

## North Coast Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday September 21, 2015

Phone Meeting

10:00 to 10:30am

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

10:00pm

Welcome and Introductions – Senator Johnson

Following our September 10, 2014 Advisory Committee meeting, the following projects, totaling \$2 million, were submitted to the legislature for possible funding:

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| <b>North Coast Small Farm Producers</b>        | \$300,000 |
| <b>POTB – UAS infrastructure</b>               | \$325,000 |
| <b>Southern Flow Corridor</b>                  | \$500,000 |
| <b>Botts Marsh</b>                             | \$50,000  |
| <b>Seaside Wastewater Treatment Plan</b>       | \$100,000 |
| <b>Pacific Seafood</b>                         | \$150,000 |
| <b>Neskowin Emergency Access Road</b>          | \$150,000 |
| <b>Dredging Contingency</b>                    | \$100,000 |
| <b>Dike and Levy Repair</b>                    | \$250,000 |
| <b>Project Management Capacity for Col-Pac</b> | \$75,000  |

Mark Ellsworth reviewed legislative action. The projects listed below were approved by the legislature for inclusion on the “Regional Solutions Prioritized Capital Construction Projects” list.

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| <b>Southern Flow Corridor</b>                        | \$500,000 |
| <b>Neskowin Emergency Access Road</b>                | \$150,000 |
| <b>Dike and Levy Repair</b>                          | \$250,000 |
| <b>North Cost Small Farm and Fish Infrastructure</b> | \$300,000 |
| <b>POTB – UAS infrastructure</b>                     | \$325,000 |
| <b>Pacific Seafood</b>                               | \$150,000 |
| <b>Seaside Wastewater Treatment Plan</b>             | \$100,000 |

The legislature awarded 82% of the money requested for projects on this list, which means that the North Coast Advisory Committee has \$1.46 million to allocate across projects on the approved list. Advisory Committees across the state have been asked to rebalance their funding priorities to match the actual dollars awarded and the current status of approved projects.

Mark Ellsworth reviewed the current status of capital construction projects and noted that the Seaside Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade had been funded from other sources, that the POTB UAS Infrastructure investment was going to be taken care of from other sources, and that the Small Farm and Fish Infrastructure project has not advanced sufficiently to where it is ready for funding.

Planning for the Pacific Seafood rebuild in Warrenton has advanced to where the Legislative Assembly, Governor’s Office and Regional Solutions Team have been working to identify funding streams to help with the rebuild of this burnt facility. The team had originally suggested a placeholder amount of \$150,000 until the project was ready to move forward.

With the change in status of these three projects, and the emerging opportunity in Warrenton to retain up to 300 jobs, the Advisory Committee was asked to rebalance the funding portfolio by allocating \$500,000 in additional funds to the Pacific Seafood rebuild project.

Melanie Olson of IFA described how an IGA would be used by Business Oregon to contract with the City of Warrenton for payment on work done to help rebuild the fire-damaged dock.

Mayor Don Larson spoke to the importance of having the award tied to rebuilding the plant at the Warrenton site. Commissioner Tony Hyde spoke to the importance of retaining the remaining dollars available for possible dike and levy repair.

Call for Public Testimony – Peggy Lynch of the League of Women Voters spoke to her wish for more agenda content and also to her concern over the committee repurposing dollars among projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tony Hyde to repurpose RST dollars raising the total amount available for rebuilding the Pacific Seafood dock and seafood processing plant in Warrenton to \$650,000. The motion also contained the stipulation that these dollars are only to be spent as part of a larger funding package designed to rebuild the plant at this location.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Don Larson.

The motion was unanimous with all advisory committee members voting yes except for Hal Snow, who abstained from voting after declaring an actual conflict of interest. (Hal Snow is Warrenton’s City Attorney)

Dollar amounts as presently allocated reflecting the \$1.46 million allocation are listed below:

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| <b>Southern Flow Corridor</b>         | \$500,000 |
| <b>Neskowin Emergency Access Road</b> | \$150,000 |

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| <b>Dike and Levy Repair</b>                          | \$160,000 |
| <b>North Cost Small Farm and Fish Infrastructure</b> | \$- 0 -   |
| <b>POTB – UAS infrastructure</b>                     | \$- 0 -   |
| <b>Pacific Seafood</b>                               | \$650,000 |
| <b>Seaside Wastewater Treatment Plan</b>             | \$- 0 -   |

As a closing comment, Commissioner Hyde spoke about the legislature approving dollars for Regional Solutions Advisory Committees to allocate among priority projects. He indicated that this is not about the money. It is about collaboration and communities and government working together in solving regional problems.

10:30am  
Meeting adjourned

**Meeting Attendance**

**Advisory Committee Members on the phone:**

Betsy Johnson, State Senator, District 16  
 Tony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner  
 Paul Langner, Teevin Brothers  
 Kurt Englund, Englund Marine & Industrial Supply Co., Inc.  
 Hal Snow, Esquire, Snow & Snow, Astoria  
 Don Larson, Mayor City of Seaside

**Advisory Committee Members excused:**

Mark Labhart, Tillamook County Commissioner

**Regional Solutions staff on the phone:**

Mark Ellsworth, Regional Solutions Coordinator, Governor’s Office  
 Jennifer Purcell, Department of Environmental Quality  
 Melanie Olson, Business Oregon IFA Coordinator

**Visitors listening in on the call:**

Paulette Lichatowich, Port of St. Helens Commissioner  
 Peggy Lynch, League of Women Voters of Oregon