

1 Summary of September 5, 2019
2 Northeast Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting #3
3 Knappa Fire Station
4 43114 Hillcrest Loop
5 Astoria, OR 97103
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7 **The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Jennifer Rasmussen, NECAC Chair.**
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<u>NECAC Members Present</u>	<u>NECAC Commissioners Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Public Present</u>
Kelly Huckestein		Gail Henrikson	Myrna Patrick
Cheryl Johnson			Barbara Fryer
Jennifer Rasmussen			Carol Webster
Dirk Rohne			Chris Farrar
Tallie Spiller			John McKesson

9 **Welcome and Introductions**

10 The NECAC members, staff and members of the public introduced themselves.
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12 **Review of July 18, 2019, Meeting Summary:**

13 No corrections, additions or deletions were provided.
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15 **Report from Countywide CAC Liaison:**

16 Ms. Johnson discussed the composition of the Countywide CAC (CCAC), emphasizing the mix of
17 backgrounds. She stated that in the CCAC discussion on Goal 2, the hot topics were affordable housing and
18 the role of the citizen advisory committees. She stated that the July 31st workshop led by DLCD had
19 received good reviews. Ms. Johnson also reminded the committee members and the public of the Port of
20 Astoria meeting that would be held at 6pm that evening at the fire station to discuss the Port's draft
21 strategic plan.
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23 **Goal 2 Overview:**

24 Gail Henrikson, Community Development Director, provided a brief overview of the purpose of Goal 2 and
25 how it is applied in Clatsop County.
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27 **Discussion of Goal 2 – Land Use Planning:**

28 Ms. Spiller asked whether policies should be specific or general. Ms. Henrikson stated that the policies
29 should be general and aspirational. She explained that the comprehensive plan is the foundation
30 document for guiding growth and the that land use and zoning ordinance would include specific regulations
31 to implement those guiding measures.
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33 Ms. Huckestein stated that there should be policies in Goal 2 that would encourage sustainability and
34 discourage activities that contributed to climate change. She stated that Goal 2 should explicitly state that
35 climate change will be considered throughout all aspects of the land use process.
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37 Mr. Rohne and Mr. McKesson discussed wind turbines and a previous proposal to place them at Aldrich
38 Point. Mr. McKesson stated that the County needs to find ways to pay for climate change mitigation and
39 emergency services. Mr. Rohne stressed that property owners need to be adequately compensated if a
40 government wants a property owner to restore wetlands, or leave their property, or stop certain activities
41 in order to counteract climate change.
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1 A question was asked regarding how much the temperature will increase in Clatsop County over the next
2 100 years. Mr. McKesson stated that temperature change was not the concern as much as sea level rise.
3 The group discussed how climate change might drive in-migration to Clatsop County from other areas.
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5 Ms. Johnson stated that dikes and tide gates were the common denominator in this discussion. The group
6 discussed the impacts on policy and regulation from the Army Corps of Engineers following Hurricane
7 Katrina. Mr. Rohne stated that it was like paying for a bus wreck in Louisiana when our bus has never
8 wrecked.
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10 Mr. McKesson, with Clatsop Drainage District #1, discussed deferred maintenance on the dikes and the
11 County's permitting to repair dikes. He stated that the County does not have the right to require permits
12 for dike repair and that it is an Army Corps issue. He also discussed the need to locate fire apparatus in the
13 Brownsmead area.
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15 Mr. Farrar stated that it would not be likely that land would be "taken" to restore wetlands.
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17 Ms. Johnson stated that Oregon has worked very hard to protect its farm and forest lands. She added that
18 90% of the land within Clatsop County is forest land.
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20 The group continued to discuss population trends for the next 20 years. Ms. Johnson pointed out that the
21 statistics provided indicate there is enough housing stock within the County.
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23 Ms. Spiller asked whether there could be separate tax rates on second homes. Mr. Rohne stated that the
24 United States should not allow mortgage interest to be deducted on second homes.
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26 Kelly Shipley stated that he had researched the real estate listings and that there was only one house on
27 the market in the Northeast planning area that was listed under \$300,000.
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29 Mr. Rohne discussed the density credit transfer procedure which is allowed in the Clatsop Plains planning
30 area. He stated that a similar system might help in the Northeast planning area. Mr. Shipley discussed
31 property he owns, which is in the Northeast planning area, and which is zoned KS-RCR.
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33 Ms. Johnson stated that the issue of second homes had not been a topic at the Countywide CAC meeting.
34 She added that housing and transportation need to be considered together. The group discussed Pipeline
35 Road and the need for alternate routes. It was suggested that the old railroad be converted to a bike path.
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37 Mr. McKesson complimented the County's Assessment and Taxation Department and Public Works
38 Department. He discussed the tax exemption requirements for agricultural land and added that taxes on
39 wetlands are higher than on ag exempt lands.
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41 Ms. Johnson discussed how tide gates and dikes are located in exception areas. Mr. McKesson stated that
42 the railroad is considered a levee. The group continued to discuss how the County can help with repair and
43 maintenance of the diking system.
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45 Mr. Farrar stated that more politicians needed to be included on the discussions as these are more legal
46 issues that cross multiple jurisdictions.
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48 Mr. Rohne emphasized the need for flexibility in regulations.
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1 Ms. Rasmussen stated that public health needed to be considered in conjunction with land use planning.
2 As an example, she stated that people need to be able to get to their public health facilities.

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4 Mr. McKesson stated that the Northeast planning area needs internet access in order to book rides to access
5 treatments.

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7 Ms. Huckestein discussed the need for residents to have access to open space, healthy food, places to walk
8 and safe route.

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10 The committee and public agreed that language in the comprehensive plan needs to be enforceable. Ms.
11 Henrikson stated that the Department of Land Conservation and Development has an enforceability person
12 who has volunteered to read through the drafts of the comprehensive plan as it is updated.

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14 Mr. McKesson stated that the plan needs to reflect what the Oregon resiliency plan recommends.

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16 Ms. Spiller asked if the County has a mass shooting plan. If so, the committee asked that a representative
17 from the sheriff's office or emergency management provide a talk to the Northeast CAC on this topic.

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19 Mr. Rohne stated that there need to be incentives to encourage the construction of medical centers in rural
20 areas.

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22 Mr. McKesson stated that the County has a building on Old Highway 30 that could become a community
23 center. He also stated that an alternate route needs to be developed so people don't have to go out on
24 Highway 30 just to go to local businesses. He added that money needs to be funneled into planning efforts
25 for mitigation and resiliency, not unlikely events such as a mass shooting.

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27 **Distribution of Meeting #4 Materials:**

28 Ms. Henrikson reviewed the materials that had been distributed to the committee members at the start of
29 the meeting. The next NECAC meeting will be on the topic of Statewide Planning Goal 3 – Agricultural
30 Lands.

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32 **Closing Comments and Adjournment:**

33 The committee briefly discussed the Port of Astoria meeting that would be following this meeting.

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35 The committee discussed how the County needs to negotiate better deals with companies and how the
36 County should livestream its meetings. Mr. Rohne provided background on the Charter Communications
37 and with agreement with the County.

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39 ***There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.***
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1 IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2 FOR CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

3 IN THE MATTER OF FORMATION OF THE)
4 BROWNSMEAD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT) RESOLUTION AND ORDER
5 PURSUANT TO ORS 198.810)

6 WHEREAS, the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners approved the petition to
7 form a rural fire protection district to be known as the Brownsmead Rural Fire
8 Protection District at a public hearing pursuant to ORS 198.800 through 198.810
9 boundaries of which are set out in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated
10 herein; and

11 WHEREAS, a final hearing on the formation was held on October 9, 1991; and

12 WHEREAS, no written requests for an election were filed as provided by ORS
13 198.810(2); now therefore

14 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a rural fire protection district to be
15 known as the Brownsmead Rural Fire Protection District is hereby formed within the
16 boundaries set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

17 DATED this 9th day of October, 1991.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

Vickie Miner Barrett
Vickie Miner Barrett, Chair

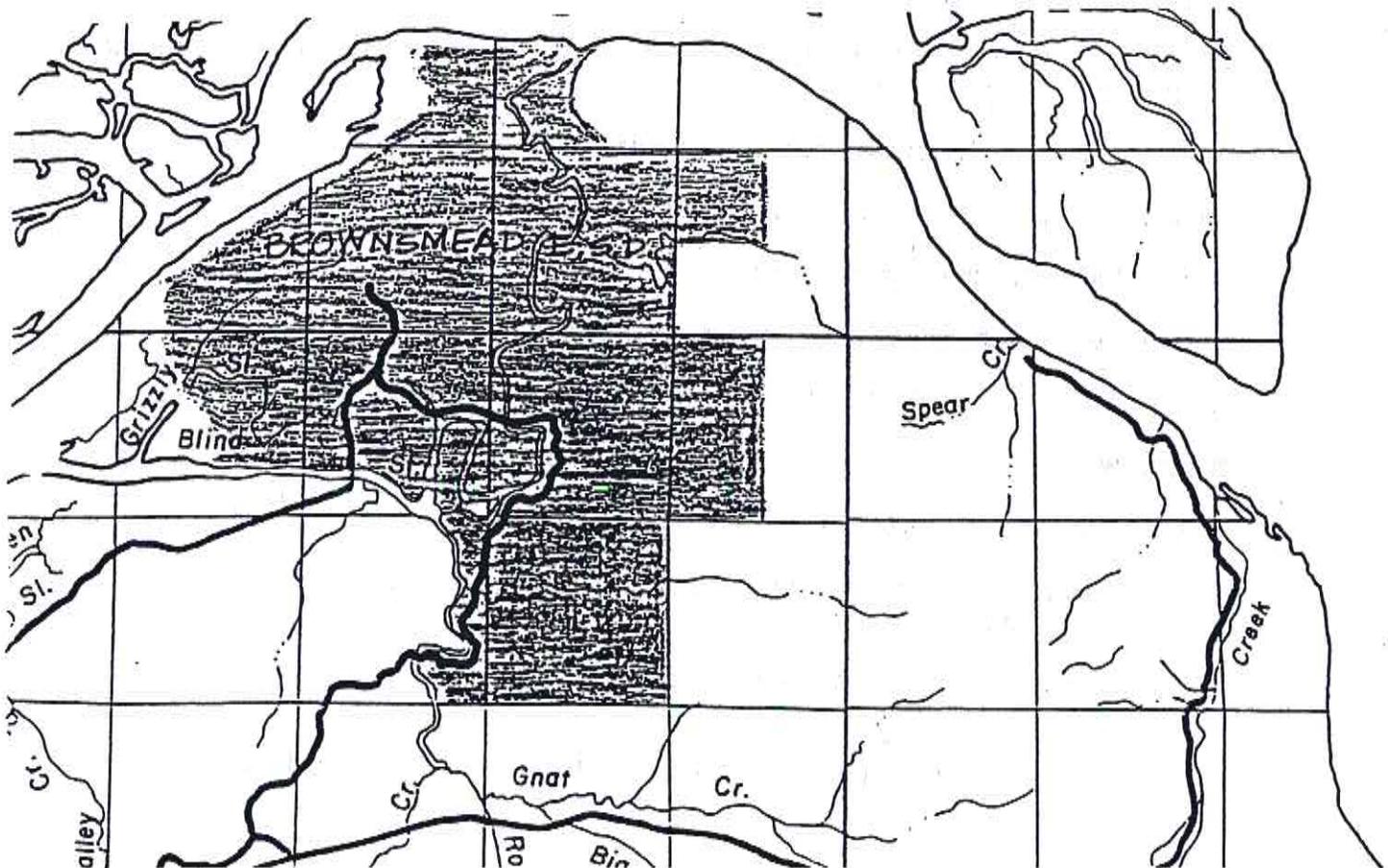


EXHIBIT A

Boundary Description:

A tract of land in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11, Township 8 North, Range 7 West, and Sections 26, 27, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Willamette Meridian, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the North bank of Blind Slough with the centerline of the S. P. & S. Railroad;

Thence Northeasterly along said centerline, a distance of 550 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the Long Island Dike;

Thence Northerly and Easterly along said Long Island Dike to its intersection with the West line of said Section 26;

Thence North along said West line to the South bank of the Columbia River;

Thence Easterly along said South bank to its intersection with the Northerly right of way of said S. P. & S. Railroad;

Thence Southwesterly along said Northerly right of way to its intersection with the centerline of the Aldrich Point Road;

Thence Southerly along the centerline of said road to its intersection with the North line of said Section 35;

Thence East along the North line of said Sections 35 and 36 to the North quarter corner of said Section 36;

Thence South to the center quarter corner of said Section 36;

Thence West to the West quarter corner of said Section 36;

Thence South to the Southwest corner of said Section 36;

Thence East to the North quarter of said Section 1;

Thence South to the South quarter corner of said Section 1;

Thence West to the Northeast corner of said Section 11;

Thence South to the Southeast corner of said Section 11;

Thence West along the South line of said Sections 11 and 10 to its intersection with the East bank of Gnat Creek;

Thence Northerly along said East bank to its intersection with the North bank of Blind Slough;

Thence Westerly along said North bank to the point of beginning.