



PORT OF TILLAMOOK BAY OTRA MEETING RAILROAD

Date: January 29, 2009 1:00 pm

APPROVED 6/16/2009

1. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Dove.
2. Recognition of persons present.
 - a. POTB Commissioners: Jon Ficher, Ken Bell, Jerry Dove, Joe Meyer
 - b. Guests: Richard Krikava- Senator Betsy Johnson's office, Edward Berntson- Railmove Northwest Inc., John Holloway, Amber Nobe- Headlight Herald, Vicki Goodman- VLG Consulting, Liane Welch- T.C. Public Works, Mark Elston- Hampton, Robert Melbo- ODOT Rail, Chris Knutsen- ODFW, David Harlan- OECDD-Ports, Mark Nickerson- Stimson.
 - c. Employees: Josh Balmer, Ashley Arthur, Michele Bradley.
3. Public Comments – None
4. Minutes Approval:

Bob Melbo motioned to approve OTRA minutes 8/7/08.

Dave Harlen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Railroad Update- General Manager:
 - a. Cedar at Tunnel 25: Nothing new as to date. Talked with the Sheriffs department in December regarding returned check from Cyril Jacobs.
 - b. Property Valuation at 3rd Street: POTB commissioner's reviewed the valuation and are not interested in selling at this time.
 - c. Michele Bradley did a run through of the Power Point presentation for meeting at library: presentation draft passed out.
 - d. The board and Michele Bradley explained as of yet, no decision on the future of the railroad. Mr. Melbo asked Bradley if FEMA has settled on a dollar amount yet. Not officially. Estimated cost to fix the railroad: \$50 million dollars. POTB would still have to find 25% match, can't match federal dollars with FEMA dollars. Looking into funding from the State of Oregon. FEMA uses IBIS quantities not dollar amount to establish their estimates for costs, not all of the tracks have been surveyed as of yet. NEPA review not completed yet, still waiting for the report; hopefully coming in a few weeks.
 - e. Mr. Melbo asked about the status of Tunnel 25, Michele explained that the line is now open from the Cochran to Banks.

- f. Mark Nickerson from Stimson commented on the fact that the railroad is less competitive than trucking. The trucking industry is faster and there is a supply and demand for trucking. The trucks also have a larger capacity than cargo trains do, thus making it more cost effective as of right now to use trucks.

Mark Elston joined the meeting at 1:15 pm.

- g. Jerry Dove: commented if we are up to date with standards it would cost around 1400 per car to run the railroad per Kelly Taylor's report (ODOT).

Liane Welch left meeting at 2:00 pm.

6. Board Comments

- a. Washington D.C. trip. Need dollar figures before the trip.

7. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Miranda Smith;
Notes taken by Ashley Arthur*