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*United Steelworkers
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Network*
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*Duckwall-Pooley Fruit
Co.*
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Tamara Russell
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Patrick Smith
*Lane, Coos, Curry,
Douglas Building
Trades*
Labor

Mary J. Taylor
Freeman Marine
Management

Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order and attendees welcomed by Chair Linda Rasmussen at 1:30pm.

Present*:

Linda Rasmussen, Chair
Kathy Nishimoto (by telephone)
Al Dorgan
Cynthia Hurkes
Tamara Russell

Excused:

Patrick Smith
Mary Taylor

Staff:

Rebecca Nance

*Quorum requirement met

Others Present:

Laurie Warner, Deputy Director
Art Ayre, OED Employment Economist
Tom Byerley, OED UI Administrator

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Al Dorgan to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2009 meeting. Motion seconded by Tamara Russell. No discussion. Minutes were approved as read.

Chair Linda again thanked OED staff for work they are doing especially in light of the economic downturn

Legislative Update:

Rebecca presented information on:

- Constituent workload, dealing mostly with UI and UI Fraud
- Linking constituents with local offices for job search assistance
- Reviewed the "2009 OED Legislative Hot Sheet"

Oregon's Unemployment Rate:

Art Ayre presented information on Oregon's unemployment rate:

- Current unemployment rate is 12.1%
- Presented "A Selection of Facts and Explanations" about the unemployment rate including definitions of unemployment and civilian labor force
- Presented the paper "Why is Oregon's Unemployment Rate So High?" that he co-authored with fellow economists
- Presented on Oregon's current & projected economic conditions

Follow Up to Council:

1. 2009 Legislative Timelines Document
2. Brief Explanations of HB 2987 & SB 388

Next Meeting:

The Chair asked Rebecca to send out possible dates for May and poll the committee as to their availability.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.