

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)

DATE: October 13th, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Vice-Chair Curt Schonbrod, Marlin Clark, Ray Robinson and Larry Kiser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gloria Gass, Bill Howard, Ray Streeter, and Jack Brooks

STAFF: Aaron Suko/PW Director, Pat Oakes/Engineering Project Supervisor, Bob Willhite/Operations and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

GUESTS/PUBLIC: Gus Meyer, Dora Norwood

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Meeting called to order by Bob Reed at 3:05pm. Agenda Reviewed, no changes.

Item 2 Review minutes of 09-15-03: Larry moved to accept the minutes as written, Marlin seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 3 Report by the Agriculture and Forest Sub-Committees (Members: Dana Clay of Simpson, David Knert of Tillamook Lumber, George McKibbin retired Simpson Timber employee, Bob Reed and Curt Schonbrod): Curt reported on the meeting that was held October 9th at Simpson Timber's Office. Those in attendance were Dana, David, Randy Richardson (guest, a Forest Road Builder), George Bob Reed and Curt. They were curious as to how much money is received from the State Forest and why and when it was determined how the funds are allocated. They were curious as to why the Road Dept. does not get any funds since they are impacted the most. They questioned how much of the Road Dept. budget goes on the road. They were concerned about efficiencies and effectiveness of increasing money to the Road Dept. Bob Reed shared some of the budget information and the age of the equipment with a general overview of the department. Randy said that the roads were not built to handle the high volume traffic and he felt that the loggers and the trucking industries pay a lot of money through PUC's and should not be blamed for the damage when the roads were not built to accept the current traffic. Talked about different ways funding could be extracted from the timber sales. It was suggested that the monies be obtained before the timber sale. There was no Forestry representation at the meeting for comment. The committee discussed the number of employees the State of Forestry has v/s how much timber they market. Aaron suggested that one of the Commissioners attend a CRAC meeting to answers the questions raised by the Forest Sub-Committee. The county is very reliant on the revenue they receive from the Forestry. Aaron asked that Curt summarize the questions that were raised so that he can supply a copy to the Commissioners and the State Forestry.

Item 4 Road Department Status:

Report on Maintenance and Repair: Bob Willhite reported that general maintenance is being performed in response to requests received.

Report on Discussion with City of Bay City, 4th Street: Bob hopes to have

this project completed today.

Magnolia Road: The culvert replacement area has been re-paved. Some shoulder work and signage work needs to be completed. This was a partial washout in a recent storm that was patched and made passable. The citizens were concerned that it be completely repaired before the winter. They submitted all the applications and purchased the replacement culvert, which the Road Department installed.

McCormick Loop Road: The plan is to widen the road starting work tomorrow. Permission to work on private property has been granted.

Culvert Priority List: Bob handed out a revised culvert inventory list for all districts. Bob went on site and checked all the culvert locations and their conditions. The list has been prioritized with Priority 1 being high, 2 - medium, 3 - low. The high priorities would be looked at first for replacement, the medium priorities would be done when possible and the low priority replacement in 2-3 years. Aaron said that the lists would be shared with all the community watersheds if they are interested, focus on the Priority 2 and 3 list to obtain grant funds for fish-passage projects. Bob said a meeting would be scheduled with TEP and TBWC where these lists will be reviewed. Gus said that TEP is looking at a culvert replacement on South Prairie Road. Bob said that the reason it is not on the list is because it only has superficial rusting.

Item 5 Project Discussion:

Laneda Road - City of Manzanita: Pat Oakes reported that the City is considering the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) at the City Council meeting on Wednesday October 15. The IGA calls for the County to put down City provided asphalt from Division Street to Ocean. Aaron said that there is a second bid to provide the asphalt for County installation and provide asphalt for other side streets. The first bid is for the construction work prior to asphalt.

Roy Creek: This is a culvert replacement job on Foss Road at MP 0.3 developed by the Nehalem Water Shed Group. A meeting is to be scheduled to review plans to consider what is required.

Sandlake-Galloway Road: Paving to be accomplished soon on Galloway Road. Detour bridge on Tiger Creek is in place.

Blaser Bridge: The roadways approaching the bridge have been paved. Deck needs to be formed, The rebar in place. Deck pour scheduled soon.

Johnson Creek Bridge: The bridge on Long Prairie Road at approx. MP 3. This bridge has been load rated by O.D.O.T. Bridge not posted yet.

Gist Road: This is a culvert replacement project. Bid letting next winter.

Blaine 2 Project: At MP 9-10 where the road is scheduled to be fixed, right-of-way details not received, acquisition is pending until that information is obtained.

Grand Avenue & Maxwell Mountain Road Hearing: These are roadside hazard issues. This is governed by ORS for mitigating these issues. Grand Avenue and Maxwell Mountain Road will be going through a public hearing process in late January.

OTIA III: The State Legislature approved the OTIA III bond measure which is available to State, County and City agencies for replacing bridges. The consultant suggested applying for 6 bridges and provided some technical details and cost estimates. Pat is doing some of the narrative work for these bridges which are Johnson Creek Bridge MP 3 on Long Prairie Road, East Creek Bridge on Moon Creek Road MP.3, Sorenson Bridge which is the 4th Bridge on Blaine Road MP 2.5, Bewley Creek Bridge on Bewley Creek Road at MP 1.5, Josi Bridge on Kansas Creek Road at 11 miles up Hwy 6 and Killam Creek Bridge on South Prairie Road at MP 1.

Item 6 Funding Alternatives: Aaron said that this is an ongoing reminder that this issue needs to be addressed soon. There is no funding relief available for roads from the Legislature except for the special emphasis on bridge repair. Funding alternatives would have to come from local sources. Aaron referred to the funding alternative study that was done in 2002 by the CRA C. The options were the Property Tax Levy, Property Tax Fee, Localized Gas Tax, Load/Road Mile Tax for specific Users, Recreation/Entertainment Tax and the Road Utility Fee which a number of the cities have taken up. The fees are set for developed property based upon the volume of traffic they generate for e.g. residence will have a lower fee v/s a business that has a heavier traffic flow. Aaron would like to revisit this again so those alternatives could be explored before approaching the BOC with a recommendation. He added that with the current budget, the roads would not last forever. The federal forest fees will be up for revision in 2006 and then it depends on the Legislature. The federal forest payment usually is paid in December, which leaves a big chunk of revenue coming in late.

Item 7 Public Comment: Bob Reed would like a summary of the completed overlay list. Marlin asked how much would it need to bring the roads up to standard. Aaron said based on the stated goal of 14 miles/year on a 20 year cycle, an additional \$750,000-\$1 Million more than the current budget. Pat said that it also does not account for the backlog of paving and aging equipment, which are determining factors. Bob said that prices have changed for materials so the longer we wait the more it will cost. \$50-\$55 fixed rate on property taxes would raise \$1 Million to \$1.2 Million. Bob Reed remarked that \$1.2 Million would be a minimum that would be required to make a dent in the overlay program. Bob Reed asked if there are any policies that need to be reviewed. Aaron said not at this time because of work involved in managing ongoing projects and obtaining additional funding from OTIA. Gus Meyer said he is very happy that the Road Dept. is working on getting OTIA funds and he appreciates all the hard work.

Item 8 Next meeting, date and agenda: The next meeting is November 10th, 2003 at 3:00pm.

Item 9 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm