

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

DATE: March 02, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Brooks, Ray Hanson, Bill Howard, Mary Cramer, Diane Waldron, Bob Reed, Norm Myers, Leslie Burckard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Streeter, Robert Rieke, Curt Schonbrod, Rich Gitschlag

STAFF: Jon Oshel - Engineering Associate, George Urrey - Union Shop Steward, Jeanette Steinbach - Recording Secretary

GUEST: Janet Trueblood - Union

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 03:02 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mary Cramer motioned to approve the minutes of 02-25-98, unanimously approved.

Information handed out: Mission statement, Pavement Priority and Bridge List. A Master Road List handed out for copy request.

*Citizens' Concerns* Dora inquired about the rusty water by the Road Department? Jon stated that the PH draws iron in the soil that has been converted due to treatment of wastewater which is being monitored by DEQ. Dora suggested that the Tillamook County Employees enormous raises (Road Department \$57,000) could be differed and used for Paving. Dora added that she felt that the employees would be happy to contribute. Jon stated raises were negotiated and established by the Union. Ray Hanson addressed the Chair stating that he did not feel that this was the purpose of this Committee and was not prepared to listen to this issue at this forum. Jon added that comparably this County does receive a lesser wage than other Counties. In answer to Robert Reed's question COLA negotiated by the Union is 3%. Jon added that with fair wages you retain good employees. Dora also made a suggestion that a blinking light at \$8.00/month be put on the junction of Frasier Road/Netarts Hwy which would be a cheap but effective way to avoid any further hazards. Jon added that the only one the Road Department has costs \$24/month. ODOT will be the lead agency in this matter since it is a State highway, and we await their call.

*Budget* Jon stated that he would like the CRAC to discuss and understand the priorities used in preparation of the Budget. In addition, the BOC wanted the Road Department to show what an additional \$100,000, \$200,000 budget would buy. With the Paving Priority List (Wish List) this can illustrate the point, and if acceptable, funds to come directly from general funds.

Jon discussed high priority equipment purchases - larger Mower to be added, increase number of 1 ton trucks, replace 966 Front End Loader due to age, and an additional Cruise-air Excavator.

Discussion ensued about meaning of Federal Aid Project funds and STP grant

funds. Due to lack of funds losing a lot more roads to gravel - the PMS index list is a good indicator of road conditions, anything below 15 should not be just overlaid.

Extensive ditching would save some of these roads which should be a priority.

Discussion on how to approach the budget followed. General consensus is not to go through the budget in detail. Suggested categorizing and then prioritizing. A 3 year or even a 2 year plan projection in areas that are important to the Road Department i.e. Storm control, maintenance. Need to have a communicative budget. Requesting from BOC extra staff for special projects due to Maintenance when staff are pulled. Level of effort needs to be shown in short term purposes. Categorize the activities of Maintenance, storm control, emergency, traffic management, vegetation, repaving, general maintenance, reconstruction with the roads involved into a matrix form. Illustration of what is involved in maintaining a road - right a way, ditch, surface, down slope dealing with vegetation, ditch cleaning, culvert replacements and cleaning, gravel and paving repairing, striping, signing, bridge repair, guardrails: to do these activities you need employees, materials, equipment. Need to construct these activities based on what has to be done. Financial inputs based on the functions needed. Pavement Maintenance System index although a good measure indicating condition of the road, does not indicate variables like use or condition of gravel roads.

Priorities should change to:

1. Storm control to have a minimum number of specific employees
2. Maintenance
3. Paving (preservation)
4. Capital projects

Budget to remain the same but the priorities change. Jon thanked the Committee, and stated he appreciated all the input. He added that he will try to show different levels with cost of maintenance. Jon said that he hoped to get a recommendation from CRAC on the following

1. Buy-off on proposed budget
2. Additional money, what is on the list?
3. Capital projects - suggestions

Jon explained the match fund process. Jon stated that he will bring information requested to the next meeting with an estimate of what the new equipment will buy. Mary added that she felt that where this Committee is going is in direct correlation to educating the public.

Mission statement edited and accepted by CRAC.

Next meeting scheduled for 3/16/98, and if needed 3/23/98.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:55PM