

**SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** August 18, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** 519 N. First St., Lakeview, OR 97630 – Next to Town Hall (former KLETI offices)

**Board Members Present:**

X John Elliott	X Brad Winters	X Ray Simms	X Frank Villagrana
X Al Switzer	<input type="checkbox"/> Ernie Palmer	X Jeff Ball	X Larry Holzgang
X Butch Hansen	X Mike Stinson	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Kestner
X Dan Shoun	<input type="checkbox"/> Jared Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Caro Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> Dale Roberts
<input type="checkbox"/> Randal Norris	<input type="checkbox"/> Betty Tyree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Cobb	<input type="checkbox"/> Gary Zeig
<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Whitsett	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Lyon		

**Staff:**

Deanna Redd       Shilo Ogilvie      X Christina Ingram      X Betty Riley

**Partners:** Stan Strickland – Klamath Co. Public Works

**Public:**

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 1:20    **by:** Brad Winters, Chair

**Introductions – Roll Call:**

**Approval of July 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes:**

Christina asked for a clarification of a project name she was unable to get at the meeting or from the recording – It was during the Member Reports – Brad regarding a grandfathered access. Brad supplied the project name, Industrial Lane.

Moved: John Elliott,    Second: Al Switzer,    To approve the minutes of the July 11, 2008 meeting as corrected.

Ayes: All      Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Area Member Reports:**

- Brad Winters updated the Board on Lake Co projects – The oil prices are killing us – we got our contract in early but it is still a little over \$400 a ton – our road boss is working as fast as we can to get the oil on the ground.
- Butch reported ODOT is paying \$700 - \$1000 per ton for oil depending on the location.
- It doesn't matter if you are County or State – we are all in trouble.

**Area Manager's Report:**

**mp = Mile Post**

**ROW = Right of Way**

- We have the OTC meeting coming up in September. We have the Biennial Report and the Charter to review later on the agenda so we will cover this at that time.
- Butch attended the Tri-agency meeting on August 13. There is a gentleman John Oshel – who is extremely supportive of our Bly Mountain project – it is now on the June 2011 list to go to bid. The Forest Highways – for the record we pulled any of the

South Central ACT applications to leverage when he went in the Tri-agency meeting. We aren't asking for any additional money and we want to pay for the one project to get done first went over well. We are currently funded for \$17 million, Forest Highway– will bring around \$10 million to the project. Butch will have to talk to Klamath Co due to the ODOT will need to bring another \$2 million.

- Earmark update will be later in the meeting
- Began paving the Lake of the Woods this week. This is the project he mentioned last meeting that was in the minutes where asphalt costs pushed it over budget by \$900,000.
- Drews Creek – we are down to one lane – that project should be finished in mid-September.
- Regional Mobility Meeting – he will talk with Freight Mobility about Algoma – we have been asked to hold off so we can go for the earmark – since we are going to be bid ready by February we will ask them for assistance to get in bids before the oil escalates any further.
- ODOT is seeing what they think is a new bid technique – a lot of the major contractors purchase oil over the winter. They are low bidding knowing once they have the job oil escalation will give them back profit.
- ODOT is pursuing CIR – cold in place recycle for Beatty – Bly job a 20 mile preservation. It's recycling material as a base building – chewing up the old asphalt, adding in some cement, and building the base. ODOT used it a long time ago – as with everything else it has come full circle. The technique and materials have improved. They believe it will be more cost effective and last longer to use a Bo-Mag instead of grind and reheat.
- Destination Resorts – a topic we are wanting to keep up with – Butch has sources that there are two new resorts going in – one in Bonanza and the one in Chiloquin – Christina asked if there was information about a resort off of Clover Creek road in Keno area – Al and John both said they knew about the Crescent Creek – they weren't aware of new applications yet.
- Butch would like to have the ACT review the needs list again – at the October meeting – he would like to keep them current so review every six months or so.

#### **Discussion of the Lake Co SB994 List:**

It was put on the agenda after last meeting when Klamath County and Brad had said Rick would put something together. Brad was unaware it was on the agenda and did not have something prepared. Lake County has a list – they don't plan on doing a formal presentation – they will be contacting those required individually. Rick is short staffed so he is out running the paving machine right now.

Butch had a handout he had not shared yet showing the history of County Road personnel that was given out at the Tri-agency meeting by the AOC. This is for information rather than discussion – it shows from 1980 – 2005 the percentage lost of maintenance crews and engineering crews.

#### **Update on Earmark projects:**

While Butch was on vacation – Mike attended a meeting regarding the earmarks – we are the only ACT in Region 4 putting in for ODOT earmarks. As a priority, from working with Travis – he feels the Hwy 97 passing lanes have a lot of legs – it is the right size and Hwy 97 is the priority right now. Butch has also been working on the Bly Mtn/ Beatty Curves option because we have matching funds at this time on that project – he has TE on Beatty and preservation on

Bly - Dougherty Slide has slid to third because of the cost. The reason for the passing lanes is the staging – Travis said we need to bump up the request – Butch would like to build a 2 mile passing lane southbound. Butch doesn't feel we have much of a chance on Bly Mtn/Beatty. Al wanted to know if ODOT has the data on how much it costs to build a lane mile after they are already mobilized? Butch said it would still be about \$1 million – to \$1.5 million. Al said this might be an area that if ODOT got funding for three lanes, they may want to come to Klamath County to see if they had the funding to complete the fourth. Al said it has always puzzled him why they would do three in each direction but not put in the fourth at that time. Butch said it was purely stretching the money to get the most bang for the buck.

Brad wanted to comment on Dougherty Slide – with the rising cost of construction it is going to continue to slide back, he understands the priority on Hwy 97 – he thinks it is time to look at length restrictions off of Hwy 140. If it can't be to full standard at least mitigated. Butch wanted to know about an Earmark that Lake County had put in for that and they had made the first cut – Brad is unaware of it – Butch is to check he thinks it was Deep Creek – Adel. Brad said they had Deep Creek Curves. Butch let Brad know Region 4 is meeting in Lakeview in September. He will get Brad the dates.

John wanted to know what is the ODOT portion of Hwy 97 should we get an earmark? Butch said it is 11%.

### **Discussion of Biennial Report:**

Butch had Christina and Betty help with the Biennial report – they used the format of the NW ACT – and compiled what we have accomplished over the last two years. Butch wants our members to review it for additions or errors before we take it to the OTC. It has been reviewed by Rodney in Salem – his comments were to add a footer saying 2007 – 2008 and a piece that states we haven't re-written the Charter since the OTC adopted it in 2004. The other thing that Butch was thinking about is what is the passion of the ACT – Betty wondered that too from going through the minutes and other information.

- Number one is safety

language to OTC – here is our area, we are bisected by two different highways – Hwy 97 being our top priority and Hwy 140 as number two based on the usage. They are both necessary to the viability of our communities.

Board had discussion of other roads and issues:

Route 31 Valley Falls – it is not an official truck route – ODOT was going to provide truck counts – Butch to follow up on that. ODOT paved in 2002 – he was surprised how many Wal-Mart trucks they saw – coming out of Reno you only have two small grades hauling north. That area used to be District 11 and now it is District 10 and they have a lot of issues currently around Madras, Sisters, and Bend. People are forgetting about OR 31. Butch would like to see our ACT make that a future priority on the needs list to pave the last section.

Al commented on all of the trucks are beating the pavement to death on Hwy 97. Butch commented that 10 – 20 years ago almost all of the trucks peeled off at Hwy 58 – now it is 50/50. There is not enough money to do preservation on Hwy 395.

### **Charter Review Process:**

Al had a question on page 5 – he thought we had talked at one time about having the past president stay on the Executive Committee – he is not seeing that in the Charter. Christina explained that the change was made through the Economic Development District Board and that it was never brought to the ACT. The reason we are having the Charter review is because of

issues like this where the Board has stated a preference for the change but it was not done in the ACT. They are separate entities and so they need to have the changes made independently. Al requested that the change should be in there and made good to the next election. The process is to have a motion and then bring it before the ACT at the next meeting. We have a quorum – for the Executive Committee – is there quorum for the Full Board ACT. There is not a current amendment clause for the Charter – it is supposed to be that every two years we review the ACT and bring it before the OTC for their approval.

Moved: Al Switzer Second: Brad Winters, The immediate past Chair of the ACT shall remain on the Executive Committee of the ACT for the next biennium – Chair, Vice Chair, Immediate Past Chair.  
Ayes: All Nays: None

Moved: Al Switzer, Second: Frank Villagrana, To amend the Charter to specify Mayor – or designee for Executive Committee membership and to have – “or designee” added after “mayor” in the membership list.  
Ayes: All Nays: None

Brad also sees Lake County Economic Development Director and Klamath County Economic Development Director – Lake County doesn't have one so SCOEDD staff had internally included Lake County Development Director – are they official on the ACT – yes they were made Ex-Officio on the SCOEDD – it is another carry-over change. Al would like to change the way we notify of Executive Committee – Christina sent out the email listed who needed to attend the ACT Exec. because this is a common question – the email list is so large because there are so many people that have to be notified. For example, Kelly Bailey with ODOT keeps the OTC informed on our behalf.

Ray commented on page 2 Section 3 –

Christina would also like to change who is a voting member – people were allowed to decide if they wanted to be counted for quorum – she would like to see it if you are on this Board, you are a voting member. Page 5 Section 6 – had the quorum declaration – Al would like to see it remain as is or we will never make quorum. If we leave it as is – Christina needs to send out something at this point to allow people to determine if they wish to be counted as quorum from this point forward. Brad had a question about Section 5 and the Authority of this Committee – Christina explained that at this time with two commissioners from each County and no record of who originally requested to be counted in quorum, the Board may have the quorum requirement for Full Board in attendance at the Executive Meeting – due to the advertisement of the meeting as and Executive meeting the Committee prefers to take the issues before the full Board in September.

In discussion of the meeting with OTC – Al is to take the lead instead of the Chair.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Other Business:**

Stan Strickland is participating by phone to follow-up on the status of the letter he requested at the last meeting. Christina had the letter with her today for signature from the Chair –the letter and a copy of the adopted minutes will be delivered to the BOCC tomorrow.

Board discussed and approved moving the ACT meeting on September 12 to Klamath Falls at the request of the SCOEDD Board.

**Next Meeting:** September 12, 2008 Full Board – location changed to Klamath Falls per request of the SCOEDD Board which has requested a special session the same day.

**Adjourned:** 2:30      **by:** Brad Winters, Chair