

## TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 2, 2009

*MEMBERS PRESENT:* Chair Curt Schonbrod, John Gettman, Gary Hanenkrat, Gus Meyer, Bob Garrigues and Jerry Dove

*STAFF:* Liane Welch and Jeanette Steinbach

*PUBLIC:* Dora Norwood

**Item 1.** Meeting called to order at 2:59 pm by Curt Schonbrod. Discussion affecting culverts requirements on fish passage, and on the roads. Liane noted that the culverts on Blaine were bridges formerly.

**Item 2. Minutes Approval:** October 5, 2009 minutes reviewed. John motioned to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded, unanimously approved.

**Item 3 Boulder Creek Culvert Project:** Jerry suggested putting in a double culvert which Liane said may cause a debris issue. Commissioner Hurliman is looking at this issue because these fish passage requirements are affecting several agencies. Liane met with ODOT on Friday and the plan is put in a one-lane Bailey Bridge sometime in December 2009. This is a one-lane, 12 ft bridge designed by the US Army. Crew is prepping the area by the culvert. Crew is also building an aggregate pad at Blankenship for the farmer's loading trailer. We have had lots of complaints about the condition of the detour road. The Dept. of Agriculture has been onsite taking water samples. Liane mentioned that the Road Dept. has applied for additional ARRA funding for the permanent bridge. The permanent bridge replacement would originally have cost about \$1 million but with the culvert being removed it brought the cost down to \$860,000. One idea is to use the paving STP funds to help pay for the bridge. STP paving funds of \$249,000 and contingency funds will bring the amount needed to \$500,000.

**Item 4 Tillamook Port:** The Port does not think that the administrative pieces will be ready to plan for the project in the summer of 2010. Liane said that in view of the concerns raised by Gary Hanenkrat about the public perception of working on County Roads in the Port, she felt that the work in the Port could be done in two phases while also doing some other county roads in other areas. The members stressed that communication with the public is vital.

### **Item 5. Construction Project Update -**

**Johnson Bridge - ARRA:** Paving of the base lift started today. In the spring the 2<sup>nd</sup> lift will be done and continued to Chance Road.

**Bixby Road:** Construction is completed.

**Salmonberry Bridge:** Scope of work still being reviewed by ODOT. Project not moving forward.

**Fawcett Creek Culvert:** Bridge will be paved depending on the weather. Will be working with Pleasant Valley Water District through Dept. of Agriculture to put in the water line.

**Item 6 Other Projects: Cochran Road:** Tillamook County is planning on giving the money obtained from FEMA amounting to approximately \$17,000 to Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF) to repair the road. Jeanette is working on an Inter Governmental Agreement with ODF for the funding transfer. Vacation proceedings also will be done with Washington and Tillamook Counties so that ODF will be able to maintain the road. ODF to work with timber companies for access.

**East Creek Road:** The repair of East Creek Road is being funded by BLM for \$43,000. The intent is to shift the road and replace the culverts. BLM is also looking at helping with Trask River Road and the Boulder Creek Project. BLM mentioned that Title II funding could help with some of the projects. Commissioner Hurliman will be able to help with the process.

**East Beaver Creek Road:** TCPW is trying to coordinate with BLM, USFS, Stimson and other agencies to come up with a permanent fix. East Beaver Creek Road is closed at MP 3.5.

**Murphy Creek on Kilchis River Road:** A letter was received from an attorney saying that we would be liable in case there is an issue with the culvert. Gus Meyer said that NRCS and Soil & Water are also working on this issue, and he will ask them to share the information with TCPW.

**Blankenship Road:** The shoulders are being widened which will help with water quality and road maintenance. A pad will be placed for the farmer's trailer so that the trailer is off the road. Paving can not be done on that road because of the weather.

**Storm preparation:** Staff met with Tillamook PUD to improve coordination during storms. The crew would work a 14-hour shift and a night shift. Road closures will be updated on the web. TPUD is updating radio system to communicate with TCPW. Liane is working with Gordan McCraw of Emergency Management and Mark Gervasi of Tillamook City on a Flood Fighting Plan.

**Item 7 Hydrologist Letter:** Based on discussions by members, it was decided that Curt would forward the letter drafted by former member Steven McCartney to the BOC. This letter requested that the BOC support employing a County Hydrologist. If the County did employ a Hydrologist, that person could be utilized by TCPW and other agencies. All members approved sending the letter to BOC.

**Item 8 Discussion regarding Strategic Planning for the Road Dept.:** Liane handed out the October 2009 NWACT newsletter to the members. Liane asked for funding for the Boulder Creek project. This is a great avenue, and it is a public outreach conduit to understand what is happening at ODOT. Liane together with Commissioner Josi attended the Asset Management Conference where Tillamook County was featured and complimented.

John wanted to know how did the condition of the road affect the response or costs of Emergency vehicles and school buses. Since the Transient Room Tax is suspended, it is important for TCPW to look for other revenue sources. TCPW needs to gain respect from the public which is happening now. Bob suggested that the BOC needs to go out to the public; it has to come from that level. Dora suggested putting in a funding thermometer like United Way showing how much \$ is needed. If the thermometer doesn't rise, the roads don't get fixed. Bob wanted to know how we could track the public's contributions, and would it be tax deductible? Liane mentioned the DVD and the articles in the paper, but it is important to also promote goodwill. Liane will be putting together a PR piece that will focus on preventative maintenance, mix of fixes, accomplishments and the solid waste department. Gus said it is important that the public understand what are the revenue losses – the US Forest Fees, Safety Net, DMV receipts, no general fund monies and out of county vehicle registrations. Jerry said it is important to convince the public that the TCPW doesn't have sufficient funds, and with the funds they do have, they are spending it wisely. The public tends to look at the County government as a whole, not just TCPW. Curt suggested a short-term operating levy. Liane said that at this time due to the economic situation, Commissioner Labhart would not support any tax option. Dora added that she shows her support by always attending the meetings.

**Item 8 Public Comment:** Bob said that the City of Portland projected that in 2030 most folks would be commuting by bicycles. Liane mentioned that the City of Tillamook got \$27 million to improve Hwy 101/Hwy 6 which will impact a lot of businesses.

**Item 9 Next Meeting:** Next meeting scheduled for February 1, 2010 at 3 pm at the BOC Conference Room

**Item 10 Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.