

## **Col-Pac EDD Annual Meeting**

May 12, 2016  
Holiday Inn Express  
Astoria, Oregon

The following members and stakeholders attended:

Joyce Aho—Col-Pac/Oregon Employment Dept	Kevin Leahy—Col-Pac/Clatsop County/CEDR
Mike Avent—Col-Pac/Port of St Helens	Karin Miller—Pacific NW Works
Michele Bradley—Col-Pac/Port of Tillamook	Cameron Moore—Col-Pac/Clatsop County
Stevie Burden—Col-Pac/City of Wheeler	Bob Mushen—Col-Pac/NOEA/Port of Astoria
Mike Cohen—Col-Pac/Tillamook Co/EDCTC	Diane Pohl—NOEA/Col-Pac/City of Clatskanie
Susan Conn—Col-Pac/City of St Helens	Jennifer Purcell—DEQ/RST
Eric Dunker—Oregon State University	Cheryl Scott—Col-Pac/Portland Community College
Mark Ellsworth—Governor’s Reg Solutions Team	John Serra—Congressman’s Schrader’s Office
Brett Estes—Col-Pac/City of Astoria	Orion Stand-Gravois—Col-Pac EDD
Katie Gauthier—Senator Merkley’s Office	Candace Stark—NOEA/Tillamook Co Private Sector
Henry Heimuller—Columbia County	Pete Svendsen—OR Workforce Investment Board
Dennie Houle—Business Oregon	Bob Terry—Col-Pac/Washington County
Stephanie Hurlman—Oregon Employment Dept	Lianne Thompson—NOEA/Col-Pac/Clatsop County
Tony Hyde—NOEA/Col-Pac/Columbia County	Patrick Trapp—Col-Pac/Port of St Helens
Senator Johnson—Oregon Legislature	John Walsh—City of St Helens
Karen Kent—Col-Pac EDD	Russ Warr—NOEA/Col-Pac/City of Astoria
Jim Knight—Col-Pac/Port of Astoria	Suzanne Weber—Col-Pac/City of Tillamook
Mark Labhart—NOEA/Col-Pac/Tillamook County	Patrick Wingard—DLCD/RST

Excused: Mike Cohen, Rob Drake, Steve Heinrich, Van Moe, Peter Roscoe, Ali VanderZanden

### AGENDA ITEM-1 Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Diane Pohl, NOEA Chair. Welcome to new County Manager, Cam Moore. Best wishes to Van Moe who recently fell and broke his shoulder and hip. Welcome Eric Dunker, new OSU Extension Regional Administrator and to Pete Svendsen, with the Oregon Workforce Investment Board.

### AGENDA ITEM-2 NOEA Business

- ✚ January 14, 2016 Minutes—Approved unanimously. (RW/LT)
- ✚ April 2016 Financial Statement—Approved unanimously. (TH/LT)
- ✚ Draft 2016—2017 Budget—Approved unanimously. (TH/ML)
- ✚ 2016—2017 Officer Nominating Committee—Lianne Thompson, Van Moe and Tony Hyde were appointed to propose a slate of officers at the July board meeting.

### AGENDA ITEM-3 Col-Pac Business

- ✚ January 14, 2016 Minutes—Approved unanimously. (SB/DP)
- ✚ March 10, 2016 Minutes—Approved unanimously. (DP/LT)
- ✚ April 2016 Financials and Consolidated Statement—Approved unanimously. (RW/LT) Mary noted that Col-Pac was selected by the City of Vernonia to manage their Community Development Block Grant for the Rose Ave Senior Center/Food Bank, which will bring in new revenue to this year’s budget.

### AGENDA ITEM-4 2016—2017 EDA Partnership Planning Scope of Work

Mary provided a draft Scope of Work. Discussion and proposed amendments included: Add transportation as an infrastructure focus, as well as more intentional language under CEDS Goal 5. Senator Johnson has been appointed to a Joint Legislative Committee to come up with a comprehensive transportation package for the 2017—2019 Legislative session. Critical for the State’s future economic stability and vitality will be a package that provides a continuous and ongoing funding mechanism for funding transportation. The Senator tasked NW Oregon and Col-Pac to identify the top 3—5 transportation priorities for the region. The critical nature of this issue was underscored in that the Col-Pac Board proposed having a joint meeting with the NW Oregon Area Commission on Transportation (which normally meets in the afternoon following the Col-Pac meeting) in July. Additional wording recommended for the EDA Partnership Planning Scope of Work:

“Provide leadership helping the State of Oregon develop a long-term transportation funding mechanism.” With that addition, the proposed Scope of Work and application to EDA for a \$75,000 Partnership Planning grant was unanimously approved. (LT/MB)

#### AGENDA ITEM-5 Program/Project Updates

- ✦ Housing—As the counties work through their housing issues, it is becoming clear that a useful next step will be to focus on a couple of ready-to-go housing development projects that could use support. Need a list of impediments: Green space requirements, codes, land use/zoning, etc to address burden on developers. For example, identify administrative improvements, pathways to streamlining the process. Collaborate with work being done with AOC/LOC. Astoria has started to move forward on some code amendments that would make it easier to develop, but running into push back from some local residential neighborhoods. Columbia County looking at small tweaks, eg, dependency units, for relatives that can't live independently. Ancillary buildings for relatives. Transportation needed to reach new residential. RST looking at infrastructure impediments.
- ✦ Regional Solutions Team—Is updating their work plan, continuing to match up with CEDS, adding housing, and new projects significant to the region. Focus on outcomes. Revised will be out this Summer. Geographically and economic opportunity equitable.
- ✦ Agora Platform—Continuing to work on populating the platform. As this is a pilot project, it will be important to be able to test, with projects, whether the platform works or not. Clearly there is a need for a clearing house of projects and funders, particularly for smaller communities that don't have capacity to seek out grants. Adding more non-profit funders to the platform would be helpful, given that over 90% of the \$10 billion in grant funding is non-governmental.
- ✦ Oregon Business Council—Has approached Col-Pac as it looks to add a North Coast Peer Review Group. The Board recommended the Council reach out to Jeff Schons (Pelican Brewing), Erik Thorson (Columbia Memorial Hospital), Sean Teevin (Teevin Bros) and Jack Kemp (Pacific Stainless).
- ✦ Other—NW Oregon Transit Alliance—Col-Pac drafted an application for an updated NW Connector website that was awarded a \$125,000 grant.

#### AGENDA ITEM-6 Member Updates

- ✦ Columbia County—Update on the Oregon SIP (Strategic Investment Plan). Two SIPs in the State, urban and rural. Currently on urban SIP, can only tax on first \$100 million and rural can only tax first \$25 million. Proposal to do away with urban/rural upper limits as rural business development are getting larger. State refunding a portion of income tax derived from new development.
- ✦ Clatskanie—Looking to contract with Columbia County Sheriff to provide law enforcement. Finally ready to move forward on a tournament ball field for kids.
- ✦ Regional Solutions Team—Work plan is being updated.
- ✦ Wash County—Finally addressing mental health, additional \$2 million into budget. Eventually will include some housing.
- ✦ Business Oregon—Tour with Director. Productive day. Working with Jennifer Purcell (DEQ) to visit every seafood processor that discharges and getting insight to issues facing.
- ✦ City of St Helens—Work on waterfront project continues. Looking at repurposing of lagoon property. 130 people attended an open house on the project. Working through budget, meet demands for services.
- ✦ Legislative—Working on OMIC, PCC and other education/private sectors. Partnering workforce with a business. R&D through business coalition, PCC is lead on the educational piece. Funding from the legislature as well as private business funding.
- ✦ Port—98% done with Pt Westward dock project. Multnoomah site in St Helens finishing renovation which will be fully occupied for Composites Universal.
- ✦ City of Tillamook—DeGarde brewing is opening a tasting room in downtown Tillamook. Had over 1,000 applicants for their new facility. Work on Hwy 101/6 intersection improvements has started. Working on zoning changes so can do multiple family in traditional single family.
- ✦ DEQ—Updating their wastewater permits for the seafood processors. Been touring all seafood processing facilities. Better understanding the industry as a whole and how processing fits in. Environment and economy nexus.
- ✦ Tillamook County—Pelican Pub now have brew pubs in Pacific City, Tillamook and Cannon Beach and up to 280 employees.
- ✦ Clatsop County—Adding cable access to the Boyington building. Will be able to broadcast public information for both public services and marketing outreach.
- ✦ Workforce—July 1 alignment changed. Voted in a new WIB board, two new providers. Pete Swendsen is the new WIB program manager.

- ✚ Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR)—Job fair had 700 students, 60 businesses. New college president, Chris Breitmeyer starting July 1. Forestry, fisheries and tourism working with Eric Dunker. Working with Dennie to visit businesses. New business Versa, working on expansion.
- ✚ Wheeler—Still digging out from December storm, but dock is back in the water. Botts Marsh sold and will include a new development. Entire marsh under 1 ownership.
- ✚ Port of Astoria—Year of collaboration, with the County, NCBP, City of Warrenton. With demise of LNG, working with community to see what is the highest and best of that property, rather than walk away from lease of the beautiful land. Working with the City of Astoria on waterfront development through Port property. Looking at community participation. Thanks to Col-Pac and Regional Solutions Team for the project help. Looking at moving boat yard over to Skipanon peninsula, preserve AMCCO jobs.
- ✚ Merkley—Been having meetings on housing. Looking at federal barriers.
- ✚ Schrader—No updates, but available to talk.

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Tony Hyde, President

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Recorded: Mary McArthur, Executive Director