

Col-Pac EDD Annual Meeting

March 10, 2016
Port of Tillamook Bay
Officers Mess Hall
Tillamook, Oregon

The following members and stakeholders attended:

Mike Avent—Col-Pac/Port of St Helens	Kevin Leahy—Col-Pac/Clatsop County/CEDR
Michele Bradley—Col-Pac/Port of Tillamook	Brian Little—Columbia County Private Sector
Stevie Burden—Col-Pac/City of Wheeler	Denise Lofman—Columbia River Estuary Taskforce
Mike Cohen—Col-Pac/Tillamook Co/EDCTC	Van Moe—NOEA/Col-Pac/Tillamook Private Sector
Susan Conn—Col-Pac/City of St Helens	Bob Mushen—Col-Pac/NOEA/Port of Astoria
Kevin Cronin—City of Astoria	Diane Pohl—NOEA/Col-Pac/City of Clatskanie
Chuck Daughtry—Col-Pac/CCET	David Porter--EDA
Rob Drake—Col-Pac/City of Cornelius	Jennifer Purcell—DEQ/RST
Debbie Dudley—Coil-Pac/City of Rainier	Peter Roscoe—Col-Pac/Clatsop Private Sector
Mark Ellsworth—Governor's Reg Solutions Team	Cheryl Scott—Col-Pac/Portland Community College
Brett Estes—Col-Pac/City of Astoria	John Serra—Congressman's Schrader's Office
Katie Gauthier—Senator Merkeley's Office	Orion Stand-Gravois—Col-Pac EDD
Representative Gomberg—Oregon Legislature	Candace Stark—NOEA/Tillamook Co Private Sector
Fritz Graham—Senator Wyden's Office	Bob Terry—Col-Pac/Washington County
Steve Heinrich—Col-Pac/City of Cornelius	Patrick Trapp—Col-Pac/Port of St Helens
Dennie Houle—Business Oregon	John Walsh—City of St Helens
Tony Hyde—NOEA/Col-Pac/Columbia County	Russ Warr—NOEA/Col-Pac/City of Astoria
Senator Johnson—Oregon Legislature	Suzanne Weber—Col-Pac/City of Tillamook
Karen Kent—Col-Pac EDD	Patrick Wingard—DLCD/RST
Jim Knight—Col-Pac/Port of Astoria	Geoff Wulkschlager—City of Wheeler
Mark Labhart—NOEA/Col-Pac/Tillamook County	Paul Wyntergreen—Col-Pac/City of Tillamook

Excused: Lianne Thompson

AGENDA ITEM-1 Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Labhart. Attendees introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM-2 Col-Pac 2015 Annual Report

Mary presented the report (posted on NWOregon.org/Col-Pac). Highlights include:

- ✚ Work Plan Activity 1—Sustain and Retain NW Oregon's Current Businesses. Goal: Result in a minimum of 8 business expansions: 2015 Results: 5 business expansions and over 50 jobs created and/or retained
- ✚ Work Plan Activity 2—Support Public Infrastructure Development. Goal: Minimum of 4 successful applications for funding. 2015 Results: 4 successful applications resulting in \$175,000 of funding.
- ✚ Work Plan Activity 3—Support Economic Diversification and Growth. Goal: Minimum of 4 development activities. 2015 Results: 2 initiatives: North Coast Small Farmer/Fisher WealthWorksNW Value Chain program and selected as one of three new pilot test regions for the AGORA networked-funding platform
- ✚ Work Plan Activity 4—Support the Region's Transportation System. Staffed the NW Oregon Transit Connector Alliance and the NW Oregon Area Commission on Transportation.
- ✚ Maintain a High Level of Economic Development Cooperation, Coordination and Communication within NW Oregon. Provided administrative services for the Columbia County Economic Team (CCET), Provided grant accounting services to the Port of Tillamook Bay. Provided grant management services to the Port of Garibaldi and the Astoria Senior Center

AGENDA ITEM-3 Col-Pac Annual Audit

Mary presented the audit. No significant findings or deficiencies were identified by the independent auditors. The Board voted unanimously to accept the report. (TH/PR)

AGENDA ITEM-4 Col-Pac CEDS Update

Orion presented a draft NW Oregon Regional Economic Overview. Highlights include:

- ✦ NW Oregon remains economically competitive in terms of resource-based industry: forestry, fishing and agriculture
- ✦ The region's aging demographics and out-commuting populations represent not only a concern, but a significant opportunity for attracting new industry and younger workers
- ✦ NW Oregon's out-commuting residents represent a significant skilled labor workforce available locally, particularly for advanced manufacturing, whether it is resource-based industries or expanding new clusters such as aviation
- ✦ NW Oregon's greatest economic threat, the Cascadia subduction, is also resulting one of the region's best assets—pro-active and intentional rehabilitation, renovation, replacement, relocation and in some cases, new public infrastructure.

AGENDA ITEM-5 Oregon Legislative Session Recap

Senator Johnson reported: Tough session, many items on the agenda, lots of acrimony. Highlights for NW Oregon:

- ✦ Rebuild of fish building plant in Warrenton--\$3 million which will trigger \$25 million private investment. Will return 250 employees to work.
- ✦ \$7.5 million State investment in a collaboration with Boeing, PCC and other private businesses for the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation District, based on the Sheffield model in England. Transformational for the country. Only one of Boeing's centers to be located in the US. Sheffield is a remarkable research facility with high degree of collaboration. Work on medical devices, aviation research. Includes apprenticeship training, with on-the-job work for private companies. Will connect with Boeing's Gresham plant. Location proposed for Columbia County is a reclaimed brownfields site. Cutting edge technology. Investment in new technology.
- ✦ Bad news—Increasing regulatory pressure on timber and fishing industries. Minimum wage legislation will have large impact on agriculture industry. Three tiers could move mobile workers away from less high of wage areas.
- ✦ Suite of housing bills, but none directly affecting worker housing.
- ✦ No clear path to a transportation package.

Representative Gomberg reported: Serves as Co-Chair Transportation and Economic Development Caucus with Senator Johnson. Legislating in an election year, one with a lot of ballot measures looming, largely colored how the session was carried out. Bills had to be fast tracked, and several broad issues were introduced. Minority party used delaying moves which increased acrimony. Very moving end of the session, when the entire House came over the Senate to support Rep Vic Gilliam's bill for a statue of Mark Hatfield in the Capitol. Key highlights:

- ✦ Central Coast—Support for digestors and wetlands mitigation. Wave energy development.
- ✦ Minimum wage—Higher impact on restaurants.
- ✦ Question: Any talk about a lower minimum wage for youth and starting wages? Minimum wages are no longer just for people starting out. Not have enough advancement jobs. Cumulative effect over time on retention of businesses and jobs will be significant.

AGENDA ITEM-6 Col-Pac Annual Recognition

The Col-Pac Board was honored to present Senator Johnson with the 2016 Regional Leadership Award for her tireless and extremely effective work on behalf of NW Oregon and the state of Oregon:

- ✦ Securing state matching funds for the Neskowin Secondary Access Road out of their community. Neskowin has only one road and one bridge out of the majority of their community. In the event of a bridge failure or earthquake/tsunami the community and its residents would be isolated without this secondary access road.
- ✦ Rebuilding Vernonia's K-12 school out of the flood plain, a \$44 million project requiring much collaboration with our other NW Oregon elected officials, political wrangling, and old-fashioned fund-raising.
- ✦ Tillamook Southern Flow Corridor Project from its beginning. This project reduces flooding in the north Tillamook area which is major business core and also establishes one of the largest wetland restoration projects in the history of the Oregon Coast.
- ✦ Coordinating \$3 million support for Pacific Seafood's rebuilding in Warrenton, significant to the local economy and workforce
- ✦ \$7 million in funding for the rail safety improvements through Rainer. Currently, an open line running right through town, the improvements will protect vehicles and pedestrians from the trains, and allow smoother train travel to Columbia County's industrial areas.

- ✦ Pilot project in Tillamook County to insure that local government has a collaborative say in farmland conversions to wetlands.
- ✦ \$7.5 million funding for the Oregon Manufacturing Innovative District, a State-wide significant project to be sited in Scappoose.
- ✦ Convener and champion of NW Oregon's Regional Solutions process to ensure State governmental agencies are directly involved in helping solve issues as they come vs being a roadblock to resolving issues.
- ✦ Strong supporter of the Salmonberry Rails and Trails Project since its inception which will increase NW Oregon's tourism industry.

AGENDA ITEM-7 Col-Pac Board of Directors Election

The Board voted unanimously to elect the following 2016 Slate of Officers: President: Tony Hyde, Vice-President: Lianne Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Terry, At-Large: Mark Labhart. (SW/PR). The 2016 Board of Directors was unanimously elected at the same time. (VM/PR)

AGENDA ITEM-8 Member Updates

- ✦ Port of Astoria—Looking at creative ways to deal with the overwhelming number of sea lions. Knappa school kids are designing sea lion barriers. Right now the only thing that will stop the sea lions is when there are no more fish. Seeing females for the first time.
- ✦ CREST—Working on \$7 million in infrastructure projects for watershed/wetland restoration, and Bonneville Power credits.
- ✦ Western Washington County—Concern about available housing as employment increases in the greater Hillsboro area.
- ✦ Downtown Tillamook—New brewery has gone into downtown Tillamook. Tillamook High School raised \$92,000 for Dornbecker in 10 days.
- ✦ Cornelius—Working on a \$40,000 Economic Opportunity Analysis for downtown couplet. \$500,000 for an affordable housing project.
- ✦ Clatsop—CEDR Awards event next week, high school career and job fair is being held on April 5th, SBDC has best year ever.
- ✦ Rainier—Major business expansion at RightLine, Teevan, Foss, and potential development under the Longview Bridge.
- ✦ PCC—Thanks to Senator Johnson for securing the funding for the applied manufacturing facility training. Will be contributing \$9 million of PCC funding to the new center.
- ✦ EDA—Travel funds cap has been lifted, so David Porter will be able to get out into the regions more.
- ✦ Columbia County—A lot of business development in Scappoose, a successful result of decades long vision.
- ✦ Senator Wyden—Working on prescription drug bill, EPA and Bullseye Glass
- ✦ Port of St Helens—Finishing a 37,000 sf consolidation of one of tenants. Starting construction of a smaller building. Dock rehabilitation at Port Westward of 75% done, Hermo Rd is 35% complete.
- ✦ Senator Merkley—Rainier Town Hall on Saturday
- ✦ Wheeler—Finishing updating regional water system, test of Emergency Response Teams during the last storm event.
- ✦ Port of Tillamook Bay—SBA will be station at Port for 3 weeks, offering low interest loans. Working on Unmanned Aerial Systems project.
- ✦ EDCTC—Watershed week, funded first 2 new loans, \$32,000 total. Expect another \$100,000 to go out this year.
- ✦ SBDC—Working with the Nehalem Valley Farm Trust—Young Entrepreneur Farmers who lease 1–2 acres from older farm owners.
- ✦ DEQ—Dick Peterson stepped down last week
- ✦ Governor's RST—Appreciate being able to work with all the partners
- ✦ Business Oregon—New Director, Chris Harder. Tomorrow will be having a presentation at RightLine in Rainier
- ✦ DLCD—Lincoln County is working on a housing assessment. Scappoose is providing resources to add planning capacity for working through the development coming from the UGB expansion. Astoria approved funding for an economic development plan. Bringing CREST on board for permitting of wetlands.
- ✦ St Helens—Waterfront effort continues. Transportation planning effort is winding up.
- ✦ Astoria—Joint City Council/County Commission meeting on March 31st, an important topic will be housing. Another brewery has opened in downtown core. Will be receiving an additional \$82,000 EPA funding for additional work on the Heritage Square

✚ Restaurant/Hospitality Industry—Been a really good year. Significant travel even during winter season.

Mark Labhart President

Recorded: Mary McArthur, Executive Director

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