

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

DATE: November 11, 2000 (*actual date 11/21/00*)

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

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

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood and Chuck Hurliman

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Bob Reed asked to add Jon Ocher's resignation and posting to the agenda. Bob Reed said it was nice to see Bill Howard well after his recent surgery.

ITEM 2 MINUTES: Minutes of 10-16-00 were accepted as written.

ITEM 3 UPDATE S1608 FEDERAL FOREST FUND: Bob Reed said that recent newspaper articles state that the County would receive \$1.2M. He also had sent a summary to Jon that indicated the funds the other Counties would be receiving. Jon discussed the spreadsheet distributed with the Agenda. He reported that the funds would be distributed in the later part of 2001. He said that \$452,998 is assigned to the Road Fund and the \$149,165 O&C funds are available should the BOC opt to give to the Road Department. Tim Josi said that in all probability no increase paving could be scheduled for next year unless there is a consensus to borrow money against the funds. Jon said if there is a good expanded budget the existing SC Paving plant could not deal with the demand, so other options have to be looked at.

ITEM 4 UPDATE RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS: Bob reported that the CRAC needs three new members. The BOC have advertised and received applications. Tim Josi said that interviews are scheduled for November 29, 2000 at 2:30pm. He added that Paul Hanneman (Commissioner Elect) called him and suggested that the interviews be postponed until after the new Commissioners are sworn in. Tim Josi asked the CRAC if they would like the present BOC to select the new members. Chair Bob Reed said the opinion that he hears from the members is to wait until the new Commissioners are in office, January 2001.

The question was asked by Bill Howard if a meeting needs to be held in December. Dora suggested that the CRAC could attend the December 12 at 12:00pm Traffic Safety meeting to fulfill the December meeting requirement.

ITEM 5 WINTER PREPARATION DISCUSSION: Jon said a central crew employee was transferred to South County which brings their number up to 5 including the foreman. If there were a storm, the first night and the following day, the crew could cover and then they would be sent home. The clerical staff would man the office to cover the shortage and Bob Willhite would man the operation of the storm from the office. Bill Howard asked if any other agencies could be called on. Jon said that usually all the agencies are busy during the storm, the Parks Department employees are available for a second man operation. Jon said that the sanding trucks are on standby to combat the icy conditions. Bob Reed asked if the county uses the liquid de-icer. Jon

said that the county does not but the State sometimes puts it on county roads. Jon informed the committee that the Joint Sanding Shed agreement with ODOT has been received. ODOT would buy the material for the shed and the county crew would construct the shed with a 20-year lease.

ITEM 6 EQUIPMENT AGE LIST UPDATE: The members reviewed the list. Jon said the average age for the fleet is 16.5 years. Jon said that the 1-ton trucks are used daily and for storms, the 10-yard trucks are used daily depending on the maintenance task being done, and the 5-yard trucks are used for sanding and storms. The light vehicles are used when needed. The mowers need to be replaced because of their history of breaking down. The vector truck needs to be replaced sometime with a used one - the City of Tillamook, ODOT has one that can be used, and Zwald has one for a price.

ITEM 7 POLICIES FOR REVIEW - STRIPE & FOGLINE POLICY: Jon explained the draft policy as sent with the agenda. Jon said that the standards are usually followed from the State's guidelines. Dora asked that by Johnson Bridge on Trask River Road a fogline is needed for safety reasons. Bob Reed asked if the policy manual is being updated, Jon said that it is in the works. *Bill Howard motioned to accept draft policy as written, Marlin Clark seconded, unanimously approved.*

ITEM 8 POLICY FOR ADOPTION - SPRAY PROGRAM AND TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING POLICY: Chuck Hurliman asked that the spray program should say that it is executed to also reduce noxious weeds. Jon said that herbicides are not being used on noxious weeds at this time. *Curt motioned to accept the draft Vegetation Sterilization (Spray) Program as written, Ray Streeter seconded, unanimously approved.* Bob Reed said that the Tree Removal and Trimming Policy was covered quite extensively at the last meeting. Jon explaining the delay stated that he wanted Bob Willhite to review the policy before it was accepted. Chuck Hurliman mentioned the riparian growth on Chance Road, which is proving to be a hazard. Jon said selective thinning should be done. Chuck said that the agency involved should be approached so that the cost of thinning can be discussed. Ray Streeter suggested getting the Traffic Safety Committee involved. *Curt Schonbrod motioned to accept the draft Tree Removal and Trimming Policy as written; Bob Reed seconded, unanimously approved.*

ITEM 9 PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Reed asked the members if they drove the newly completed Wilson River Loop. Jon said that the delay was due to the top aggregate being too dirty that it failed the compaction test. The contractor mixed cement with it that increased the strength and passed the test.

ITEM 10 JON'S DEPARTURE: The posting of the Public Works Director was handed out. Jon said it is recommended that a professional engineer be hired because if not, a contractor would have to be hired out to fulfil state requirements. Jon said that it has been advertised statewide. Curt asked if anyone within the county would be qualified or is interested in applying for the job. Bill Howard asked if Pat Oakes would be interested. Jon said that Pat was not interested in this position. Tim Josi said that Pat Oakes and Bob Willhite would be the interim managers until a Public Works Director is hired.

ITEM 11 NEXT MEETING: Jon suggested calling Nancy Emerson to see if the

Traffic Safety has an agenda that would be useful to have CRAC attend at the next meeting. Bob Reed suggested having a meeting with Pat Oakes and/or Bob Willhite in December to see if the CRAC members can do anything to assist them during this interim time. Bob Reed said that if the agenda items were useful for CRAC members to attend it would be beneficial to send a representative to that meeting or if any other member wanted to attend. Next meeting to be held at 3pm on December 11, 2000 and discussions can be had then if a representative or members want to attend the December 12 Traffic Safety meeting.

Bob Reed said that Jon has gone out of his way to assist the CRAC with the information that was required and individually learnt a lot. Bill Howard said he has been with the committee for 14 years and Jon has "dazzled them with his footwork, baffled them with his B.S.", he wishes Jon the best in his new adventure. Bob Reed said that it is not easy to run a department that is in the public eye as much as the Road Department is, as it is not easy to please everyone, Jon has been very accommodating in what the CRAC has requested. Jon said that from his perspective, this committee has been very valuable to him and the county as an excellent sounding board. Ray Streeter said he has enjoyed working with Jon and been very impressed how he managed with the limited funds. Jon said that as the County Road Program Manger with AOC he would be dealing with all the Commissioners and the Public Works Directors. He will be involved in developing a standard that all counties can follow with certain flexibility for each county's individual uniqueness. Marlin said that he has been amazed how Jon has done the excellent job he has with the limited resources available. Jon said that the most valuable resource is the Road crew who are a very hard working, bright and smart group of people.

Marlin mentioned an article in a magazine that states that in Idaho they are cutting down costs by recycling roads. Jon asked for a copy.

ITEM 12 ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm. Coffee and cookies followed to bid farewell to Jon.