

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

DATE: May 18, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Brooks, Bill Howard, Ray Streeter, Norm Myers, Curt Schonbrod, Diane Waldron, Bob Rieke, Bob Reed, Rich Gitschlag, Leslie Burckard

STAFF: Jon Oshel - Public Works Director, Pat Oakes - Engineering, Bob Willhite - Operations, Jeanette Steinbach - Recorder

PUBLIC: Debbie Von Heeder, Richard Chelone, Cheritee Vance, Dora Norwood

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 03:10 PM

Minutes of the meetings of 03-23-98 and 04-20-98 were approved as written.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS: Dora Norwood asked for clarification of the budget revenue. Jon stated that cash forward, match and grant monies were used to balance the budget. Richard Chalone stated that he was concerned about the condition of Mckinster Road. Suggestions for improvement included ditching, putting in a culvert, and overlaying. Jon stated that due to lack of funds it would be unlikely that overlaying could be done, blading patching and/or ditching are options. He added, upon Richard's suggestion, that he would contact FEMA to see if they can assist in financing.

TRASK DESIGN DEVELOPMENT: Jon handed out Bob's memo of 3-18-98 on the proposed maintenance work contingent upon scheduling and funding which will buy more paving time. Jon added that his long range plans would be either to realign and widen the road. To fund it, a tax package identifying specific roads in all the districts + maintenance would be a good avenue. He further stated that it would depend on what the general public wants bearing in mind the cost and environmental concerns.

Debbie Von Heeder asked who owned the Park. Jon said the County Parks runs the Park. Debbie suggested that the caretaker's monthly salary of \$1300.00 could be better served toward maintenance of the road. Cheritee Vance asked for the time line on Trask Road's short range projects. Jon and Bob stated that work would commence by the end of May with blade patching done in September bearing in mind mowing and other maintenance work would still continue. Dora suggested starting from the top end. Jon stated that he needed to clarify that better roads would allow for increase speeds. Further discussion ensued about different areas and funding of the Trask River Road. Norm Myers responded that the Traffic Safety Commission is trying to solve the problem through education. Norm added that this may be the best time to go for a tax with the public awareness so high.

SPEED ZONES: Pat Oakes introduced the Speed Zones Review request to ODOT memo dated 05-05-98 with attached spreadsheet. He asked for a recommendation and a consensus from the committee based on the attached spreadsheet. **Upon clarification, Norm Myers made the motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Rich Gitschlag, unanimously accepted.**

MEMORIAL SIGNING: A draft policy dated 4-23-98 was handed out to all present. Pat Oakes explained draft process and cost involved which would be approximately \$100 to \$160. Members were concerned about the message on sign i.e. Don't Drink in Drive in memory of... may not be appropriate, perhaps a generic sign. The sign if requested should have the concurrence of parents, adjacent property owners, traffic safety commission and the road department. After discussion **Bob Rieke motioned that the policy remain informal leaving memorial signs like crosses if not a safety hazard, seconded by Rich Gitschlag, unanimously approved.**

BUDGET: Jon stated that he submitted the Budget recommended by CRAC on 5-14-98. Budget Officer recommended that the 2 vacant positions should not be filled in order that the contingency could be in the region of \$120,000 or more. There would be no monies from general fund and so cannot replace aged equipment or do any paving. Jon added that he would be shifting 2 employees from dist #2 to dist #1 leaving dist 2 with 8 employees, dist 1 and 3 will have 6 employees each. To increase revenue the road department plans on raising permit fees, perform maintenance work on County General Fund vehicles and doing some contract work for ODOT. Jon added that if he does not see funding on the horizon for the next fiscal year then more cut backs will follow.

EDUCATION: Handed out Mary Cramer's letter and Ray Streeter's letter to the editor being published in the Headlight Herald on 5-20-98. Jon said he would like to know if CRAC would like to go for a funding initiative or just do the education process then decide later. Norm Myers stated having a priority list showing each district's maintenance projects would be helpful, and stating conditions of the road with suggestions from the public on how to change the state of the road department. Suggestions for publicity campaign using literature would be the fair booth, PUD mailing, crew. Jon added that the education committee is working on the *what and how we are doing* concept through the newspapers without mentioning the funding aspect. Diane Waldron also stated that it should be a state initiative and pressure needs to be put on our state legislatures. Coming up with a better roads, less car maintenance may be advantageous too. She asked if we could find out how much the public would be willing to pay for their roads. All Members agreed that the education piece should be done before deciding about a tax. Jon added that the CRAC members should call him before the next meeting if they have any specific ideas on education.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM. Next meeting June 22nd, 1998 at 3pm.