11. Road Dept Update:

- Rock Crushing Contract: DK Quarries got the bid.
- Public Relations: Jeanette plans on getting quarterly and hot topic articles from “the desk of Liane Welch” to the media. It is important to find out and ask the citizens of the county what they want. Listening and responding to people is vital for good public relations.

Unscheduled: Liane reported that the sustainable road campaign group gave a presentation to the BOC about the different funding measures. They will make a recommendation when they meet again in September 2009. The staff has been taking a lot of complaints about pot holes on Local Access Roads.

Item 8 Public Comment: Dora shared a story about not receiving mail from the Post Office due to their regulations.

Item 9 Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2009 at 3pm Conference Room B. Agenda items to include:

- Asset Management report and policy letter
- Long-term financial planning
- River Sediment letter review

Item 10 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.