

**Economic Development Council of Tillamook County
Board Minutes
April 17, 2012**

Board Members

Present Joel George
Mark Labhart
Dale Stockton
Doug Olson
Suzanne Weber

Board Members

Not Present Harold Strunk
Connie Green
Michele Bradley
Aaron Garcia
Mike St. Clair

Guests

Present Mary McArthur	Mark Ellsworth	Amy Reiersgaard
Ken Bell	Stephanie Hurliman	Alene Allen
Gus Meyer	Sue Safford	

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Doug Olson at 12:05 pm.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Because there was no quorum, the consent agenda items will be moved to the May 15, 2012 meeting. This was an informational meeting only.

3. Old Business

- a. Revolving Loan Fund Criteria
 - i. Sally Tuttle met with the EDC loan officer Rich Cook to establish the RLF criteria. The Col-Pac criteria are also on file for reference. The EDC RLF criteria will be emailed to the Board.
- b. Website Update
 - i. Staff is meeting with a local web developer this week to start the website update process.
- c. Election Update
 - i. Three positions will be open as of the end of June 2012. Two of the incumbents have indicated that they would like to run again. Joel George has advised the Board that he will be retiring. Drafts of two letters were distributed to the Board for informational purposes. One letter solicits nominations from the membership and the other will be sent ballots. The question was raised as to whether Joel's position is an at-large position or specifically for the PUD. Staff will check the by-laws.

4. Director's Report

- a. Volunteer consultants—several have been added to the growing EDC List. Among them is John Campbell, Vice Chancellor Oregon Education System. They have \$4 million to spend and John is taking the lead on the bio-fuel area; Dave Smith—OSU Forestry and Wood Sciences; John Sessions—OSU Forest Engineering and Resource Management; John Males—OSU Agri-sciences and Cattle Production.
- b. Industrial Lands—Dan is working with Paul Wyntergreen on the hiring of a firm to assess the industrial lands situation. The updates Oregon Prospector website, named ExpandingOregon.com, will be up and running in early May. Free webinars will be offered to teach people how to use the site. All information that was posted to Oregon

Prospector before March 30th has been imported to the new site. Information posted after March 30th will need to be uploaded to the new site.

- c. Rails and Trails—there is a feasibility meeting on April 24th which Mark Labhart and Michele Bradley will attend. Dan will be at the spring SBDC Director’s Conference in Portland.
- d. Misc.—KPTV from Portland will be running a week of features promoting Tillamook County. They will be filming toward the end of April. They will feature businesses such as the Blue Heron, Tillamook Cheese Factory, the Air Museum, and Alderbrook Golf Course.
- e. Capital—Dan met with Doug Olson and Aaron Garcia regarding the issues surrounding forming a venture fund. Dan is preparing a proposal on this for the Board.

5. Board Member Comments

- a. Joel George will be retiring from Tillamook PUD August 1.
- b. Mark Labhart reported that the BiMart group wants to start their construction in spring. They still have to go through the permitting process, but the project is moving ahead. Goodwill is working on the property on Hwy 101 by the Ashley Inn. They would like to get started in august.
- c. Doug Olson reported that Jeff Schons of Pelican Pub is optimistic that they will be able to put a deal together for their expansion project in the Tillamook area. Doug also stated that the Hebo Fire Station will most likely be completed in the first week of August.
- d. The EDC Annual Meeting is set for Thursday, June 21st at the newly renovated building at the Port of Tillamook Bay.

6. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.