

Columbia Emergency Planning Association
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2011

Present:

Earl Fisher	Columbia County Commissioner
Patrick Trapp	Port of St. Helens
Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Jay Tappan	Columbia River Fire and Rescue
Diane Dillard	Columbia River Fire and Rescue
Joe Errante	ARES/RACES
Yvette Shepherd	Oregon State Police
Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas
Melissa Moore	Northwest Natural Gas
Nick Nachbar	Boise, Inc.
Caroline Frappier	CERT
Will Boose	Seniors & People with Disabilities
Juli Knapp	Columbia Community Mental Health
Renate Rudolph	Columbia County Emergency Management
Lee Knowlton	Columbia 911
Ted Burbee	Seventh Day Adventist Church
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commissioner
Steve Sharek	Clatskanie Fire
Cristin Corcoran	Cities Readiness Initiative
Anne Parrott	Public Health/MRC
Peter Tassoni	Columbia County Emergency Manager
Mark Kreutzer	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong
Tiffany Misclevitz	Service Master by JTS
Rachael Barry-Dame	Women's Resource Center
Genell Grow	St. Helens Federal Credit Union
Brandi McAllister	St. Helens Federal Credit Union
Craig Allen	Port of St. Helens
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES/CERT
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department

Greg called the meeting to order. He extended a welcome and thanked 911 for allowing us to use the facility. Thanks to Northwest Natural Gas for providing treats and door prizes, as well as the brochure - Family Preparedness Guide.

Guest speaker today is Patrick Trapp, Executive Director, Port of St. Helens. New director for 911 is Lee Knowlton – congratulations!

Guest Speaker – Patrick began by saying Ports do a lot of good things for community. Joined as executive director in February after 30 years in the Coast Guard. Third highest acreage of all the Ports in Oregon – with 2600 acres.

Port – working with ports for three decades. We are a port without ships – does a lot more than just marine. We are predominantly a landlord/tenant manager.

Port – mission create and sustain jobs-, diversify economy, provide and improve financial return. There are 23 ports in Oregon. The property includes three heavy industrial sites, three light industrial sites, a general aviation park and a public access marina. We are a special district with five commissioners elected at large. Employees - nine full time employees.

Port district only extends six miles inland from the river. Columbia City Industrial Park, McNulty Creek Park, Milton Creek Park, Multnomah Industrial Park, Port Westward, Railroad Corridor.

Airpark – second **busiest** non-towered general aviation port in Oregon – over 75,000 operations. 5100 foot runway. New construction planned.

Marine park – acquired in early 70's – 21 boat houses, 3 floating homes, approximately 86 boat slips, nature walking trails – completing new floating restroom, restoring 32 slips w/finger piers, looking into possible campground. Will you be dredging? Actually looking at that for future.

Multnomah Industrial Park – located off Old Portland Road in Warren, 130 acres of heavy industrial use, 10,000 and 30,000 sq ft buildings – ORPET BOTTLE recycle is a new business – early 2012 start up – rail enhancement, waterfront improvements.

Railroad Corridor – located in St. Helens off Railroad Ave between Old Portland and Multnomah Channel – next to Boise. Approximately 90 acres. 17 available for development.

McNulty Industrial Park – approximately 47 acres of heavy industrial, excellent transportation

Milton Creek – 83 acres light industrial – completed roof replacement

Columbia City – primary office – approx 93 acres – two docks with direct access on Columbia River – 40 acres available for lease – maybe dock renovation/replacement.

Homeland Security very important.

Port Westward – our biggest holding, 1200 ft wharf on Columbia River at RM 53. Just over 2000 acres – rail served with capacity for unit trains. Existing deep draft marina facility – site of PGE's Beaver and Port Westward Generation plant. Investigation feasibility of marine terminal, possible site of Port Westward Generation facility and now home to Columbia **Pacific** BioRefinery (ethanol) plant. Challenges are getting access roads to the site. Road, rail and water needed.

Budget 20.5 million – general fund is \$5 million – Capital improvements - \$11.4, 34 tenants, 110 hangar tenants, 70 moorage tenants

Many capital projects on the docket – some may not be accomplished this fiscal year.

Statewide Port Strategic Plan- Adopted in October 2010. Establishes a new framework for State to work with 23 ports - Requires each port to develop a strategic plan.

17 of 23 ports have negative cash flow from operations – all but Morrow, Tillamook, Hood River, St. Helens, Gold Beach and Portland

Statewide plan concluded that 1 in 6 Oregon jobs are tied to port activities and cargo. Trying to lay ground work for increased future state funding.

We want to stay in the black – trying to change the culture of Oregon’s port industry and how it is perceived, The statewide Plan documents the importance of ports to Oregon.

Dyno – our business is real good. We had record earnings last year as well as production records. Investing a lot of money in the plant – large maintenance shutdown in June – 400+ contractors for three to four weeks around the clock. Company will be investing \$30 million in plant. One capital project – we make urea – and also urea solution for diesel emissions reduction. We are putting struck stage lanes along the highway in front of the plant.

Chamber – election of officers is underway.

Port – Occupy Portland say they want to disrupt port activities on December 12. Will be working with local law enforcement agencies.

CRF&R – really quiet month – couple of structure fires – one caused by wood stove. CO alarms. Finished up Toy N Joy Auction – food and toy distribution 16 ... Dutch Bros donating days proceeds on December 9. Donut Day Dec. 17.

Earl – County is not quite kaput – over the next couple months we will re-evaluate what is important – will make some alterations to the way we do business. Safety Corridor – meeting at the end of January. Looking at design changes.

Clatskanie Fire – Steve – familiarizing ourselves with Columbia Pacific BioRefinery – had meeting with ODOT on safety corridor near Clatskanie Hill. Couple of chimney fires, lots of medical calls.

Tony – We heard the story of his chimney cleaning! Fortunately, the brush has been located! Frankly we have to always assume we will have some emergencies – based on the history – probably between January and March. Colder and wetter than usual – have an emergency kit. Remember how and when to declare disaster --- stay alert.

Boise – Nick Nachbar – parent's house in Idaho over Thanksgiving – they experienced a power outage and it is just good warning to be prepared. Boise about 8 days to go until we will have 365 days without a serious injury. Outstanding response from recent medical call. Pulp prices are dropping – took 6 days of market-related downtime. Typically we pick up in January/February –

Ted – 7th Day Adventist – His organization is interested in disaster planning...

Lee Knowlton – finishing up hiring process – hopefully by January we will have a couple more people starting.

Peter / Renate – Resource development committee – facility review complete – they did one at Dyno Nobel. EHS sub-committee has a big mission – identify hazards....huge undertaking. We do have a standard hazard mitigation plan for Columbia County. How many EHS facilities? Don't have count...

Craig – Port – rail improvements at Multnomah site – beginning in January – working on crossing at Old Portland Rd – working to minimize public impacts.

Doug – Scappoose Police – during this whole thing in PDX – they spent \$1.73 million dollars just in 5 weeks. This is going to be a nasty winter – we are one of the best counties who have the best partnerships – that's the advantage we have. Dec. 17 = Donut Day – thanks to Chief Salle' who started this years ago. 100 dozen donuts – all the money we raise goes to local food banks around the county. Be careful and be safe

Yvette – Yvette's birthday is December 17 – suicide rate goes up, domestic violence, DUI – alcohol plays major role in the holiday season. I haven't been through a storm in this area – but have been on I84 – get prepared. Be careful – early morning ice. Pursuit last week – partnership with many other agencies while trying to get woman stopped.

Joe – Ham people on alert – more relay sites set up. Search people supporting spaghetti dinner Dec. 16 at Senior Center – will be working at the police stations to support food bank. Trying to help out. Excellent training – majority well qualified.

Will Boose – things are pretty busy for us this time of the year – lot of requests for assistance. Agency focus is now on the weather – so our clients aren't isolated.

NW Natural – things are good – plenty of supply. Mist is full of gas – we inject gas in the summertime and then withdraw in winter. In 2009 – the cold snap took gas level down to 30% of supply. We have spot areas in our system – sometimes needed gas supply improvement. Palomar Pipeline – one of the reasons we want that line – Oregon City to Madras – we currently only have one line along the Columbia River – if that is interrupted – we only have 7 to 10 days supply – it is critical for supplies of energy in this region. In June we are going up to Mist. There is a compressor at Deer Island –

Lonny Welter – out there maintaining the roads – starting to get calls that roads are slick. Spread word that drivers need to slow down. The County has a de-icer –it will last for about 5 days to a week if it doesn't rain – we have applied to Apiary and Scappoose/Vernonia Hwy. We can go through 100 tons of sanding rock a week. Bridges have a tendency to frost over and freeze – Tide Creek is one of the worst. We are now under ODOT Astoria Region – Maintenance manager is out of Astoria – the crew that works on Hwy 47, 202 and 30 --- some possible time delays. ODOT told us that our level of maintenance is not going to change...but it is likely it could. Completed audit for Goble and Clatskanie area – it is amazing when you see traffic and traffic patterns – we saw one accident on Clatskanie – deer strikes – 3 pt buck got slammed by a big pickup truck. Need to make sure signage is more standardized. Traffic speed on Hwy 30 corridor – has been signed for 55 mph --- but markings not necessarily redone.

Rachel Barry-Dame – busy time – great generous community – lot of demand in community based service – we had 73 crisis line calls last month. If you get new cell phone for Christmas – give old ones to them.

CCMH – gearing up for bad weather – Julie Knapp – getting food stocks and battery backup. I would encourage people to drive carefully. We have had some difficulty in getting medications to some patients – need people who have four wheel drives.

Tiffany – we have done emergency planning at work – this is freezing season. Wrap your pipes. Water and fire cleanup!

Brandi and Genell – SHFCU= Nov 17 last Crime Prevention Seminar – will expand even more next year – fraud prevention tips – one of the things Terry Moss said – watch yourself when you shop. Be sure when you do on-line shopping that website is secure.

Mark – everyone talking about 72 hour kits – you should have one in your car as well as home.

Anne Parrott – we need to remember as temperature drops, layer your clothing. If you are working outside for long periods of time – remember to drink water.

Cristin Corcoran – true to their word Emergency Management magazine did publish article about our plan. Former co-worker John Garish – passed away at age of 61. This was our favorite meeting – wife, four adult children and four grandchildren.

Door Prizes were given out. Next meeting is January 3, 2012 – Mike Greisen, Fire Chief at Scappoose, will discuss railroad derailments/accidents. Columbia River Fire & Rescue will provide treats.