

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 19th, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Curt Schonbrod, John Gettman, Gus Meyer, Jerry Dove and Darcy Jones

TCCSR MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Olson, Kathleen Newton, Bill Goodman, Alene Allen, Sandy Bell, Gus Meyer, Norm Myers, Harold Schild, Mary Jones, and Carol Ackerman

STAFF: Liane Welch and Jeanette Steinbach

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm by Chair Schonbrod.

Item 2. Minutes Approval: Jerry motioned to accept June 7th, 2010 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Gettman, unanimously approved.

Item 3. Tillamook County Citizens for Sustainable Roads Joint Meeting: Meeting minutes attached.

Item 4 Grant Opportunities Other Business, Preliminary/Draft Paving List Review:

Liane reported on the following grant opportunities. Myers also reported that the Traffic Safety Commission would also be pursuing grants.

- Pedestrian or Bicycle Improvement Grant: 12th Street Improvement from the High School to Evergreen, Grant submitted July 8th, 2010 Deadline July 9th, 2010. Match of \$18,000 from the Bike Path fund and \$16,546 staff time equaling \$34,546. Total project cost = \$315,359.40 less match for a total grant request of \$280,813.40. This grant has been submitted, it was due July 9th, 2010. *Final project selection made in October, applicants to be notified by January 2011.*
- Transportation Enhancement Grant: 3rd Street Improvement from Pine Avenue to Wilson River Loop. This grant will be for pedestrians, bicyclists and beautification. A 10.27% match is required. City is contributing \$10,000; TURA \$65,000 County \$40,000 for a total match \$115,000. Total project cost = \$1,500,000.00 less Non-TE costs \$400,000 and match of \$115,000 for a total grant request of \$985,000. This grant is due September 30th, 2010. *Notification of award will be made by May 2011.*
- Tiger II. This grant covers improvement to 3rd Street to include sidewalks, bike lanes, curbs, lighting, landscaping and road improvements. There is no match required, but would get higher points if we had one. The request is for \$1.5 million This grant is due August 23, 2010. *Awards may be made no sooner than September 15, 2010. Funds will be available for obligation through September 30, 2012.*

Item 4 Update:

Blaine Road MP 4.1 road closure: The road will be closed July 22nd, 2010 through approximately December 24th, 2010. The bailey bridge will be removed and replaced with a permanent bridge. Liane had discussions with the farmer on Blankenship about speed issues. Members stated that this is a county road and decisions will be made for the safety of the travelling public.

Paving and summer work plan status: Good progress has been made. Deck replacement on done on Waldron bridge on Miami Foley road . A 7 ft diameter culvert was installed on Trask River Road. The McDonald Dike road repair will take place the week of July 26th. Chip seal is planned for late August. Trask River Road will be done in late August. The BOC approved an order transferring jurisdiction of McCoy to the City of Bay City. Striping is on hold due to paint shortage.

Item 5 Public Comment: Dora asked if the road to the entrance of Trask River Park be paved. Liane will keep this under consideration.

Item 6 Adjourn: The next meeting will be September 13th, 2010.

Item 7. Public Comment: Gus Meyer made an announcement about an email he received from Jeanette about construction work on Oregon 202 Nehalem Road, Tillamook Clatsop County. He wanted to know where Fish Hawk Road was located.

Item 8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Minutes transcribed by: Jeanette Steinbach

Tillamook County Citizens for Sustainable Roads

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2010, 3 p.m., County Courthouse, Tillamook

In attendance:

Kathleen Newton

Doug Olson

Bill Goodman

Alene Allen

Sandy Bell

Gus Meyer

Norm Myers

Harold Schild

Mary Jones

Carol Ackerman

Members of the Road Advisory Committee

New Officers

Because President Kathleen Newton's company, Northwest Media Consultants, will be handling PR and advertising for the upcoming road funding campaign, Newton officially stepped down from her position. The group nominated Doug Olson to be the new president and Bill Goodman to be vice president. The nominations passed unanimously. Olson said he would inquire to determine if there was a volunteer for secretary.

Political Action Committee Discussion

Doug Olson reported that his research revealed that a political action committee cannot be formed until there is a formal ballot measure around which to organize. He said the committee can raise what funding it needs as an association. He said, in doing so, the committee must keep good records of all funds raised so they eventually can be reported when the PAC is formed. He said it is likely that the group won't convert to a PAC until after the first of the year.

Olson reported that Tillamook CPA Steve Simpson has volunteered to donate his time to the committee to keep the books and audit all the contribution records, as required by law.

Funding Measures

Olson and Newton reviewed what the committee had decided at its recent meetings. It was noted that, after studying all the various options, two emerged as the most plausible for addressing the road funding challenge: a local option tax and/or a bond measure. By a small margin, the committee voted to support the bond measure as most preferable because it gets the work done right away and has other advantages.

Olson also noted that he and Newton had met with the four mayors from North County in recent weeks and they are generally supportive of the bond option. A meeting with the remaining mayors is being scheduled, as well.

Newton noted that she would be rebuilding the roads website to focus on marketing the funding measure and will add a donation button when she does that will make it possible for people to donate to the campaign. The group needs to raise up to \$35,000 for an optimal campaign, but will adjust spending to accommodate what is raised.

Olson reported that Commissioner Hurliman also has floated the idea of an annual parcel fee that would be used to underwrite a bond and then be used to maintain roads, but more study is needed to determine the legality and efficacy of this measure. A similar proposal had been studied earlier by the committee, but found to not be legal

as it had been envisioned at that time. We do not know if Hurliman's measure would be different. It was pointed out that such a measure is very regressive. That is, a senior citizen on a small fixed income would pay the same tax on his or her parcel as Fred Meyer would pay on its parcel. Thus, such a measure might be popular with large landholders and the wealthy, but not the general population.

Fair Booth

The committee has secured a booth at the County Fair and Newton is working on materials for the display. Volunteers are being sought to work the booth. Newton is preparing a publication to hand out at the booth. It was also suggested that the booth have petition forms for each alternative for people to sign, as well as sign-up forms to receive updates, receipts for donations, and displays of county road designations and road department budgets.

Newton explained that volunteers will be contacted for a "booth training" session that will be held a day or two before the fair to help everyone with talking points.

The meeting adjourned. No date was set at this time for subsequent meetings.