

**Economic Development Council of Tillamook County  
Executive Board Minutes  
February 19, 2013**

**Board Members Present**

Doug Olson  
Suzanne Weber  
Connie Green  
Michele Bradley  
Tony Enzler  
Mark Labhart

**Staff Members Present**

Dan Biggs  
Carla Lyman

**Audience  
Present**

Shawna Sykes  
Alene Allen

**Board Members  
Not Present**

Dale Stockton  
Ray Sieler  
Patrick Criteser

Dennie Houle

Jennifer Purcell

**Call to Order** (agenda item 1)

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm by Board Chair Michele Bradley.

**Consent Agenda** (agenda item 2a and b)

- A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Suzanne Weber and seconded by Connie Green. The motion carried.
- A motion to approve the financial reports as presented was made by Mark Labhart and seconded by Tony Enzler. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

TRT Tax Update (agenda item 3a)

Dan Biggs reported that the working committee has been formed and includes Patrick Criteser, Leila Salmon, Shirley Kalkhoven, Justin Aufdermauer, Merrienne Hoffman, Betty Baumgart and Eugene Tish and will be meeting next week (February 25-March 1) to discuss such issues as how to spend the TRT tax money, vetting of the various proposals, as well as governance issues if the tax is approved. Doug Olson went over the timeline for getting the measure on the ballot in November. He suggested that a special meeting could be necessary in June to deal with this so that deadlines can be met.

Bovine/Woody Biomass Update (agenda item 3b)

Dan Biggs reported that a couple of meetings have taken place and the committee is fairly close to getting all the issues addressed. A flow chart with dollar figures will be prepared and a proposal will be submitted to the Oregon Community Foundation for funding of the project hopefully within the next six (6) weeks. The committee is looking at the possibility of doing pyrolysis, which if feasible would create two revenue streams.

In a related matter, Mark Labhart told the Board that Washington County is looking at their commercial food waste and is looking for a depository for the digesting of restaurant post-consumer food waste. Andy Dyke, the chair of the Washington County Commission has contacted Michele Bradley at the Port of Tillamook Bay regarding possibilities here. Mark feels that from an economic development point of view this could be huge. Michele Bradley indicated that Metro is also looking for a depository for their waste, and they are looking at everything within a 100 mile radius though Tillamook has not been contacted. Jennifer Purcell stated that she thought perhaps the possible food waste project should be fast tracked on its own and not

delayed for the bovine mortality program which could take a lot longer to complete. Mark Labhart suggested that a meeting be pursued with Washington County. Michele Bradley will make that contact. Jennifer Purcell suggested that the contact person is likely to be the solid waste manager.

**Director's Report** (agenda item 4)

Tourism Symposium. Dan Biggs let the Board know that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tourism Symposium is coming up March 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 9:30 at TBCC. He ran through the agenda for the Board. Shawna Sykes asked if the regional business system will be mentioned as part of the symposium. Dan Biggs will bring this up to the committee. Invitations will be going out on Friday, February 22 and RSVP is requested.

Wild Rice Beer. 50 lbs. of wild rice was recently taken to the Food Innovation Center in Portland. Five or six brewers are excited about the possibility of this gluten-free beer. Dan Biggs will be setting up a meeting with Bob's Red Mill regarding the possibility of having this wild rice milled into gluten free flour. Calculations can then be done to determine how many acres of rice would need to be planted to meet the need of the brewers and the flour project. Ultimately currently unused farm land could be planted with wild rice and a roasting facility could be built.

**Board Member Comments** (agenda item 5)

- Connie Green informed the Board that community colleges have a lot of changes coming up. Changes in governance, funding formulas, and expectations are all anticipated. The legislature is asking for more and more credit/degree/certificate classes and less non-credit/community enrichment classes. TBCC currently has the largest percentage of non-credit classes in the state, so when the funding formula changes there will be a tremendous impact on TBCC. Connie Green also commented that she will have an update in March on the plans for TBCC North—which will be a remodel done at Neah-Kah-Nie High School.
- Tony Enzler told the Board that is excited by the possibility of the composting/food waste project and is willing to work to make it happen. He also noted that Sterling Bank has divested themselves of Clatsop County. The Seaside and Astoria branches have been sold to Bank of the Pacific. What that means to Tillamook County is that all of monies budgeted for Clatsop County will not be focused on Tillamook County.
- Suzanne Weber announced that 14 new quilt squares will be put up during the next two months and they will be located from Manzanita to Cloverdale. She also stated that the design team has been hired for the 101/6 project and they started meeting last week (February 11-15). The city is working on its parks plan and construction on the rehabilitation of the 9<sup>th</sup> street Park will begin soon. That park will now be called Coats Park. The project will include tennis and basketball courts, new restrooms, and adult fitness track, and a small playground area. Suzanne Weber also stated that she has been working with other mayors on the tourism symposium, specifically on Q-Care. She stated that she has been charged with talking to the Commissioners regarding some kind of customer service training for government. She also noted that she and Patrick Criteser will be working together on ways the City and the Creamery Association can work together.
- Michele Bradley noted that the Port has a new Board member—Jack Mulder. Jack will have to run in the May election to fulfill the remainder of the vacated position, which is two (2) years. There are also two (2) other Board members who are at the end of their four (4) year terms. The Port has been approached as a possible location for a “Tough

Mudder” competition. They need 350 acres for this competition. There has been no final decision made.

- Doug Olson announced that the PUD is accepting grant application; see the website for details. PUD is also filing on the Oceanside transmission line. It has gone to the city and is being appealed. The city council will deal with that on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The PUD Board has also voted to submit to the County and that has yet to be scheduled.
- Mark Labhart noted that the road proposal will be coming to the Commissioners tomorrow (February 20, 2013). He anticipates that it will pass 3 to 0. He also commented that there were several pieces of legislation that he is watching very closely. One would possibly affect our County parks and the other proposes closing the Tillamook 911 Center in favor of creating a regional 911 Center.

**Adjournment** (agenda item 6)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm by Board Chair Michele Bradley.