

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (C.R.A.C.)

DATE: September 18, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Reed, Curt Schonbrod, Marlin Clark, Bill Howard, Jack Brooks, and Ray Streeter

STAFF: Jon Oshel/Director, Tim Josi/Commissioner

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood GUESTS: Mojie Takallou

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Discussion on S1608 to be added to the agenda.

ITEM 2 MINUTES: August 21, 2000 minutes approved as written.

ITEM 3 RECRUITMENT UPDATE: Bob Reed stated that the CRAC is now at six members since the resignation of Bob Rieke. Three additional members are needed preferably from North County. Discussed possibilities and the recruitment advertisements that are currently in the paper and being aired on the radio.

ITEM 4 ADOPTION OF COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPERATING PROCEDURES: **Jack moved to accept the draft of the CRAC operating procedures, Bill Howard seconded, unanimously approved.** Jon said that this would go before the BOC for final approval and acceptance.

ITEM 5 POLICIES FOR REVIEW: DUST CONTROL AND RUMBLE STRIP POLICIES: Jon apologized for not mailing this information out earlier.

Rumble Strips: Jon discussed the proposed policy and its impact with the committee. The positives - attention getter. Negatives - if too widespread the purpose would be lost and it also it could be very noisy for residence areas. Bill Howard asked if a policy was necessary. Jon said it would be useful to have a policy, he reminded the committee that the final determination would be the Director's to make. Jon was asked if the Traffic Safety Committee was approached for their approval and/or suggestions. Jon said he had not approached the T.S. Committee adding that they haven't had a quorum for a while. **Jack Brooks moved to accept policy as written, Bill Howard second, unanimously approved.**

Jon introduced Dr. Mojie Takallou who works for the University of Portland; he is currently developing a training course in road maintenance problems related to special agencies. Mojie thanked Jon for showing him some of the county today and spoke about the courses he is planning to offer soon.

Dust Control: The existing program uses a diluted emulsion oil that is applied on gravel roads to control the dust during the summer months. This application usually lasts 2-3 months and the dustcoat is only done if there is a documented doctors medical condition note on file. Budget impact is \$6,000-\$8,000 for the program. The members concurred that the "goodwill" generated is worth the amount spent. Jon to rewrite policy to include a "discretionary clause" and it would be included in next month's mailing.

ITEM 6 ADOPT-A-ROAD POLICY: Jon said that a State policy has been adapted for use by the County. Individuals who would like to participate in this program go through some safety training. The Road Dept provides the signs, garbage bags and picks up the garbage when collected.

ITEM 7 ROAD STATUS REPORT - JON OSHEL: Latimer Elevation road project going well. Wilson River Loop to be closed Sept 25 for 3weeks. Culvert replacement on Miami Foley and a landslide fix on Foss Road are some of the impending projects. Blaine Road project to be started in 2002. Right-of-Way acquisition for Sandlake Project is underway. Jon said he was very concerned with the Road Department's ability to fight storms with the present crew size. A joint deal with ODOT and County for a shared sanding shed is still awaiting approval by the Justice Dept.

UPDATE OF S-1608: Jon stated that he is very optimistic that this bill will pass. The dollar amount expected is \$425,000; figures were obtained from the Oregonian. The O&C and BLM increases that would go into general fund would be \$128,000. Jon said that the CRAC would need to have a discussion on how to spend this money. Jack Brooks said equipment needs to be replaced i.e. a mower. Tim was concerned that the public would not view purchase of equipment favorably when the roads are failing. Jack said it was up to the committee to suggest what would be good for the roads. Bob Reed said that it is important for road safety to keep the brush cleared a newer and more dependable mower would be the solution. Curt asked if the ditching or the overlay would be more important to prevent more roads being lost. Jon said that he was very concerned that with the present short handed crew of being able to fight storms. Jon said the chuckholes need to be handled by skin patching if possible and then the ditching. He added that a major overlay program could not be done without the increase of crew size, as shoulder work would have to be done first. Discussed the cost involved in hiring a new employee and the skill needed. Tim Josi ask the committee to consider recommending using the \$425,000 for skin patching and the \$128,000, if agreeable with the Budget Committee to be used to hire more staff. Tim said personally he would like all the monies obtained from S1608 to be spent for skin patching. Jack Brooks said he would prefer if the monies from S1608 were used to hire more staff. Tim would like Jon to come up with the justification of why more staff is needed. Jon to put a report together. Ray Streeter asked if temporary staff could be hired. Jon said that during a storm it would be imperative that experienced staff are available for their safety awareness and expertise. Curt said that the Budget Committee needs to make that recommendation to give the extra \$128,000 to the Road Dept. He wanted to know if any other department is facing a similar predicament. Jon said that monetary concerns sometimes are not the driving point, safety and the health of Tillamook Co. citizens are also concerns. Bob Reed said that of the potential \$128,000 that the CRAC would like the Budget Committee to consider the Road Department for those funds. The extra funds could be used for road maintenance and additional staff could be hired to fight the storms.

Tim said that the Forest Management Plans had been conceptually adopted and approved to go into the rule making process. It would double the volume output of the Tillamook forest in the next decade.

Bob Reed suggested getting a PCI (pavement condition index) done to reevaluate how the roads are doing. Jon said that it has been scheduled for late 2000-early 2001.

ITEM 8 PUBLIC COMMENT: Dora Norwood said that the Traffic Safety Committee is going strong. Terry Hannon, Justice of the Peace attended the last meeting. She added that it is well attended and are good meetings.

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING: October 16, 2000 at 3:00pm/BOC Conference Room.

ITEM 10 ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 4:33pm.