

TILLAMOOK COUNTY CITIZEN'S ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 14, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mary Cramer, Bob Reed, Marlin Clark, Norm Myers, Diane Waldron, Jack Brooks, Bill Howard

STAFF: Jon Oshel/Director, Tim Josi/Commissioner, Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

PUBLIC: George Baumgardner, Betty Robinson, Darlene Barrett, Elva (Henderson) Payne, Victor Oekerman, Elvin Payne

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood/AFSCME Union

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. No changes to the Agenda.

ITEM 2 MINUTES: January 10, 2000 minutes approved with a amendment on Item 3 Line 11 to now read "The criterion is only to do projects that would be done anyway".

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR: Bob Reed nominated Mary Cramer as Chair, seconded by Norm Myers, ballot closed, nomination unanimously accepted. Bob Reed nominated Curt Schonbrod as Vice-Chair. Norm Myers nominated Bob Reed as Vice-Chair, Jack Brooks seconded, ballot closed, the majority nominated Bob Reed. The term of office is 1 year.

ITEM 4 COUNTY POLICY ON PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS FOR PAVING RESIDENTIAL STREETS - MARY CRAMER: Mary summarized the discussion of the last meeting. The positive - increased the budget and the negative - match county funds are matching private funds that are not being distributed equitably. Mary said that Curt told her that he did not agree that the county should match private funds at a time when the road department is facing a financial crisis. Jon discussed the Historic Costs for Grading Gravel Residential Roads Memo that was sent to the members. Mary clarified with Jon that monies can be used on paved roads as well and the percentage the county contributes be reduced. She questioned whether it is fair to use public funds to match private funds when they are other people who can't come up with the funds. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the present policy: the fairness issues and the budget constraints. *Bob Reed made a motion to continue the LID's with a project cost not to exceed \$30,000 the percentage match is 60% - 40%, 40% being the county's share with an annual cap of \$60,000. Norm Myers seconded. Unanimously approved.*

AGGREGATE MINING FEE AS POSSIBLE REVENUE FOR COUNTY FUNDS - TIM JOSI: Tim said he would like to have this discussion to consider the possibilities. Tim mentioned the ongoing problems with the rock pit affecting Bayocean Road and Cape Meares Loop and the damage to the roads. He said that the question should be whether the trucks are paying their fair share, which is 36% statewide, and whether it is fair to charge them an additional fee. Discussion centered on whether it was fair to select just the aggregate trucks since all trucks cause damage to the roads. Jon said that Columbia

County is the only county that has this fee. He added that they also have a specific regulator, they have a higher usage and the funds are not dedicated to roads from the aggregate pits. Jon will bring the amount of aggregate and amount of logs being hauled in Tillamook County to the next meeting to better ascertain how much revenue will be obtained if this tax is a viable option.

ITEM 6 DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT - BOB REED: Mary asked Jon if he had talked with the crew about the Road Departments strengths and weakness, Jon said the crew would like to know what the public perception is. Bob read the Road Department's mission statement. Bob Reed complimented the Road Department on their work and asked the members to indicate what they thought the strengths of the Road Department are:

1. Strong support of the BOC
2. Long-term workforce and is cross trained on all equipment
3. Good benefits and retirement plan
4. Comparison of costs - Tillamook is doing more for less
5. Signage is very productive and efficient
6. Excellent storm response
7. Good crew knowledge
8. Good partnership with State
9. Equipment in safe and workable manner
10. Good safety record
11. Education Committee

The committee members mentioned the weakness or area of concerns as:

1. Cold mix in winter which makes the work inefficient.
2. Lack of funding
3. Aging equipment and facilities
4. Lack of responsiveness of administrative staff
5. Negative public image i.e. wasting time - cold mix usage and perception of crew lounging around
6. Under staffed especially during storms
7. Crew morale is low i.e. lack of funding
8. Crews are hesitant to input their thoughts - Tim said he saw no indication of that in any of the crew meetings he had attended.
9. Legal environmental restrictions which can slow down production

Mary Cramer suggested completing Bob Reed's other issues at the next meeting.

ITEM 7 ROAD STATUS REPORT - JON OSHEL: Wilson River Loop detour is on schedule. Negotiations to use detour road as 'fill' to complete project is in the works. Sandlake/Galloway Road design is progressing. There is a meeting planned to discuss the possible assumption of jurisdiction over the Three Capes Scenic Route by ODOT. East Beaver Creek Road where the slide occurred is still closed which is causing loss of revenue due to timber not being accessible. An application has been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers. The National Marine Fishery Service is reviewing their regulations, which in turn may impact maintenance of county roads. Jon said

he is working on getting an exception.

ITEM 8 PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Oekerman said thank you for fixing Cedar Street in Oceanside. Mrs. Henderson-Payne of Fisher Road said the road had not been paved for 30 years and the heavy truck usage is breaking the road up. Tim stated that is why a tax levy was sort out because the road repair will be more expensive the longer it is allowed to deteriorate. Jon said that there is a load limit on that road and the Sheriff should be called to report any misuse. Mrs. Henderson-Payne also mentioned drainage problems on Fisher Access Road. Jon said he would like to meet her on site together with Bob Willhite, Operations. Mr. Henderson said he appreciated the 50% that the county kicks in for L.I.D.'s. He questioned the stop sign by Thousand Trails. Norm Myers said that because the road changed configuration it was needed for safety reasons. Bob Reed said that he would like Cape Meares Loop road to be fixed before summer and Bay View Street west of Portland 300' of it needs to be looked at. Norm Myers mentioned a pothole on Blimp Boulevard.

Mary Cramer said that the committee should revisit the issue of roads being turned to gravel because of deterioration. This should be an agenda item at the March or April meeting.

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING LOCATION/DATE/TIME: Next meeting at the Board of Commissioners Conference Room B on March 06, 2000 at 3:00pm.

ITEM 10 ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.