

**Economic Development Council of Tillamook County
Executive Board Meeting**

March 20, 2012

Room 204, Tillamook Bay Community College

Board Members

Present:

Connie Green
Doug Olson
Dale Stockton
Joel George
Harold Strunk
Aaron Garcia
Mike St. Clair

Board Members

Not Present:

Mark Labhart

Staff Members

Present:

Dan Biggs
Sally Tuttle
Carla Lyman

**Community
Members:**

Present:

Kevin Greenwood
Valerie Shumann
Ray Sieler

Jeff Sherman
Alene Allen
Mark Ellsworth

Stephanie Hurliman
Gus Meyer

- **Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Board Chair Mike St. Clair.
- **Consent Agenda**
 - *A motion* was made by Dale Stockton and seconded by Joel George to accept the minutes of the February meeting as presented. The motion carried.
 - *A motion* was made by Harold Strunk and seconded by Joel George to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion carried.
- **Presentation**
 - Kevin Greenwood of the Port of Garibaldi presented information regarding the Port's #1 priority—wharf repair. The wharf was constructed in 1941 and cannot withstand the weight of the businesses that would like to locate there. At least seven (7) businesses have contacted the Port wanting to relocate; the Port has letters of intent from six (6) businesses wanting to relocate once wharf repair is complete. Cost of the wharf project is \$4.2 million, which includes 3 10 thousand square foot buildings that can be subdivided. The Port has a Connect Oregon grant for \$1.6 million and other grants are in the works. Currently all buildings at the Port are leased; the Port is at capacity.
- **New Business**
 - **Board Member Terms**
 - Three (3) Board members have terms that will end June 30, 2012. They are Dale Stockton, Joel George, and Mike St. Clair. Joel intends to resign and Ray Sieler of Tillamook PUD is interested in serving on the Board. Both Dale and Mike are interested in continuing on the Board.

- **Revolving Loan Fund Application**
 - *A motion* was made by Connie Green and seconded by Mike St. Clair to place Aaron Garcia on the Revolving Loan Fund Board. The motion passed.
 - After extended discussion regarding the RLF process, a motion was made by Connie Green and seconded by Dale Stockton to approve the loan to Beaver Grocery and Deli. The motion passed.
 - Sally pointed out that in the pass all loans have been referred to by loan number and not by the name of the business. This is a matter of confidentiality and being respectful of the applicant. It was also noted that SBDC clients sign up for services with the understanding that services are 100% confidential.
 - **Action Item**—Specific criteria for the Revolving Loan Fund will be presented at the April meeting.
- **Old Business**
 - **Membership Rates:** Dan Biggs had nothing to report on this. He is analyzing the benefits provided and also the possibility of working with the Chamber.
- **Director's Report:**
 - Dan Biggs reports that exciting things are going on including:
 - A possible farm cooperative to produce bedding material
 - The following activities are also on-going:
 - Helping a rental company in Manzanita
 - Helping a marina/boat rental business expand
 - Assisting a possible metal manufacturing company start up
 - Dan also reported:
 - No new consultants were contacted in February
 - Nothing new has happened on the industrial/commercial land database
 - Rail & Trails will be meeting in the next month or two
 - North Coast Scenic Railroad has a meeting coming up on Thursday, March 22, 2012
 - The Tourism Symposium went well and an ad-hoc committee is forming to explore a County TRT tax.
 - There is ongoing exploration on producing fuel from bio-mass
 - **Action Item**--Dan will report on the Animal Mortalities issue at the April meeting.
 - Dan also announced that the Oregon InC Roadshow is coming up April 17, 2012 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at TBCC.
 - Updating of the website has not yet been addressed. This is part of the branding effort and is high on the priority list. Harold Strunk suggested that the website update should not wait until branding efforts are in place.
- **Board Member Comments**
 - Dale Stockton announced that the Port of Nehalem is sponsoring a marketing package for Bots Marsh.
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at `1:35 pm.