

## **TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Curt Schonbrod, John Gettman, Gary Hanenkrat, Paul Carbaugh, Darcy Jones, and Jerry Dove

**STAFF:** Liane Welch, Jeanette Steinbach, and Kelcey Stein

**GUESTS/PUBLIC:** Doug Olson, Bill Goodman, Dora Norwood, Karen Dye, and Debbie Clark

**Item 1.** Meeting called to order at 3:00pm by Chair Schonbrod.

**Item 2.** Liane introduced Kelcey Stein. Kelcey is working at the Road Department for approximately 6 months through a FEMA grant. Liane mentioned that Karen Dye is retiring from the Treasurers Office at the end of August 2011; Debra Clark will be the interim Treasurer.

**Item 3. Minutes Approval:** Jerry Dove motioned to accept the minutes as written, Gary Hanenkrat seconded, unanimously approved.

### **Item 4. Tillamook Co. Citizens for Sustainable Roads:**

1. Update on recent activity:

a. Financials: Doug Olson reported that they are currently only 4 – 5 active members from the initial 30. Doug said that he is very busy with his own business, coordinating the new Hebo Fire Station, and being on the PUD Board. He has very limited time. The committee would also like to go to organizations, clubs and governmental agencies to talk about the bond. Doug requested help with the fair booth and fair handouts. Curt and Jeanette agreed to help. Jeanette during her non-work hours only.

There is \$1275 in the bank and the website fee has been renewed for 6 months.

b. Fundraising: Doug spoke with Senator Johnson. She plans to donate \$1,000. The plan is to go the lobbyists for various organizations that have a stake in Tillamook County to ask for donations. Bill Perry is coming to Tillamook and will be asking for donations from various restaurants around Tillamook. The budget is \$10,000. Doug and Bill Goodman met with the dairy industry and realized it will be tough to get them on board for the Bond or fundraising.

c. Bond Costs: The interest rate is down. A \$15 million on 10-year limit rate is 2.82% which will bring the cost down from \$0.54 to \$0.45 per \$1000 which will cost approximately less then \$100 a year for an appraised home of \$200,000. Jerry Dove and Gary Hanenkrat think the lowered interest rate is good;

d. Review of state funding questions...ODOT formulas etc: Doug confirmed with Jon Oshel of Association of Oregon Counties that there is no hint of misappropriation. The calculation is based on how many vehicles are registered in Tillamook County.

## 2. Schedule

Presentation to County Commission..July 20, 2011..8:30 am work session and 10:00 am meeting: Doug is planning on presenting to the Board of Commissioners on Wednesday. The bond request needs to be filed by September 8, 2011 for the November ballot. The Bond counsel is on standby. Legal counsel indicated that there are no public hearings required for the bond measure to move forward and appear on the November 2011 ballot. The underwriter has no say regarding public hearings. When the County Clerk files it, a political action committee (PAC) can be formed and money can be collected. Mr. Simpson agreed to be the Treasurer.

3. Discussion of County General Fund Support..continued..explain zero approach: Liane will be requesting some discretionary general fund during next budget cycle. BOC could put some money in for the County Road Department but it would take from other departments. TCPW would ask for a local match of \$250,000 per year over a 4-year period for the \$10 million Lommen Bridge grant funded project. No Property Taxes can be given to the Road Department. TCPW will be requesting some discretionary general fund during next budget cycle.

## 4. Marketing Plan:

a. A key person is needed.

b. Printed material needs to be re-done and advertising in the newspaper. The cost for 25,000 copies would cost \$1,600 to be handed out at the fair, clubs, and the library. Members preferred tri-fold because people might not throw away, and it's less expensive. Doug Olson will check with PUD and he will go around to different organizations, and any other gatherings that might get some of the advertising paid for. Liane Welch can provide factual information. Paul Carbaugh asked if TCPW will fix the roads based on the earlier road list. Liane said yes. The roads list consists of 30% of roads in North County, 40% in Central County, and 30% in South County based on farm to market use and safety.

Bill Goodman asked the CRAC members present if they were supportive of the Bond because Doug Olson needs help. John Gettman said it was a good starting point but it will not be sufficient, and a registration fee is an option. John Gettman also suggested asking for the total amount needed to fix the roads.

Darcy Jones suggested using the term "Timber Funds" when describing the discretionary monies available.

## **Item 4. Tillamook Co. Citizens for Sustainable Roads:**

Curt Schonbrod stated in the May minutes that "managing a failing system" is a real problem that needs to be noted in a letter to Headlight Herald with the road conditions, number of bridges and culverts. A failing bridge or culvert could wipe all the money. \$100,000 is allocated for in the paving budget for FY 2012.

Gary Hanenkrat stated that the BOC should be taking a lead on funding for the road department. Doug Olson mentioned that BOC attempted two levies for TCPW, and they both failed. Bill Goodman stated the Bond has a sunset of 10 years with \$0.45/\$1000, which is favorable. Paul Carbaugh agreed with Hanenkrat that BOC should be more involved in seeking funding. Curt to draft an opinion letter and will have it available for review by CRAC.

**Item 5, 6, 7. Summer work plan, January 16h, 2011 flood and Projects update**

Liane informed CRAC that ODOT closed HWY 131 at Happy Camp to fix the slide. The detour is through Bay ocean and Cape Mears Loop roads. Netarts residents and businesses are concerned about their business, would like a sign put up to let people know they are open for business. ODOT is putting some repairs on the detour and will pay for 100 tons.

There are some embankment issues on Resort Drive. Signs to be placed. The Farmer Creek design grant was successful, asked for \$150,000 and obtained \$100,000 with half needing to be used for construction.

Tillamook Estuary Partnership is doing a culvert inventory in partnership with TCPW.

In addition to paving, the crews are also hot patching.

Darcy Jones noted that Hawk St. has a flooding issue that is causing road erosion, and Paul Carbaugh suggested contacting The Estuary area, which he feels, is causing the issues on the road. Liane Welch is working with a group to address issues with Hawk Street.

Everyone present was encouraged to attend the BOC meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Item 8. Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Item9. Public Comments** : None

**Item10. Adjourn:** Meeting Adjourned at 4:40p.m.