BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2012

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
County of Lake County
State of Oregon

WORK SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Work Session on Tuesday, April 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Bradley J. Winters and Commissioner Dan Shoun. Vice Chair Ken Kestner was absent from these proceedings. Also present: Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted.

Additions: None
Deletions: None

9:00 am – Landfill LMP/Mark Yinger Associates, Road Master Rick DuMileu

Mr. DuMileu explained that this was an annual agreement for monitoring of the Lake County Landfill. The cost was higher than the previous year due to additional testing to be done per Department of Environmental Quality requirements.

Addition:
Bowman’s Club: Commissioner Winters explained that the Bowman’s Club had requested a letter of support for a grant application submitted to the State of Oregon. If awarded, funds were to be used to expand space of the current location. This letter would confirm the no interest loan awarded previously by the County to the Bowman’s Club and was anticipated to be completed later in the day.

Railroad Right-of-Way: Commissioner Winters discussed efforts being made to bring natural gas to the south end of the County. Discussion occurred on the possibility of conducting a title search along the right-of-way in order to be ready for natural gas or geothermal lines to be run in the future.

9:10 am – Legislative Update, Representative Cliff Bentz

Representative Bentz provided a power point presentation outlining the following changes that had occurred during the recent Legislative Session: Centralized Care Organizations (CCO), annual budget comparisons, Energy Plan, Tax Reform, the Early Learning Council, Independent College Board and legislation regarding water quality, quantity and protection.

Discussion followed on the information presented, current unemployment benefits, DEQ landfill requirements, Sage Grouse and House Bill Achievement Compact Bill (school requirements) and the Cattlemen’s Wolf Bill.

Break: 10:32 am
Resume: 10:40 am
10:00 am – Lake County Watershed Council Update, Anna Kerr Coordinator

Ms. Kerr presented a power point presentation providing information on projects completed over the last biennium (ending June 30, 2011). Ms. Kerr confirmed that the Watershed Council included five sub-committees across the County and discussed the make up of those councils.

A map showing the Watershed Council’s areas was provided along with goals and objectives. Objectives included: implementation of restoration projects, providing educational opportunities, fiscal management of projects, monitoring of effectiveness of projects and watershed assessment and landowner outreach.

Completed projects for each of the Watershed Councils were shown and discussed including: Pitcher Ranch Screening and Passage Project, Poplars Ranch Juniper Treatment/Wildlife Habitat Project, Silver Lake Irrigation District Pipeline Project, Sprague River Riparian Fencing Project, Upper Chewaucan Habitat Enhancement Project, Crooked Creek Reconnaissance Project, Honey Creek Fish Screens, South Warner Sage Grouse Enhancement, Deep Creek Fish Passage-Screening Project, Twenty Mile Creek Fish Passage Project, Warner Valley Aspen Stand Enhancement Projects, Warner Valley Mule Deer Projects, Camas Creek Restoration Project, Holiday Ranch Fish Passage Project, Utley Weir Fish Passage, Kelley Creek Project, Westside Water Users, Cox Flat Stream Analysis-Restoration Project, Howard Creek Fish Passage and Road Decommissioning Project, Antelope Valley Ranch Upland Enhancement Project and the Lake County Umbrella WSC Natural Resource Education Program. Explanation of each project was provided.

Biennium accomplishments given were:
1. Assisted over 40 landowners/managers with restoration projects
2. Implemented over 30 restoration projects in Lake County
3. Hosted four tours and presented over 15 classroom/outdoor education programs to Lake County youth
4. Brought in almost 2 million dollars to Lake County for restoration efforts

Discussion followed on the potential of utilizing Host Crews from the Warner Creek Correctional Facility, future field tours to be held and future funding of this program.

Break: 11:36 am
Resume: 11:45 am

Other Business:
County Lands, Lands Manager Bob Pardee

Technology Purchase Policy Final Review: Mr. Pardee confirmed that this policy had been forwarded to Department Heads and Elected Officials for input with only minimal response received. Discussion followed.

This item was listed for final decision on the April 4th Regular Session Agenda.

Special Transportation Advisory Member Recommendation: Mr. Pardee confirmed the following recommendations: Darrell Bender (reappointment), Ronne Lindsay (reappointment), Chuck Estes (reappointment), John Bunch (appointment), John Effingham (appointment) and Cindy Ward (appointment). Final decision scheduled for April 4th Regular Session.
Telephone System RFP Discussion: Mr. Pardee provided information on recent updates made to the draft RFP presented. Discussion followed. Final approval scheduled for the April 4th Regular Session.

Addition cont.: Railroad Right-of-Way: Mr. Pardee confirmed that he had spoken with Ms. Lightle of Amerititle and found upon researching, the majority of the Oregon portion of the railroad had limited filed documents showing right-of-ways. Construction maps showing ownership at the time were available but it had not been possible to determine ownership. Mr. Pardee agreed to continue to work on resolving this issue and added that according to AmeriTitle, it might be necessary to move forward with a “Right to Quit Title”. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pardee provided a brief update on septic issues currently taking place at the Lake County Airport.

Liaison Updates:
Commissioner Shoun confirmed that he would be gone the following Monday to the Forestry Forum to be held at the Running Y. He would then be traveling to Washington DC the week of April 16th.

The Board was scheduled to attend an Area Commission on Transportation meeting April 6th.

There being nothing further to come before the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

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Bradley J. Winters  Absent  Dan Shoun
Chairman  Ken Kestner  Commissioner

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