

Economic Development Council of Tillamook County
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
12:00 pm

Board Members

Present:

Doug Olson
Suzanne Weber
Joel George
Connie Green

Not Present:

Mike St. Clair
Michele Bradley
Harold Strunk
Dale Stockton
Mark Labhart
Aaron Garcia

Staff Members

Present:

Dan Biggs
Carla Lyman

Not Present:

Sally Tuttle

- Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Secretary/Treasurer Doug Olson
- Consent Agenda
 - There is no quorum present. No official business will be conducted. This will be an informational meeting only.
- New Business
 - The December meeting will be cancelled due to the holidays. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2012.
 - Wells Fargo Bank needs official meeting minutes stating that our former director should be removed from all accounts and stating who needs to be added to the accounts. Marshall Doak should be immediately removed from all Wells Fargo accounts and Dan Biggs should be added to all Wells Fargo accounts.
- Director's Report
 - Business visitation Plan—Dan is trying to visit one business a day. Governmental and industrial associations have been added to the visitation plan to help promote the expansion of existing businesses.
 - Cross promotion program—The Association Committee is making good progress on really branding Tillamook County. This branding can be integrated into the websites of all of the partners. Signs are currently in the design phase. The committee would ultimately like to have interactive kiosks through the county to direct visitors to County attractions.
 - Recruiting business counselors—Roger Jones and Craig Grant have now joined Kathy Gordon-Brooks as business counselors under contract to our Center. Adrian Roberts of Oceanside has also volunteered his expertise on a pro-bono basis.
 - Mentoring—Good progress is being made on the Hwy 101 project which includes the Pelican Pub and Tillamook Air Museum.
 - Work continues with Jacobson Salt Company as well as a group working to get into oyster farming on Netarts Bay and a commercial sewing company.
 - The feasibility of bringing in tours from Europe for music festivals as well as hunting and fishing opportunities is being explored.

- North Coast Regional Solutions Advisory Committee meeting—Regional solutions has the following six (6) priorities:
 - To sustain and retain Northwest Oregon’s current businesses
 - Develop public services and infrastructure to support business development
 - Diversify and expand Oregon’s regional economy
 - Support regional efforts to have sufficient resources, facilities, provide programs, and trained workforce development
 - Support the region’s transportation system
 - Industrial/Commercial Infrastructure Database
 - Maintain a high level of economic development cooperation, coordination, and communication amongst the Northwest Oregon organization and leaders.
- Tillamook County projects include:
 - Garibaldi Wharf revitalization project
 - More flex space
 - Hwy 6 development
 - Disposal of animal mortalities/bio-soil digestion
 - Port of Tillamook Bay alternative projects currently in progress
 - Hwy 101 Project
 - Rails to Trails
 - Tsunami Disaster Preparedness
 - Project Exodus
- Capital formation—Dan is exploring the legal limitations on creating an angel fund in Tillamook County to be used for gap financing. Work also continues on creating a Venture Capital Fund.
- Grants—grant opportunities are being explored for:
 - Further research into the cow mortality issue
 - Recipe to Market program—commercial kitchen and developing a cooperative.
- Board Member Comments
 - Doug Olson suggested that an update on the Industrial/Commercial Infrastructure Assessment be added as an agenda item in January
 - Doug Olson also suggested that new companies be invited to give presentations at the Board at future EDC meetings. Dan will set these up as companies progress
- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm