

MINUTES – TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2008

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11:30am
SEP 24 2008**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**Charles J. Hurliman, Chair
Tim Josi, Vice-Chair
Mark Labhart, CommissionerTASSI O'NEIL
COUNTY CLERK**STAFF PRESENT:**Paul Levesque, Facilities, Fleet and
Contracts Director
William K. Sargent, County Counsel**STAFF PRESENT FOR PORTIONS OF THE MEETING:** Sara Charlton, Director, Library; Jennifer Purcell, Solid Waste Coordinator and Marlene Putman, Director, Commission on Children and Families.**GUESTS:** Gus Meyer, Dave Williams and Mike Foster.**CALL TO ORDER:** By Chair Hurliman at 9:05 a.m. in Commissioners' Meeting Room A.**ITEM NO. 1: WELCOME & REQUEST TO SIGN GUEST LIST:** Chair Hurliman welcomed everyone and reminded them to sign the guest list.**ITEM NO. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** There was none at this time.**ITEM NO. 3: PRESENTATION BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, APHIS, WILDLIFE SERVICES ON THE GOVERNMENT TRAPPER PROGRAM:** David Williams State Director and Mike Foster, NW District Manager were present. Mr. Foster will be the primary contact in Tillamook County. Mr. Williams summarized the first year accomplishments. Eight (8) individuals worked within the County. They focused on beaver issues along roads where they jeopardized road structures and with timber companies. They sampled for various wildlife diseases. He described the landowner cost share program which did not have a lot of activity. They are communicating with the Tillamook County Creamery Association. They have also been working on coastal bear issues. They will be working with the Port of Tillamook Bay on wildlife issues. They would like to get a full time presence here by cobbling together some funding. The Association of Oregon Counties has encouraged funding increases. He hoped for the Commissioners' concurrence on the local program.

Chair Hurliman reinforced the direction they have taken. He felt disease control was an important component. Mr. Foster introduced himself and his background in Idaho. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Williams and Mr. Foster.

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ITEM NO. 4: CONSIDERATION CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO APPLY FOR THE BARBARA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR A FAMILY LITERACY GRANT FOR THE GREAT BEGINNINGS PROGRAM:

Marlene Putman submitted the grant worksheet. She described the Commission's Great Beginnings Committee dealing with early literacy. An early literacy specialist is employed. She described the program functions. The team hasn't agreed whether or not they will apply. No new people will be hired. They will continue contracting. Vice-Chair Josi felt it was a good program.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Josi to authorize the Commission on Children and Families to apply to the Barbara Bush Foundation for a family literacy grant for the Great Beginnings Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Labhart. The motion carried with three (3) aye votes.

ITEM NO. 5: CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD PREVAILING WAGE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN TILLAMOOK COUNTY AND BIG ROCK EXCAVATION INC. FOR THE TILLAMOOK TRANSFER STATION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Jennifer Purcell said this will change the flow of stormwater and will monitor flows. She summarized the solicitation. The funds are in the budget.

Commissioner Labhart made a motion to approve and sign the Notice of Intent to Award a Prevailing Wage Contract for Construction to Big Rock Excavation Inc. for the Tillamook Transfer Station Stormwater Management Plan. Vice-Chair Josi seconded the motion. The motion carried with three (3) aye votes. The Commissioners signed Order #08-081.

OTHER: Ms. Purcell announced the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste event.

ITEM NO. 6: CONSIDERATION OF READY TO READ GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2008-2009:

Sara Charlton was present for this item. It is an annual grant. She described the program. There are five hundred (500) kids in the summer reading program.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Josi to approve and sign the Ready to Read Grant Application for 2008-2009. Commissioner Labhart seconded the motion. The motion carried with three (3) aye votes. Chair Hurliman signed the Application.

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ITEM NO. 7: BOARD CONCERNS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Labhart described a proposed letter that arose from the Ocean Policy Advisory Committee (OPAC) concerning proposed Minerals Management Service (MMS) rules for the Outer Continental Shelf. Counties were asked to submit comments. Commissioner Labhart read the letter (see attached).

Commissioner Labhart made a motion to sign and send electronically and a hard copy of the letter to MMS. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Josi. The motion carried with three (3) aye votes.

Chair Hurliman said if we follow the Territorial Sea Plan, this letter encapsulates that very well.

OTHER: Chair Hurliman said marine reserves appear to be on a fast track without a baseline. OPAC believes there should be a baseline. Marine protected areas were also discussed. There is a difference in how those might be used. He felt we were way in front of planning. There are proposals from Oceana & Surf Riders. He said we need to find common ground. The Commissioners discussed the Territorial Sea Plan and Land Conservation & Development Commission's (LCDC) role in revisions to that Plan.

Vice-Chair Josi discussed the disintegration of the compromise reached with the Board of Forestry (BOF) last November for revising the Forest Management Plans. Vice-Chair Josi gave a background on the expected outputs when the plan was adopted and the County's contributions and expectations. It is now an entirely new BOF. He described the performance measures and the compromise at two hundred thirty (230) mmbf. He felt this was an achievement. The BOF is now backing off because they have been infiltrated by environmental interests. They now do not have consensus for rule making. There was a discussion about the comparison to the drop in Federal forest cuts. Vice-Chair Josi said some groups want to also set up a procedure for challenging State sales in Oregon. He said some extremists want to create a third world Country in Western Oregon. Commissioner Labhart and Chair Hurliman complimented Vice-Chair Josi's work.

ITEM NO. 8: PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments today.

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Commissioner Labhart read the announcements.

There being no further business Chair Hurliman adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24 day of September, 2008.

County Clerk: Tassi O'Neil

Susan L. Becraft
Susan Becraft, Recording Secretary
& Special Deputy

APPROVED BY:

Charles J. Hurliman
Chair

Travis
Vice-Chair

Greg Labhart
Commissioner



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
of the
TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Also sitting as the Board of the
SOLID WASTE SERVICE DISTRICT &
THE 4-H AND EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT
to be held

Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners' Meeting Room A
County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue
Tillamook, Oregon

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ANY QUESTIONS? Contact
Paul Levesque (503) 842-1809
E-mail: plevesqu@co.tillamook.or.us

COUNTY WEBSITE: <http://www.co.tillamook.or.us>

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Monday – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 8:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday – 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to recess to Executive Session as may be required at any time during this meeting, pursuant to ORS 192.660(1).

NOTE: The Tillamook County Courthouse is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with hearing, visual or manual impairments who wish to participate in the meeting, please contact (503) 842-3403 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that the appropriate communications assistance can be arranged.

CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 9:00 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Welcome & Request to Sign Guest List
2. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items
3. Presentation by United States Department of Agriculture, APHIS, Wildlife Services on the Government Trapper Program/David Williams, Brian Thomas, Mike Foster

LEGISLATIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE

4. Consideration Concerning Authorizing the Commission on Children and Families to Apply for the Barbara Bush Foundation for a Family Literacy Grant for the Great Beginnings Program/Marlene Putman
5. Consideration of Notice of Intent to Award Prevailing Wage Contract for Construction between Tillamook County and Big Rock Excavation Inc. for the Tillamook Transfer Station Stormwater Management Plan/Jennifer Purcell
6. Consideration of Ready to Read Grant Application for 2008-2009/Sarah Beeler
7. Board Concerns – Non-Agenda Items & Announcements
8. Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LABOR DAY is an observed holiday for Tillamook County, as well as the Circuit Court. All of the offices in the Courthouse will be closed on **Monday, September 1, 2008**.

The Commissioners will hold a Workshop on **Tuesday, September 2, 2008** at 3:00 p.m. with the Oregon Department of Forestry to receive an update and discuss forest issues. The Workshop will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room B at the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook.

The Commissioners will hold a Special Board meeting and tour with Lynn Peterson, Chair, Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, to discuss matters of mutual concern on **Friday, September 5, 2008** beginning at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will begin in the Commissioners Conference Room B at the Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook.

Commissioners' Staff Meetings are held on Monday except for the second week each month when it is held on Tuesday. The second Tuesday, Staff Meeting schedule for the remainder of 2008 is:

- September 9
- October 14
- November 11 – No meeting (Veterans Day)
- December 9

The Commissioners' evening meeting schedule will resume in the Fall as follows:

October 15, 2008	Manzanita City Hall
November 26, 2008	County Courthouse
December 17, 2008	Cape Kiwanda Community Center
January 21, 2009	Manzanita City Hall
February 18, 2009	County Courthouse
March 18, 2009	Cape Kiwanda Community Center
April 15, 2009	Manzanita City Hall
May 20, 2009	Cape Kiwanda Community Center

All evening meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING

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PLEASE PRINT

Name Address Item of Interest

Sara Charlton Library

Gus Meyer General

Jennifer Turcell SW

Dave Williams USDA-APHIS - Wildlife Services wildlife conflicts

Mike D Foster USDA-Wildlife Services - Salem, office wildlife conflict

(Please use reverse if necessary)

GRANT WORKSHEET

FY 2008/2009 BUDGET

Please check here if no salaries are funded by this grant. If the grant is funding all or part of an employees salary:
COMPLETE PAGE 2 OF THIS WORKSHEET

Funding Source Code
For Accounting Department use only

County Fund & Dept Receiving Grant
 140 Commission on Children and Families

Award Period:
 Begin: est 04/01/2009
 End: est 03/31/2010

Common Name Barbara Bush Early Literacy <i>Everyday name used within your department</i>	Formal Name Barbara Bush Foundation <i>Complete formal name given to grant by funding source</i>
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PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF GRANT AWARD

Source of Funds

Where did the funding come from?
 Did the funds come directly to the county from the federal government?
 Did the funds pass through the State of Oregon or another organization before arriving at the county?

Grant Number:
If Federal Grant: CFDA Number
If State Grant: Number assigned by state funding source

- Direct, federal government, dept of _____ CFDA: _____
- Indirect, federal government, dept of and State of Oregon, dept/division of _____ CFDA: _____
- Indirect, federal government, dept of and another entity or organization _____ CFDA: _____
- Direct, State of Oregon, dept/division of _____
- Indirect, State of Oregon, dept/division of via another entity or organization _____
- Other _____ Barbara Bush Foundation _____ unknown

Total Amount of Award: \$ 50,000.00

Is this a new grant? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Match Requirement Amount <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No How Much: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Dollar Match <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind (IDENTIFY below)	Is this a multiyear grant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Payment Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement		IF Yes: Amount Applicable to Current Budget Year: \$ 12,500.00
Reporting Cycle <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Annual	Grant Administrator: _____ Accounting Contact: _____	BBF BBF

THE BARBARA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY LITERACY
2008 Grant Application

General Instructions

The following instructions establish the basic parameters for the format and content of the grant application. All applications must follow these instructions in order to be eligible for review. **One original and one copy of the complete application package must be submitted.** All applications will be retained by the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and will not be returned to the applicant. The closing date for the receipt of applications is close of business, **September 7, 2007.**

Application Format

The application should be prepared in two sections: *Project Narrative* and *Attachments*.

The *Project Narrative* should provide the information requested in each of the categories following the order listed in the *Application Guidelines*. The entire *Project Narrative* section should be no more than **six double-spaced and numbered pages in 12 pt, Times New Roman font.** The page size should be standard 8 1/2" x 11". **Margins** should be set at the standard measurements of **1 inch (top and bottom)** and **1.25 inches (left and right).** Photo reduction of larger pages is not acceptable. Table of Contents, additional cover pages, etc., should not be included. **Applications in which the *Project Narrative* exceeds six single-sided, double-spaced pages, with 1" (top/bottom) & 1.25" (left/right) margins, in 12pt Times New Roman font will be judged ineligible.**

The *Attachments* must be limited to 8 single-sided pages. Required documents include letters of support from collaborating organizations, key staff resumes or job descriptions, and a site authorization, if other than applicant. Do **not** include narrative-related information in the appendices e.g., objectives, evaluation design, schedules. **If the *Attachments* exceed 8 pages, the application will be considered ineligible.**

Application Assembly

Please assemble your application package in the following order: *Cover Sheet* (page 1), *Budget Form* (pages 2 & 3), *Non-Profit Authorization* (if applicable, page 4), *Project Narrative* (limited to 6 pages), and *Attachments* (limited to 8 pages). **The entire application should not exceed 18 pages (including non-profit authorization).** Staple each complete set of application materials; do NOT use binders, plastic covers, folders, dividers, tabs, etc.

Cover Sheet

Every grant applicant is **required** to complete the enclosed *Cover Sheet*. Summarize your proposed family literacy project in the space provided on this form. All requested information **must** be included. The project summary may be single-spaced. The summary information requested on the lower half of the *Cover Sheet* **must** be filled in, or points will be deducted.

Note the classification of your organization using the following codes:

CBO	Community-Based Organization	REL	Religious organization
COR	Correctional Institution	STA	State agency
IHE	Institution of Higher Education	OTH	Other
LEA	Local Education Agency		
LIB	Library		
VOL	Volunteer Literacy Program		

Target Population - In the same box on the *Cover Sheet*, briefly characterize the families to be served by the grant project, e.g., incarcerated parents, recent immigrants, homeless, etc. Specific ethnic groups may also be noted, e.g., African Americans, Native Americans, limited English proficient Hispanics, limited English proficient Asians, etc.

In all cases, the *Cover Sheet* must be signed by an authorized official of the organization. In the case of a joint application, the *Cover Sheet* should be signed by an official of the organization that will administer the grant funds.

Non-Profit Status

Provide evidence that the organization or the administering agency for the grant has been a non-profit organization for a **minimum of two years at the time the application is submitted**. Community-based organizations should submit a 501(c)(3) letter of exemption. Public agencies such as schools and libraries need not submit proof of non-profit status.

Due Date

Your complete application (one original and one copy) must be received by the close of business September 7, 2007. Unfortunately, due to the number of applications expected, no confirmation of receipt can be provided. One original and one copy of your application should be submitted directly to:

**The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy
1201 15th Street NW
Suite 420
Washington, DC 20005**

All applicants will be notified in April 2008. Grant projects should start between June 2008 and September 2008. The proposed project may not exceed one year in duration.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications for the 2007 Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy grants will be judged according to the criteria listed and summarized in the Application Guidelines. Each criterion has been assigned a numeric rating.

1. Organization's Background and Need for the Project
5
2. Project Purpose and Objectives
15
3. Project Design
20
4. Project Evaluation
20
5. Community Support
10
6. Future Funding Plan
5
7. Staff Qualifications
10
8. Project Site
5
9. Budget
10

TOTAL
100

The Foundation retains the right to revoke a grant if the implemented project does not comply with our guidelines or reflect the application that was submitted.

**BARBARA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY LITERACY
2008 Application Guidelines**

Project Narrative

**1. *Organization's Background and Need for the Project*
(5)**

Describe the organization's background, experience, existing literacy program, length of time it has been in existence, and its achievements.

Include a statement of need for the proposed project. State the approximate number of participants to be served and describe their general characteristics.

**2. *Project Purpose and Objectives*
(15)**

State the purpose of the proposed family literacy project and the way in which it addresses the needs described in the previous section. List the eligibility criteria for participant selection.

State the project objectives in measurable terms for adults, children, and families. Objectives must be specific and consistent with the statement of need and project purpose.

OBJECTIVES MUST BE MEASURABLE!!

**3. *Project Design*
(20)**

Summarize the design of the project and how it will meet the stated purpose and objectives.

Describe the project components including start-up activities, literacy or pre-literacy instruction for adults and children, and intergenerational activities. Recruitment and retention strategies must be addressed. Explain the rationale for your instructional approach.

State the month that the instruction will begin, project duration, and the number of weekly instructional hours to be provided for parents, children, and intergenerational activities. A 12-month project may include 4-6 weeks of planning time.

Preference will be given to projects that include three or more hours of intergenerational reading activities per week.

Describe how barriers to program participation and learning such as transportation, childcare, adequate shelter, clothing, and food will be recognized and addressed.

Describe existing networks, planned collaborations, or linkages with federal, state, local, non-profit, and/or other entities. Describe the dissemination or replication strategies of your program.

Summarize plans for post-program follow-up of participating families.

4. *Project Evaluation*
(20)

The application **must** present a comprehensive evaluation plan to measure the project's effectiveness in achieving its stated objectives, including pre and post testing.

Key measures of outcome or impact should be provided for each objective previously described. Criteria for achieving objectives should be clearly stated.

The evaluation should measure the effectiveness of all components and should include changes in reading levels and literacy behaviors, and changes in family interaction resulting from the program. Standardized tests, informal assessments, or other evaluation methods used must be described, with rationale for their selection. Describe plans for measuring the long-term effects of your project.

5. *Community Support*
(10)

Describe linkages to or collaborations with other agencies and organizations. Activities to be carried out with cooperating agencies or organizations should be explained. Provide letters of support indicating the level of commitment and types of cooperation other organizations agree to provide in the *Attachments*.

6. *Future Funding Plan*
(5)

Include a concise and realistic statement of the organization's plans for securing funding to continue the project. Summarize any long-term plan to develop family literacy in the community, state, or elsewhere. If you have a commitment from a matching or future funding source, include a Letter of Intent in the *Attachments* section. If you have a plan for replicating the project, include a statement of how it would be funded.

7. **Staff Qualifications**
(10)

Describe how the project will be managed. Identify project staff requirements including names, titles, and general duties for each position. If key staff must be recruited, provide job descriptions. Note the hours and percentage of time each staff member will devote to the project. If volunteers will be used in your project, describe their specific roles and how training will be provided.

Describe the staff development plan for weekly meetings between adult and early childhood educators to share information and work together.

Résumés or job descriptions for all key staff members should be included in the *Attachments* and should provide information on educational background, relevant experience, training, accomplishments in the field of literacy, and experience working with families.

8. **Project Site**
(5)

Discuss the proposed project site to be used and the criteria for its selection. Include relevant information concerning the project facilities such as classrooms, lunchrooms, day care facilities, access to public transportation, rest rooms, and any special equipment. If facilities other than those of the organization will be used, a letter of support must be included in the *Attachments*.

9. **Budget**
(10)

State how the organization will maintain financial records for the grant. Include a statement of fiscal accountability. Should your project be based on existing grants, e.g., Even Start, please specify how Barbara Bush Foundation project funds would be used to supplement the grant.

The budget must be submitted on the *Budget Form* provided and identify all costs associated with the project that support the project purpose and objectives, including instruction, activities, and training as described.

Capital expenditures including equipment, computers, vehicles, and site renovations must total **no more than 15%** of the total budget requested, or your application will be judged ineligible.

Note the full-time equivalent (FTE) by percentage of staff time that will be devoted to the grant project (40 hours = 100%; 20 hours = 50%, etc.).

In-kind contributions and other funding sources that contribute directly to the project should be itemized in the space provided on the *Budget Form* by source, amount, and duration. The budget should include and quantify interagency contributions described in Section 5, *Community Support*.

Applications in which the total grant funds requested from the Barbara Bush Foundation exceed \$65,000 will be judged ineligible. Also, there should be no charge to participants for instructional activities.

Attachments

The Attachments must be limited to 8 single-sided pages. The required documents include letters of support from collaborating organizations, key staff resumes or job descriptions, and a site authorization, if other than applicant. Other materials that would assist the Foundation in considering your application may also be included.

**THE BARBARA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY LITERACY
2008 COVER SHEET**

Organization _____
 Project Title _____
 Contact Person _____
 Telephone Number _____
 Fax Number _____
 Email _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____

PROJECT SUMMARY

Must be completed by applicant:

		Hours Instruction/Week for:	
Type of organization _____		Parents	_____
		Children	_____
Target Population _____		Intergenerational	_____
		Activities	_____
Total # of Families to be Served _____		Project Length (mos.)	_____
		Start-up Date	_____
Age of Children to be Served _____		Budget Requested	_____
Site Location: Urban _____		Develops Family Literacy Project	_____
Rural _____		Expands Existing Family Literacy Project	_____

This is to certify that all information contained herein is accurate, complete, and current and that the organization I represent meets all the eligibility criteria set forth by the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

(Authorized Signature)

(Please type or print)

(Title)

**Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy
2008 BUDGET FORM**

Project Title: _____

Organization: _____

**Direct Costs
Requested**

Dollar Amount

Personnel [list by position and percentage of time (FTE%)]

Fringe Benefits

Contractual Services (list by service, e.g., consultants, etc.)

Travel

Equipment (list by type, e.g., computers, audiovisual, etc.)

Instructional Materials

Supplies

Software

Other

Total Direct Costs \$ _____

Indirect Costs/Overhead

Dollar Amount Requested

Rent

Utilities

Telephone

Other

Total Indirect Costs: \$ _____

Direct + Indirect Costs = Total Grant Funds Requested \$ _____

*(Must not exceed
\$65,000)*

Contributions

In-Kind Contributions

Contribution	Duration	Amount
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Total In-Kind: \$ _____

Other Funding Sources

Source	Contribution	Duration	Amount
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Total Other Funding Sources: \$ _____



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
of the
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

**Alternative Energy and
Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities
on the Outer Continental Shelf;
Proposed Rule**

Docket ID: MMS-2008-OMM-0012

Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1010-AD30

Comments of Tillamook County, OREGON

The following comments of Tillamook County, Oregon, are in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking published by the Minerals Management Service (MMS) in the Federal Register on July 9, 2008. Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1010-AD30

Tillamook County will focus its comments and suggested rule improvements to alternative energy, and ocean wave/wind energy in particular, as that is the technology being considered along the Tillamook County coast.

Tillamook County applauds MMS for its efforts to move forward in a thoughtful manner, promoting the development of alternative energy, while at the same time protecting the environment and existing important uses of the Outer Continental Shelf.

Tillamook County is suggesting two minor rule improvements to help avoid some unnecessary conflicts and take advantage of recent lessons learned.

1. Tillamook County and Ocean Wave/Wind Energy

Ocean wave/wind energy is an exciting and developing renewable energy technology. Ocean wave/wind energy also has the potential for significant economic development. As it turns out, the Oregon Coast is one of the World's best locations for development of ocean wave/wind energy.

Tillamook County is located on the North Oregon Coast, and offers additional advantages for the development of ocean wave and wind energy. Tillamook County is home to the Port of Garibaldi, whose extensive fishing fleet has the capacity to service ocean wave/wind energy facilities. Tillamook County is the home of the Tillamook People's Utility District, a consumer-owned electric utility that has taken an active leadership role in encouraging the responsible development of ocean wave energy by forming an intergovernmental partnership with Tillamook County called TIDE (Tillamook Intergovernmental Developmental Entity). TIDE has been issued a preliminary permit by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for siting an offshore facility within the three mile limit.

However, as noted by MMS throughout its rulemaking notice and its Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), the development of ocean wave/wind energy has the potential to seriously damage fisheries. Commercial and recreational fishing are critically important to Tillamook County's economy.

But Tillamook County does not oppose the development of ocean wave/wind energy. Just the opposite: Tillamook County believes that renewable fisheries and renewable ocean wave/wind energy can coexist and be mutually supportive, if ocean wave/wind energy is developed in a

responsible and careful manner and the interests of the environment and our local fisheries and other important users are recognized and protected.

2. Avoiding Conflict By Using Existing Local Facilitation of Siting

As noted previously, the development of ocean wave/wind energy has the potential to seriously damage the environment and fisheries. However, if ocean wave/wind energy is developed in a responsible and careful manner, those conflicts can be avoided or mitigated.

What is needed is close consultation with local stakeholders that can help facilitate siting in areas that maximize efficiencies and minimize damage to the environment and to fisheries.

For areas adjacent to a local affected government that has already established a system for facilitating siting of alternative energy facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), this close consultation should occur **before** a site is identified in a request for a commercial lease or a request for interest.

3. Suggested Rule Modifications

Tillamook County strongly applauds MMS for proposing a process that provides for consultation with affected local governments, and for inviting comments on that proposal. We suggest some improvements to those sections to incorporate some of the lessons we have learned from our experience under the FERC process. These improvements would be consistent in carrying out other key parts of the proposed rules, as well as the OCS Lands Act itself.

Specifically, Tillamook County proposes the following two improvements:

(1) Add the following sentence to the end of subsection (e) of proposed rule 285.230:

"If the governing body of an affected local government has enacted an ordinance establishing a formal consultation process for selecting areas for the siting of alternative energy facilities in the OCS under this part, you must certify that that you have used, or attempted in good faith to use, that process to identify appropriate parts of the OCS for your proposed alternative energy project."

(2) Add a new paragraph (5) to proposed rule 285.211(b) to read as follows:

"(5) If the governing body of an affected local government has enacted an ordinance establishing a formal consultation process for selecting areas for the siting of alternative energy facilities in the OCS under this part, before MMS initiates a competitive lease process for part of the OCS involving that affected local government, MMS will first attempt to use that process to identify appropriate parts of the OCS."

Respectfully dated and submitted in writing and electronically this 20th day of August, 2008.


Charles Hurliman, Chair


Tim Josi, Vice-Chair


Mark Labhart, Commissioner

Cc: file
County Counsel