

Economic Development Council of Tillamook County Board Minutes

February 17, 2015
12:00 pm

Board Members

Present:

Dale Stockton
Suzanne Weber
Ray Sieler
Doug Olson
Connie Green

Board Members

Not Present:

Patrick Criteser
Mark Labhart
Mike St. Clair
Michele Bradley

Staff Members

Present:

Mike Cohen
Susan Moreland

Nan Devlin

Carla Lyman

Public in

Attendance:

Alene Allen
David Yamamoto
Judson Randall

Gus Meyer
Tammy King Crossley
Betty Baumgart

Marc Hinz
Angela Warren
Jeremy Strober

Call to Order (agenda item 1)

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Chair Doug Olson

Consent Agenda (agenda item 2)

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting as presented was made by Suzanne Weber and seconded by Ray Sieler. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the January financial reports was made by Connie Green and seconded by Ray Sieler. The motion carried.

Old Business

Board Vacancy (agenda item 3A)

The Board interviewed three candidates—Marc Hinz, Angela Warren, and Tammy King-Crossley—for the board position vacated by Tony Enzler. After giving a brief introduction and a question and answer period, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Tammy King-Crossley to the vacate seat on the EDC Board.

Budget Committee (agenda item 3B)

There are three vacancies on the EDC Budget Committee. Applications available at the EDC office and will be available until the first budget committee meeting.

Discussion of selection process for legal counsel for EDC (agenda item 3C)

Doug Olson stated that the selection process for legal counsel for the EDC has begun. This results from the number of decisions that will arise during the coming month from the tourism activity. Special Districts of Oregon (SDAO) has recommended four firms with a strong background in public contract law—Ken Jones of The Local Government Law Group in Eugene, Clark Balfour with Cable Huston law firm in Portland. (This firm is Doug Olson's personal counsel and they also represent Tillamook PUD). The third is Eileen Eakins Law Offices, LLC in Lake Oswego and the fourth is Jordan Ramis firm of Lake Oswego. (While working with Washington County, Doug Olson did do business with one of their associates—Dan Olsen). Doug Olson, Nan Devlin and Suzanne Weber will conduct interviews with these recommended firms and make a recommendation to the Board in March.

Recommendation to fill vacancy on TAC (agenda item 3D)

Doug Olson reported that Gloria Scullin has resigned from TAC for personal reasons leaving a vacant at-large position. Existing TAC applications were reviewed prior to the meeting by Doug Olson, Connie Green and Commissioner Labhart. A motion to send a recommendation to the BOCC to appoint Ken Crowe to the TAC was made by Suzanne Weber and seconded by Ray Sieler. The motion carried.

TAC applications will be solicited again this spring to freshen the pool of candidates for appointment. A discussion regarding appointing an Alternate to the TAC will be on the March agenda.

Tillamook Coast Facilities Grant Process (agenda item 3E)

The proposed facilities grant application and instruction, which has been worked on by a subcommittee of TAC for approximately five (5) months, was presented to the Board by Tillamook Coast Director Nan Devlin. The following definition from the instructions was discussed:

“A “tourism-related facility” may also include a master plan, engineering study or architectural work reasonably required to locate, design or construct a tourism facility or facilities.”

A legal opinion from Tillamook County counsel Bill Sargent was also read by Doug Olson. Following the discussion, a motion to present this application and instructions to BOCC and to continue to monitor the noted legal issue was made by Connie Green and seconded by Suzanne Weber. The motion carried.

Reports

EDC Director Report (agenda item 4A)

Mike Cohen reported that he has spent the last month familiarizing himself with the agencies, businesses, etc. and is beginning to get a more focused feel for what is happening and what needs to happen. He stated that the Small Business Development Center needs to set the foundation for the economic development. He has also had meetings regarding the Biomass to Renewable Energy project.

Tourism Director Report (agenda item 4B)

Nan Devlin reported on several projects such as an abbreviated version of the Winter Coast Escapes film which is being aired on KGW and Cable News Channel. The Facebook goal of 5,000 FB friends by June 2015 has already been exceeded. Contests will also take place in shoulder and off seasons. There are approximately 250 visitor guide requests per week. Articles in 1859 magazine and the Salem Statesman Journal were also highlighted.

TAC Updates (agenda item 4C)

Doug Olson reported that TAC has been concentrating on the facilities grant documents that the Board reviewed at this meeting. TAC will continue to meet twice monthly. The actual money collected as of 2/15/2015 was \$2,285,672. That is almost \$1 million more than what the voters were told.

Board Member Comments (agenda item 5)

There were no Board Member comments at this time.

Adjournment (agenda item 6)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm by Chair Doug Olson.