

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: January 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Curt Schonbrod, Jerry Dove, John Gettman, Gus Meyer, Stephen Macartney, Bob Garrigues

MEMBERS ABSENT: Darcy Jones, Gary Hercher, Gary Hanenkrat

STAFF: Liane Welch, Director and Gaile Harris, Recorder

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM.

Agenda item 3a. added: Staff Update by Liane Welch

Item 2. Minutes for November 19, 2007 accepted as amended. Page 3, top line: "undo" should be "un due".

Item 3. December Storm Response Damage *by Liane Welch*

Liane informed the members that a portion of the Salmonberry bridge had collapsed. She has been instructed by the board to try to get a temporary military bridge in place.

There were two landslides in South County. One on Sandlake Road and one on Blaine Road. We contracted with local contractors and coordinated efforts with PUD. The cost was \$120,000.00 to fix both. These two roads are Federal Highways and hopefully this will be reimbursed by Federal Highway. (Liane later found out that this portion of Sandlake Road is a FEMA road not Federal Highways).

A portion of Tideland Road was destroyed with pavement still out in the neighboring field.

A significant amount of damage was done to the shoulders, culverts and drainage ditches. Guardrails were crushed by falling trees. Approximately 1000 of the 5000 signs sustained damage. North County had the most sign damage. Repair started there then to South County. The crew is currently working in Central County.

The first response to the damage was to open at least one lane of road. Then go back later to clear the other lane. Next was to clear out debris from the side of the roads. There is only one excavator for the whole county.

Two large boulders came down on Foss Road in a debris flow.

Work crews from the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Land Management were working with us. This is free work from the State.

John Gettman and Curt Schombrod suggested that this information be put in the Commissioner's column of the Headlight Herald. Liane stated that of the Blaine Road slide, approximately 3,000 yards of material was removed. The cost was about

\$80,000.00. There is several million dollars of damage to the transportation system. Curt asked where the funding would come from for the temporary bridge at Salmonberry. Liane said it would be a "borrowed" bridge from the Department of Forestry. Just to "repair" the bridge would cost approximately 1.5 million dollars. This is on the Federal Highway system and they will pay 90% of the cost. Stephen Macartney asked what is the difference between Federal Highway and FEMA. Liane stated that some of our roads are classified to be on a Federal Aided System (FAS). Miami Foley, Foss, Sandlake (portions) and Blaine Roads are considered on that system.

Liane went on to state that we are now currently working on the Shilo Levee. Curt asked if the pavement on Task River Road held up. He also stated that there was a huge rock that came down on Bayocean Road past the oyster plant. The new pavement that was laid this last summer has been damaged by the rock. Gus Meyer stated that these things need to be a part of the "Fix Our Road" campaign.

Liane went on to update the members on the Long Prairie/Highway 101 project. This is scheduled to begin February 1, 2008 and to be completed by June. There should be a full press release in the Headlight Herald regarding this project.

Curt mentioned that the culvert at the upstream end of Fawcett Creek under South Prairie Road has been crushed. This happened last year and he asked if it sustained more damage from the December storm. Liane said there were two embankment failures which have now been filled with rip-rap. Federal Highway is going to work with us to replace that to make it a friendly bridge at the cost of 1.6 million dollars. The county's share will be 10% of that which is \$160,000.00. TEP is going to write a grant to help sponsor our match.

Liane added that a portion of Highway 101 at about mile post 67 will be reconstructed for about a 10 mile area (South Prairie area to approximately Green Fir) with 4 pullouts and repaving. This project will be started this summer. ODOT will be closing Highway 6 next weekend at 4am on January 19th to 4am on January 21st. This is to repair a slide area at mile post 30.

Jerry Dove added that there was a meeting at the Governor's office last Friday regarding the railroad. He stated the Port has received notice from ODOT that they will be doing a complete audit of the railroad to see if there is a feasibility of rebuilding the railroad. The mills may buy more trucks to transfer goods if the railroad is not rebuilt. Jerry went on to add that most of what was rebuilt after the 1996 storm, 80% of that is still there.

Item 3a. Staff Update by Liane Welch

Liane stated that she has been unable to fill Pat Oakes position as Project Engineer. She has now made George Urrey a Lead Engineering Technician, and is currently advertising for an Engineering Technician. She has also taken the Office Specialist 2 position from a 19 hour a week position to a Temporary On-Call Office Specialist 2, 40 hour a week position. Kathy Schwinck, Solid Waste Coordinator, has given her notice. Kathy's last day will be March 1st.

There was a pre-construction meeting for the Long Prairie/Highway 101 project. Johnson Bridge is also being advertised. Liane would like to repave McCormick Loop this summer. Blaine Road is on the Federal Highway and has been awarded for over a 5 million dollar project. This will extend from Moon Creek at mile post 6.7 to about mile

post 10.8. Liane has been working with Patricia Bugas-Schramm from PBS Consulting an Asset Management consulting firm. She would like to speak with someone from the Road Advisory committee.

Liane then handed out to the members a copy of the EIS Budget Options Report. This is a report of the County's paved roads. Curt asked how the Road Departments equipment is holding up through all the storm response. Liane stated that if there is any road funding, new equipment will have to be budgeted for. A new excavator is needed. The paving machine was built in 1968. The Road Department's managers are not union members. Currently there is not a policy in effect for them. Therefore they do not get paid overtime. Liane was advised by the Human Resource Director that she can give them admin time off.

Curt asked about if there is still a lot of silt cleanup in the culverts and ditches. Liane said there is, especially in the Nehalem flood plain. Gus stated there seems as if a lot of the gravel washed into the culvert at Trask River Road. Gus then asked how the communication was during the storm. Liane added that it was frustrating. She stated that it was too dangerous to send the crews out during the wind event. Later when she went to call the crews, lines were down and were unable to contact them. Some of the crew came in on their own. The Foremen went to some of the crew's homes to notify them to come into work. The 800 mega-hertz radio communication system worked well. Curt asked about the emergency generator that had just been installed at Public Works. Liane said that it wasn't up and running for this storm. There were Public Works employees at the 911 building relaying road conditions received from the Foremen.

Item 4. Fix Our Road Status by Stephen Macartney

Stephen stated there is currently \$2,500.00 in the bank. The campaign has a current bill for \$250.00. Tim Josi is setting up meetings with local business people to seek funding. The contributions have dwindled since the first mailing of letters. Tim has met with the Creamery. The campaign is hoping to receive about \$3,000.00 from them. John Gettman stated the balance after the bills are paid will be \$778.20.

Item 5. Next Steps by Liane Welch

Liane stated that the Road Department has purchased eleven half page ads. The first will be a photograph of the Road Department with a list of services that are provided to the community. Other ads will be photos of good, bad and ugly roads, signs and culverts. Another ad will be on bridges. Liane will also be giving a presentation to the Nestucca Water Shed Council on Wednesday night. Along with Tim Josi, she is giving a presentation on Saturday at the Men's Methodist. There will also be nine Future's Council opportunities for meetings. We need to continue the fund raising. There is not enough money to hire someone to help strategize this campaign.

Stephen and Curt agreed that the members need to ask Tim Josi where the campaign needs to go from here.

Item 6. Public Comments: Dora Norwood

Dora made a comment regarding the large pothole in the Post Office parking lot. Even though she knows that is not the responsibility of the Road Department, she asked Liane if there was some way it could get fixed even though it's still raining. Liane

gave her the name of a product that is used by the County and can be used during the rainy weather. Dora can give that information to the Post Office.

Item 7. There will be no February meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for **MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008**, 3:00pm in the Commissioners Conference Room, 201 Laurel Ave., Tillamook, OR 97141

Item 8. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Transcribed by Gaile Harris