

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)

DATE: July 14th, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Curt Schonbrod, Bill Howard, Marlin Clark, Ray Robinson, Ray Streeter, and Jack Brooks.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Reed, Larry Kiser and Gloria Gass

STAFF: Aaron Suko/PW Director, Bob Willhite/Operations and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

GUESTS/PUBLIC: Gus Meyer, Ken Zwald and Dora Norwood

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Curt called the meeting to order at 3:06pm. Reviewed agenda, no additions.

Item 2 Review minutes of 07-14-03: Jack motioned to accept the minutes as written, Ray Robinson seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 3 Report by the Agriculture and Forest Sub-Committees: Aaron explained, for Ken Zwald's benefit, that the CRAC meets on a regular basis to help the Road Dept. on issues of polices, preparation of annual budget, citizen input and potential revenue sources. Approximately six months complaints were being received from citizens about the damage caused by the oversize agriculture type of equipment. Since then there has been serious road degradation especially on McCormick Loop. Extensive research was done on the existing ordinances and laws governing these types of equipment, which are exempt from a lot of the restrictions except weight. This concern and as well as the concern that the increase in logging were taken to BOC who decided to appoint Agriculture and Forest subcommittees to formulate specific recommendations. The hope is that the Agriculture sub-committee would make recommendations on how to deal with this type of farming equipment. The solutions need to come from the Industry so that an amiable solution could be derived at, but understanding that something has to be done before a fatality occurs or further road damage occurs. The CRAC members who are on the subcommittees need to organize the meetings. Meetings are being held with McCormick Loop property owners to discuss using portion of the adjoining property to widen the road. Aaron hopes to have this completed before winter and School commences, and if this is not possible maybe the equipment users have certified flaggers. Ken Zwald commented that he did not think a Dairy Farmer would use flaggers. He said he operates under Implement Husbandry, but his equipment stays on the pavement. To his knowledge he has not destroyed any roads or shoulders with his trucks. He indicated that the 12' honey wagons have destroyed the shoulders and road. Aaron said in the ORS the Board of Commissioners have the authority to pass any ordinances to protect the motoring public and keep the roads from being torn and destroyed. Aaron said one of the Commissioners could attend the sub-committee meetings, but if they were not available then he would attend. Curt suggested that the subcommittees would bring a report to the CRAC.

Item 4 Road Department Status: Report on Maintenance & Repair: Bob handed out an updated 2003 proposed overlay list. Aaron had informed Bob that he

had an additional 2800 tons that could be used for overlay. Aaron said this was a fund assigned for emergencies that were not utilized. Bob indicated that District 3 roads are being overlaid at this time and then on to District 2 and District 1. No chip sealing at this time. Mowing is still being carried out, but the growth is not as rapid. Dust coating program also is starting today. The spray program is completed at this time. Discussed regulations set by agencies like Fish and Wildlife and DEQ and if funding is available from them to enable these regulations to be met. Aaron said that OWEB has funding available for culvert replacement for fish passage and DEQ has funding available for water quality.

- | **Report on discussion with City of Manzanita and City of Bay City:** Aaron said the City of Bay City includes overlaying 4th Street, which is not included in the overlay list. Once 4th Street is completed and repair of Warren Street completed then the City of Bay should take over the streets. The preliminary design plans were received this morning for the Laneda project. After review an appointment will be set up to discuss where the Road Dept's contribution could be applied.
- | **Report on Legislation - OTIA III:** Aaron explained that the primary emphasis of OTIA III is on Bridge repair. There are few bridges here in Tillamook County where there is visible cracking. This bill has met a few blocks from the trucking industry. Another bonus would be a slight increase of \$100,000 in the annual ODOT distribution.

Item 5 Project Discussion:

- | **Sandlake-Galloway Road:** Aaron reported that construction is occurring. Current hope is that by the end of this season Galloway Road would be completed and Sandlake Road by 2004.
- | **Blaser Bridge:** The existing bridge closed June 30th, 2003 to reopen October 2003. Contractor has nearly completed the pile driving and will proceed to build bridge approaches after that.
- | **Earl Bridge:** This is a load-limited bridge. Design due soon. Outside contractor assistance will be sought for some of the work with the crew completing the majority of the work.
- | **Gist Road:** This is a partnership project with the Estuary department. This project has been extended for a year.
- | **Blaine 2 Project:** This is a federal highway administration project. Project to start in 2005. Design to be reviewed in August and then right of way acquisition to initiated.
- | **Whalen Island Park:** This project has been completed. Payment has not been received.
- | **Magnolia Road:** Discussion with property owner to replace washed out culvert.
- | **McCormick Loop:** Repair on shoulder due to damage done by oversize manure tractors.

Item 6 Public Comment: Gus Meyer reported that Green Creek and Samson Creek projects on Trask River Road are moving forward. Fish passage team will meet this week to discuss who would approach the Board of Commissioners with their proposal. Gus asked about the seeding, fencing, or riparian projects

that the county may be involved in, and whether it is open to local agencies and contractors. Aaron said that the general contractor is responsible to hire the subcontractors. The new labor rules makes them identify the subcontractors when the bid is submitted. Bob suggested that he contact the FHA Project Engineer for work at the Sandlake-Galloway Road. Gus expressed his concern that MP.6 on Trask River Road is being damaged on the shoulder by the overwidth trucks and manure haulers. He would like to see if the shoulder could be reinforced and widened. Bob said that portion is on the overlay list. Gus said that he understood that Commissioner Hurliman was looking at the Forest and Agriculture subcommittees to look at funding alternatives to deal with the damages occurred on the roads.

Item 7 Next meeting, date and agenda: Due to the fair and to give the subcommittees an opportunity to meet, the next meeting is scheduled for September 15th, 2003 at 3pm. Bob Willhite asked that funding alternatives should be an agenda item at the next meeting. The investment in the roads is at stake and options need to be looked at soon. Marlin Clark thinks that the Board of Commissioners should also take some responsibility to come up with funding alternatives.

Item 8 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm