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Clatsop County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2016

Chair Scott Lee called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm., in the Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial Street, Astoria, Oregon. Also present were Commissioners Sarah Nebeker, Lisa Clement, and Dirk Rohne. Lianne Thompson was excused.

Staff Present:

Cameron Moore	County Manager
Heather Reynolds	County Counsel

AGENDA APPROVAL

Nebeker made and Clement seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

a. Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve

Chrissy Smith said the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve are a volunteer organization working to promote Oregon's marine reserve specifically the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve. The organization is hoping to promote an understanding and appreciation of the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve which went into effect on January 1, 2016 and is located just offshore of Oswald West State Park. Smith said the ocean in our community is an important part of our economy and there have been a number of changes which create a lot of uncertainty. Changes include increased plastic in the ocean, the big fish are much smaller, and the ocean has become more acidic which means less carbonate is available for animals to make shell with. Models estimate that the oxygen content of the ocean will decline over the next century. For these reasons, that is why the state has set up a series of marine reserves and marine protected areas. Smith reiterated that a marine reserve is an area where you cannot remove any living marine resource and is also protected from any ocean development. A marine protected area is an area that has some restrictions most commonly on fishing, but extraction is not entirely excluded. The effects of marine reserves are:

- Biomass, or the mass of animals and plants, increased an average of 446%.
- Density, or the number of plants or animals in a given area, increased an average of 166%.
- Body size of animals increased an average of 28%.
- Species, diversity, or the number of species, increased an average of 21% in the sample area.

Cape Falcon Marine Reserve is one of five state run marine reserve sites. The reserve is partnering with other agencies to talk about the importance of land and ocean conservation. The organization is working to engage youth, the general public and the fishing community to connect with the Marine Reserve and also help promote healthy oceans. Nebeker asked how the marine reserves are chosen for their locations. Smith said there were community teams that were established who reviewed different areas and chose which areas to preserve. There were representatives from different agencies and collectively they decided on the areas. Lee thanked Smith for her informative presentation.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Susan Gladwin, 82316 Hwy 103, Seaside. Gladwin said the Nehalem River is the river that is most highly impacted by state forestry management policies. Gladwin said the watersheds drain into the Nehalem River. Gladwin recently drifted the river and saw very little growing fish and increased cutting of state forest land. Gladwin wanted to know what was going on with the Linn County lawsuit. Rohne referred Gladwin to the Daily Astorian articles.

Helen Westbrook, 2860 Log Bronc Way, Astoria. Westbrook read a statement from Roger Rocka who asked the Board to speak out against the Linn County state forest lawsuit and reaffirmed the need for carefully balanced uses in the Clatsop Forests. Rocka said the Oregon Department of Forestry is sensitive to the Board's leadership. Westbrook said the Linn County attorney fees are being paid by timber companies and timber industry groups and Linn County has agreed to a potential contingency fee for its lawyers that could exceed 200 million dollars. Westbrook said this would be Oregon tax payer money for a case developed by private timber interests to increase private timber company sales.

Roger Dorband, 462 6th Street, Astoria. Dorband said it looks the district attorney's office has filed a 2nd memorandum which establishes the timber industry is paying for the Linn County lawsuit. Dorband said Clatsop County needs to craft a plan that is more coherent. Dorband is concerned and thinks the Board should reject the 70/30 plan and also a moratorium on increased harvest. Dorband said the Board is not paying attention to the strategic plan they put into motion. Dorband believes that 80 year old trees or older should be protected and would like to see restriction of current pesticide use.

David Myers, 120 Commercial St., Astoria. Myers stated forests have economic, environmental and personal value to the community. Myers has seen the differences between fast rotation industrial forestry, casual regrowth and true old growth. Myers said the County's Vision 2030 embraces conservation and lists potential strategies to achieve the vision such as protection of natural resources. Myers said there should be less cutting of timber harvest with more care. Myers would like the Board to follow the Vision 20/30 statement, support the greatest permanent value criteria, oppose the Linn County litigation, and protect the oldest growth of the largest trees from cutting. Myers would like these policies represented effectively on the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Nebeker moved and Clement seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

a. FY 16-17 Analytical Urinalysis Testing-Contract for services ..... {Page 1}
b. Contract for Sunset Lake Bridge Rehabilitation. ..... {Page 7}
c. Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Agreement ..... {Page 21}

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Nebeker was happy to see in the consent calendar the Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Agreement where Clatsop partners with other counties.

Clement no report.

Rohne attended the Fair Board meeting and said the attendance was up 40% and the Craig Morgan concert sold almost 2000 tickets. The revenues were up across the board. The Board identified some problem areas but overall everyone was very happy.

Lee attended the Fair also and said it was wonderful. Lee attended the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority (NOHA) meeting and wanted to remind people that they are looking for a new representative to serve on the Board. Lee attended the Oregon Coastal Economic Summit in Coos Bay. Senator Wyden gave the main speech. Lee encouraged any other commissioners to attend next year to meet other elected officials up and down the coast.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Moore reminded the Board there will be a work session on August 24th on mental health beginning at 4:30pm. This will be an opportunity to make sure everyone is doing an effective job on addressing the mental health issues in the community. Moore said they have wrapped up contract negotiations with the Oregon Nurses Association and will be bringing this to the Board. Moore stated they will be interviewing for the Public Health Director within the next couple of weeks.

ADJOURNMENT 6:40pm

Approved by,

Dirk Rohne, Vice-Chairperson