

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

DATE: June 22, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Brooks, Bob Reed, Bill Howard, Mary Cramer, Rich Gitschlag, Diane Waldron, Bob Rieke, Curt Schonbrod, Ray Streeter

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

PUBLIC: Richard Chelone, Dora Norwood

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 3:00 PM

Minutes of the meetings of 05-18-98 were approved as written.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS: Dora Norwood brought to the CRAC's attention the two accidents that occurred on Memorial Day on Burton-Fraser road. Jon stated that he has not received the accident reports yet. Dora complimented the road crew on the widening of a section of Trask River Road between MP 10 and 11.

EDUCATION: Education was discussed in a round table forum. Tillamook County Road Department Services Questionnaire prepared by Jon Oshel handed out . This to be used at the Fair to educate, evaluate and survey the public on the revenue and activities of the road department. The goal is to make the public understand what the road department is doing. Word smithing modifications made to the questionnaire. A drafted version is to be mailed out with the next mailing. Suggestions to entice the public to the booth included banners, video playing in the background, enlarged photographs, handouts - brochures, attractive displays with construction signs i.e. cones and barricades, and table and chairs. Incentives like pencils, icecream scoops or a drawing to get the public who should primarily be adult residents to complete the surveys. Harold Shield will be contacted by Jon Oshel to see if icecream is feasible. The crew will probably want to do a piece on sign vandalism for the fair booth too. It was decided that the three most important things that this CRAC wants to inform the public with the Booth.

1. What are the revenue sources that funds the Road Department?

2. Show a comparison of how much citizens pay per month for the maintenance of road v/s gas, insurance, payments. It cost (the public pays) \$3.00/month per vehicle derived from a percentage received from gas tax and vehicle registration fees v/s anyway from \$200 to \$600 a month. Something like.... YOU PAY \$3.00/MONTH TO MAINTAIN THE ROAD V/S

3. Show how much it will cost to properly maintain.

Discussion on ODOT and County Road Department merging their services brought in by Diane Waldron. Jon briefly stated that the savings are good when

sharing equipment and material. Co-locating maintenance yards also has the potential for major savings. Joint ODOT-County crew projects such as highway-county road intersections has been successful, however a full merging of the crews is not likely. The problems would be immense due to differing personnel differences, styles and criteria.

Liability issues due to lack of maintenance was discussed. The Road Department is not liable for poor maintenance if funds are not available. This is a policy decision made by the budget committee. Richard Chelone wanted to know how much it would cost the citizen per year for an additional tax? Jon stated that if going for \$1M it would cost an additional \$72/ year on their property tax. Mr. Chelone said that he would pay the additional amount because it is far more expensive paying for the wear and tear on his vehicles. Rich Gitschlag said that the public needed to understand that it will cost an additional \$1M now but in 2 years it would be more.

It was agreed by CRAC members that after evaluating the questionnaire given out at the Fair a decision had to be made whether to go for a tax or not this fall.

Curt Schonbrod, Jack Brooks, Mary Cramer, and Ray Streeter agreed to volunteer to man the Fair Booth. The fair will have to be manned from 10am to 10pm by off duty employees and volunteers from August 5-8, 1998.

Next meeting scheduled for July 27, 1998 at 3:00PM. Mary Cramer added that she is available if needed for word smithing purposes prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50PM.