

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 5, 2009

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

STAFF: Liane Welch, Dave Schrom, George Urrey, Grant Graves and Jeanette Steinbach

GUESTS: Eric Silva

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm by Curt Schonbrod. Liane stated that she and Dave would need to leave the meeting at 3:30 pm to take part in a telephone conference with Commissioner Labhart with Senator Wyden's office to discuss obtaining the bailey bridge for temporary use at Blaine Road MP 4.1 over Boulder Creek.

Item 2. Minutes Approval: August 12, 2009 minutes reviewed. Changes made on Item 8 Next meeting should read Meeting moved to the first Monday of each ~~Monday~~ month and Item 2 Minutes approval June 8, 2009 minutes approved by John Gettman seconded by Gary Hanenkrat ~~Gary Meyer~~, unanimously approved. Minutes approved as amended by Gus Meyer seconded by John Gettman, unanimously approved.

Item 4 Tillamook Port: Liane informed the members that the Port proposed to use a portion of their alternate monies to rebuild and pave roads in the Port Industrial area. There would be a need for a variety of fixes depending on the condition of the road. In exchange, Tillamook County Public Works (TCPW) according to Jerry would get some equipment for a dollar or a lease agreement. Grant said that a paver, distributor, rollers, dump trucks and 1-tons are desperately needed, and this agreement with the Port would allow TCPW to obtain equipment needed. TCPW would provide the labor to rebuild and pave the roads in the Port building towards the 25% match. Liane feels that this is a good use of the Port's money, and would be a good investment for the county. When the roads are done, jurisdiction would transfer to the Port. The ditching and draining may be contracted out. Darcy said in his opinion it would make sense to contract out the paving. Darcy also mentioned that no work is being done in South County. Liane mentioned the Bixby Road culvert replacement project, Blaine Road, and the Boulder Creek culvert projects are currently underway in South County. Jerry said that they are still working with FEMA on some of the logistics because this is the first project for FEMA of this size.

Liane stressed that this is a good use of money to improve the Ports transportation infrastructure. Jerry said it could be a year but is still awaiting confirmation from FEMA has to how long Port has to utilize the funds. Liane mentioned to CRAC that if the Port project does not go through it would not affect the paving for next construction season. Very minimal paving may be done. The budgeted 2010 paving STP dollars may be used for the Boulder Creek project. All members agreed that it is important that the public understands that it is not TCPW money, and that TCPW would get updated equipment and it will also help keep the money in the county. Jerry said that the Port would buy the equipment, and FEMA will also pay the Port for using the equipment. Liane said that Commissioner Hurliman may help Chris with the equipment purchase. Liane stressed that the equipment will be TCPW's resources for the future.

Item 3-Boulder Creek Culvert Project: Liane explained that she would like Dave to talk about the Bailey bridge, Grant Graves the District #3 Foreman to talk about maintenance issues and George Urrey as the Project Manager to give input on the project. Eric Silva was introduced. He is the farmer that the detour county road, Blankenship dissects his farm.

Liane state that contingency funds were used to remove the culvert. The cost of replacing the culvert with a bridge is approximately \$1,000,000. Using STP funds and other funds, the money short is \$500,000. An option is to borrow, but with funding going down this might not be a good route. John Gettman suggested contacting the Dept. of Agriculture; they do not have a prepayment clause.

Eric said that he was concerned about the speeders, and culvert at Blankenship going out. Grant Graves explained that Blankenship road dissects Mr. Silva's farm. The traffic was very limited prior to it being used as a detour. Grant suggested that the farm loading takes place on the east of the shed thus avoiding the road. He expressed his concern that the farm equipment will damage the paved road. The removal of trees

on the east end might help with sight distance. Mr. Silva said that he was concerned about the condition of the road. Gary said if the road was improved, the speed will increase. Grant said that it is important that the road is kept clean from all farm debris. Mr. Silva said that he tries to keep it clear for safety of the travelling public and his family. CRAC suggested obtaining a reader board to keep track of the speed and number of vehicles. George to look into it.

Liane and Dave Schrom returned from the telephone conference with good news that the Bailey bridge would be available to Tillamook County. This will be a one-lane bridge. An analysis on load limitations and a traffic plan needs to be done. A bailey bridge requires a lot of maintenance so priority is to get funding for a permanent bridge. A discussion still going about a putting in a boxed culvert but it has to be fish friendly and to combat the velocity. Liane to look at the hydraulic analysis to see what is needed, but the recommendation is for a bridge. Members expressed their concern about the additional costs associated with Fish and Wildlife requirements. CRAC members felt that this is a cost that Tillamook County cannot afford. Gus said it was the principal of the matter.

Liane is proposing paving a small portion of Blankenship Road by Mr. Silva's sheds. This will aid in controlling the dust. Eric said that he would keep this area clean. George stressed that once this area is paved it has to be kept clear for at least 24 hours; tractors traffic would damage the paved surface. Eric expressed his concern about the speeders on the road and suggested speed bumps. Liane said that it is not a good idea because of liability and costs of maintenance. Eric also suggested sending the information out to Map quest so out-of- towners are aware of the situation. Dave to look into it.

Item 5 Public Relations: The DVD was shown to the members. This will be taken to the committees and groups by Liane. Members were very impressed by the presentation.

Item 6. Construction Project Update –

Johnson Bridge - ARRA: To open October 9th. The contractor hopes to pave October 12th week for about ½ mile from the bridge. Dora mentioned that the hollyhocks were destroyed. Liane to see if they could be included in the vegetation plan.

Bixby Road: Construction to be completed by the end of October. Paving started today.

Salmonberry Bridge: Rip rap will be used to protect the structure. The railroad portion could not be protected due to different funding sources. The project is to be completed by the end of 2010.

Fawcett Creek Culvert: Project is scheduled to be completed December 2009.

Item 7 Future Projects: Tabled for next meeting.

Item 8 Public Comment: Dora thanked TCPW for installing the chevrons at Trask River Road.

Item 9 Next Meeting: Next meeting scheduled for November 2, 2009 at 3 pm at the BOC Conference Room B. Items to include right of way issue; Port; Funding (Solid Waste).

Curt said that CRAC member Steve McCartney had resigned citing work load. John and Jerry agreed to serve again.

Commissioner Labhart shared a letter with the members that the Tourist Room Tax has been delayed due to challenging financial times. This tax would have generated some revenue for TCPW.

Item 10 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.