

**Economic Development Council of Tillamook County  
Executive Board Minutes  
November 20, 2012**

Board Members  
Present

Connie Green  
Ray Sieler  
Suzanne Weber  
Michele Bradley  
Mark Labhart  
Doug Olson  
Mike St. Clair  
Tony Enzler  
Patrick Crietzer

Board Members  
Not Present

Dale Stockton

Staff Members  
Present

Dan Biggs  
Carla Lyman

Guests

Patty Olson

**Call to Order (Agenda Item 1)**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by Board Chair Michele Bradley.

**Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 2)**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 2012 meeting was made by Suzanne Weber and seconded by Mike St. Clair. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the financial reports for October 2012 was made by Mike St. Clair and seconded by Doug Olson. The motion carried.

**Old Business (Agenda Item 3)**

Business Incentive Grant Update

Dan Biggs reported that Robin Reddish has met with SBDC counselor Bill Mays to work on her business plan and the updated outcomes should be available for the January 2013 meeting.\

TRT Tax Update

Copies of three tentative proposals were discussed. The first proposal is for a county wide 10% tax with cities grandfathered in at their current rates. South County representatives were unhappy with this proposal. The second proposal, which was favored by South County, is a 4% tax across the Board. North County representatives were not happy with proposal two. The third proposal is a hybrid of the two. South County has rejected proposal three as unfair.

Doug Olson explained that the road tax proposal is essentially the same as it was a year ago—a \$15 million bond. The major change will be to have three issuances instead of one. He also stated that deadlines for both the road and the TRT become very serious in January. The measures must be filed 61 days out which is around March 14.

TRT is still up in the air at this point. Doug Olson recommended that if the cities are not on board, and a proposal cannot be agreed upon then perhaps it should not be put on the ballot this time. It was suggested that one-on-one conversations happen with the South County individuals that are currently opposed to proposal one to try to bring them on board. Consensus of the Board is to move ahead with the TRT.

Strategic Plan Metric Update

Updated impact numbers were presented. These statistics are courtesy of the SBDC.

#### **Director's Report (Agenda Item 4)**

Dan Biggs explained that activity that has occurred since the last Board meeting is now highlighted in the Director's Report. He pointed out the following:

A group is getting together to make a presentation to the Tribe regarding purchasing Botts Marsh and putting an interpretative center there. There is currently nothing in the County that talks about the indigenous peoples, etc.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tourism Symposium is set for March 18, 2013.

It looks as though the perimeters of a financing package have been reached for the Pelican expansion. TURA, OBDD, and possibly ColPac and EDC will be involved.

#### **Board Member Comments (Agenda Item 5)**

Doug Olson announced that the PCNV Chamber Banquet is coming up December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Pelican Pub beginning at 6 pm. Tickets are \$50. Guest speaker will be retired KOIN anchor Mike Donohue.

Michele Bradley noted due to redistricting Senator Johnson is no longer the Port's Senator. Ports are presenting to the legislature in December. The Air Museum has decided to remain at the Port at least through the current term of their lease.

Suzanne Weber announced the Christmas celebration on December 1. Entertainment begins at 3:30 with the tree lighting and parade of lights following at 5:30. She also mentioned that the city will be working on codification of ordinances.

Ray Sieler reported that as of that morning 175 customers were still without power from the recent storm. Ray said he believes this was the strongest sustained winds since the 2007 storm.

Connie Green requested time on the January agenda to present the community college economic impact report. She also notified the Board that the college building will be closed from 12/24/2012 to 1/2/2013, which means the EDC/SBDC office will also be closed.

#### **Adjournment (Agenda Item 6)**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.