

**Economic Development Council of Tillamook County
Executive Board Minutes
January 15, 2013**

Board Members

Present	Mark Labhart	Doug Olson	Michele Bradley
	Mike St. Clair	Suzanne Weber	Tony Enzler
	Ray Sieler	Dale Stockton	Patrick Criteser
	Connie Green		

Staff Members

Present	Dan Biggs	Carla Lyman	
Audience			
Present	Amy Reiersgaard	Gus Meyer	Alene Allen
	Stephanie Hurliman	Dennie Houle	Mary McArthur
	Shawna Sykes	Ken Bell	

Call to Order (agenda item 1)

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Chair Michele Bradley.

Consent Agenda (agenda item 2)

A motion was made by Mark Labhart and seconded by Doug Olson to accept the minutes of the November 2012 meeting as presented. The motion carried

A motion was made by Suzanne Weber and seconded by Ray Sieler to accept the November financial reports as presented. The motion carried.

Audit reports were dispersed to the Board.

Presentation (agenda item 3)

Connie Green presented a brief overview of the economic contribution of Tillamook Bay Community College to the community. Mark Labhart requested that Connie send the PowerPoint/report to Senator Betsy Johnson and Rep. Deborah Boone.

Old Business

TRT Tax Update (agenda item 4.A)

Dan Biggs and Doug Olson gave an overview of the recent community meetings that were held in South, Central, and North County regarding the upcoming roads measure. Doug stated that it looks as though a \$15 million bond measure will be on the May ballot for roads, and it is possible that this would involve 2 issuances of around \$7.5 each.

A working group is being formed for further work on the TRT Tax and suggestions for participants are welcomed. At this time the group will work toward having the TRT Tax measure ready for the November ballot.

Business Incentive Grant (BIG) Update (agenda item 4.B)

After review of the request a motion was made by Connie Green and seconded by Suzanne Weber to grant the BIG to Oregon Mushroom Company. The motion carried with one abstention.

RLF Loan #58-02-01 Update (agenda item 4.C)

The recommendation was made by the RLF Board to grant a three (3) month extension on Loan #58-02-01. A motion was made by Dale Stockton and seconded by Mike St. Clair to grant the three (3) month extension. The motion carried with one abstention.

Director's Report (agenda item 5)

Dan covered highlights from the director's report which is enclosed in the Board Packet. He made particular note that he would present a detailed update on the bovine mortality/woody biomass projects at February's meeting.

Board Member Comments (agenda item 6)

Dale Stockton informed the Board that dredging has begun at the Port of Nehalem. It will be completed by February 15.

Tony Enzler has become an advisor to the Second Street Public Market. After attending two Board meetings and talking with the vendors he says there are some major issues there. He asked the Board for positive energy and support for this vital part of downtown Tillamook.

Suzanne Weber stated that the Economic Opportunities Grant is almost finished.

Carla Lyman updated the Board regarding the closure of the Cedar Creek Child Care Center CDBG Grant. A second public hearing must be held and then final paperwork will be ready to submit.

Michele Bradley commented that there is a vacancy on the Port of Tillamook Bay Board. Information is available on the POTB website. The offices are being moved today and an open house will probably happen in February. Also the Near Space building is coming along and should be ready to occupy in March.

Doug Olson let the Board know that a couple of restaurants are closing in Pacific City including the Black Tail Café. Another restaurant is also preparing to close.

Shawna Sykes distributed some materials about regional employment figures, which includes Tillamook County.

Connie Green spoke regarding possible state funding for the second college building which will be a career/technical education building with partners in it including EDC, Regional Solutions, OSU Open Campus and Extension. She also stated that it is likely that tuition will have to be raised again.

Ray Sieler reported that the PUD budget is approved and there is no anticipated rate increase in 2013.

He also stated that the Community Grants are open. All information is on the website. Deadline is around February 15. PUD is also adding a journeyman tree trimmer and will be starting a new system in April called Smart Hub which will allow customers to go online and see their usage by hour and by day. . A test with employees will begin at the end of this month.

Mark Labhart—Mark brought up several items including

The Association of Counties as voted to support the Columbia River Crossing. To raise funds they are thinking of raising the vehicle registration fees by \$10.

There is a proposal to put a .02 cent tax on jet fuel to help keep rural airports open. The airport in Pacific City is on the list of airports slated for closure.

On January 22nd the pig 'n' ford races will be featured on the Travel Channel.

January 17, Goodwill has their grand opening.

Chamber Annual Banquet Saturday night—only 6 tickets left.

Mark asked Dennie Houle to find out details about the Rural Energy Enterprise Zone.

Adjournment (agenda item 7)

Meeting was adjourned at 1:22 pm.