

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 12th, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Curt Schonbrod, John Gettman, Gary Hanenkrat, Paul Carbaugh, Robert Garrigues and Jerry Dove

STAFF: Liane Welch and Jeanette Steinbach

GUESTS/PUBLIC: Dora Norwood and Doug Olson (portion of the meeting)

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

Item 2. Minutes Approval: Jerry motioned to accept the minutes as written, Paul noted that Bay ocean should be Bay Ocean, Jeanette to make corrections, Gary Hanenkrat seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 3. Review letter to Headlight Herald from CRAC on our crew demographics and failing system – Curt Schonbrod: Curt presented his ideas to the members. He is concerned that the TCPW Director is managing a failing system. Curt hopes to make the public understand the seriousness of the situation. The road system failing is manifested by the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) decline, the drainage system, crew reduction, aging of equipment and lack of revenue. The ramifications are poorer roads, longer response time for repairs, reactive maintenance, inability to match grants, inefficient equipment, delayed emergency response and delayed development review permits. Paul suggested also mentioning that Tillamook County roads are rated the worst in the State. Jerry said to stress that 55% of homes are second home owners who get to pay, but do not vote. This is a good time to go for a bond as the interest rates are down. Curt advised to draft a letter.

Item 3b. Citizens for Sustainable Roads

Curt asked for help from CRAC to put out law signs and fund raising. Curt suggested calling Doug Olson or Bill Goodman to help.

Item 4. 2011 Road Performance Report presentation: Liane presented the report. This is the fourth year that the Road Dept has produced this report documenting the condition of the road, where the money comes from and where it is being spent. Members commended Liane for the work that the department does. Liane mentioned that she would be presenting the report and power point presentation at the next Board of Commissioners meeting on September 14th, 2011.

Item 5 Projects Update – Liane Welch:

Maintenance Activities: Liane reported that paint striping has been completed except for the recently paved portions. Vegetation management has been completed. Eight miles of chip seal on Blaine and Miami River Road has been completed by Marion County.

Roy Creek Culvert Replacement: It is at 95% design complete. Lower Nehalem Watershed Council is seeking construction grants.

Salmonberry Bridge: Drilling starts today, completion planned November 2012.

Lommen Bridge: In the process of selecting an engineering firm. This project would also require a detour bridge. Seeking match funding for the construction portion.

Wyss Bridge: In the process of selecting a contractor.

3rd Street: Right of way acquisition is in process.

Slab Creek Road Culvert Replacement: Grant obtained. Jeanette to work on a Request for Proposals. Jeanette to be Project Manager mentored by Liane.

FEMA/FHWA: Resort and Foss Road will be projects managed by O.D.O.T.

Item 5a. Tillamook County Citizens for Sustainable Roads: Doug thanked CRAC members for their support to putting up the lawn signs – Curt and Jerry will do Central and North and Paul will do South. He said that Bill Goodman would be in charge of the letter writing campaign; Commissioner Labhart will be working on fundraising and getting support signatures. Political Action Committee has been formed. The mailing address is TCCSR, P.O. Box 938, Tillamook, OR 97141.

Item 8. Next Meeting The next meeting will be held October 3rd, 2011 at 3 pm.

Item9. Public Comments : Dora expressed her dismay that the spray program is affecting some of the native plants. Liane said that the goal is to keep vegetation off the road. Liane suggested moving the plants if possible, and thanked Dora.

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