



Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife - Commission Room
March 8, 2007
Minutes

Commissioners Present: Bill Gregory, Chair; Nik Blosser, Vice-Chair; Brad Chalfant, Sharon Rudi; Jim Brown; Sue Musser; and Jim Parr

Staff Present: Tim Wood, Director; Jan Dean, Assistant Director, Administration; Dave Wright, Assistant Director, Operations; Kyleen Stone, Assistant Director, Recreation Programs and Planning; Dave Koellermeier, State Fair Manager; Rocky Houston, Recreation Trails Coordinator; Richard Walkoski, Recreation Programs Manager; Cliff Houck, Manager, Resource Management and Planning; Roger Roper, Assistant Director, Heritage Programs; Jan Houck, Water Recreation Program Coordinator; Marina Cresswell, Design and Construction Specialist; Kate Schutt, Planning Manager; Laurel Hillman, Coastal Resource Planner, Rodolfo Sanchez, photographer/videographer; Chris Havel, Communications Coordinator; Wayne Rawlins, Grants Division Manager; Ron Price, ATV Grants Coordinator; Jim Myron, Legislative Coordinator; Gene Shutz, Acting Human Resource Manager; James Hamrick, Special Heritage Programs; Steve Shipsey, Assistant Attorney General; and Pamela Berger, Commission Assistant

Visitors Present: Marie Gregory; Dave Roberts, Oregon State Parks Trust; Dave Eshbaugh, Oregon State Parks Trust; Karma Krause, Travel Oregon; Larry Ruck, ATV Account Allocation Committee Chair; Phillip Johnson, Oregon Shores/CoastWatch; Peter Shames, Hood River Sand, Gravel, & Ready Mix; Kristin Stallman, Columbia River Highway; and Armand Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla

The Commission Meeting began at 9:00 A.M.

1. Approval of Agenda

Without objection, the agenda was approved.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time. The following written testimony was submitted for the record:

Cougar Valley

- Burton Went – Preserving the lower Nehalem River area where Cougar Valley State Park will be built.
- Robert Forster - Emergency access and the affects on early fall Chinook salmon run in Lost Creek.

Crissey Field Visitor's Center

- Dick Trout - Costs to build a visitor's center.
- Charles & Patricia Russell - Potential hazards (tsunamis and rising tides) and the impact on the wetlands.
- Veva Stansell - Costs of building the visitor's center and the threat it would have on dune plants.
- Melissa McDowell – How the location of a visitor's center could affect traffic, threaten habitat, and distract from the ocean and natural beauty that the state of Oregon stands for.
- John Daggett - Unnecessary waste of state resources, building in a tsunami zone, and access issues.

3. Approval of Minutes from the January 11, 2007 Commission meeting

Commissioner Brown moved approval of the minutes amending the language for the motion of Item 13 to read as follows:

Commissioner Brown moved adoption of the Luckiamute Master Plan in rule and seek land use approvals from Polk and Benton Counties; amended to include the following:

- 1. Have the Attorney General clarify the landowners' liability issues (e.g. boats hitting irrigation equipment).**
- 2. Have OPRD staff work with Luckiamute River area landowners to address and resolve their issues of concern.**
- 3. Delay the access opening date until amendments 1 and 2 have been adequately addressed.**

Brad Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Legislative Update (Jim Myron)

Jim Myron, Legislative Coordinator, gave an update on the following legislative bills that are of interest to and could impact OPRD:

- SB 101 - ATV Safety Training (Requires that all ATV operators obtain an ATV operators permit from the State Parks and Recreation Department. Obtaining such a permit requires the operator to pass a safety training course.) Amendments to the bill have been received and a hearing has been scheduled.
- HB 2062 - ATV Helmet Requirement (Requires all operators and passengers on ATVs to wear a DOT approved helmet.) Minor amendments have been prepared and another work session is scheduled for next week.
- HB 2063 - ATV Passenger Restrictions (Restricts the number of passengers on ATVs to number the manufacturer recommends.) This bill most likely won't have additional hearings scheduled.
- SB 632 - Capitol Mall Park (Would transfer the grounds around the Capitol from DAS to OPRD for future management.) The co-sponsors of the bill are Senate President Courtney and Representative Atkinson.
- SB 926 - Construction of Velodromes (Directs OPRD to build velodromes in southern and northern Oregon.) This bill would have a 3.5 million fiscal impact on the department during fiscal year 2007-09.
- HB 2787 - Day Use Fee Waiver (Waives day use fees for people age 65 and older who have resided in Oregon at least 50 years.) The department has been involved with discussions on the issues surrounding this bill and with related HB 2855.
- HB 2889 - Assisting Elderly on Park Trails (Requires OPRD to provide devices to disabled individuals and the elderly in order to access trails for hiking in state parks.) A meeting has been scheduled with the sponsor of the bill to clarify the intent.
- HB 2962 - Fuel Breaks Between State and Federal Lands (Would require the Department of Forestry to establish and maintain 100' fuel breaks between state land and contiguous federal land.) The department has shared numerous concerns with this bill.

The department is currently tracking more than 60 bills and anticipate tracking at least 100 bills after all bills have been introduced.

No commission action was requested.

Director's Update (Tim Wood)

- Director Wood noted that the department's budget work session is tentatively scheduled before the Ways and Means committee on April 5, 2007. There is an interest by some legislators to increase our acquisition funding, possibly by redistributing and possible reduction of funds in the department's proposed Policy Option Packages.

- The Secretary of State's Capital Assessment Audit and State Fair audit report are to be completed in the near future.
- A group of heritage and cultural advocates are now meeting weekly for the purpose of promoting a package of arts, heritage and cultural related legislative bills. The group has been named CHAMP, which stands for "Culture, Heritage, Art, Movies, and Preservation." Participants include First Lady Mary Oberst, Roger Roper, Barbara Sidway, Chris D'arcy, myself, and others.
- The Oregon 150 non profit group has asked for an additional \$2 million for the Oregon sesquencial celebration and related activities to plan the state's sequential.
- At the May Commission meeting, staff will present a proposal to undertake development of a strategic plan that will provide direction beyond a 2014.

No commission action was requested.

5. Approval of Delegated Authority Report

a. Contracts (Jan Dean)

Jan Dean, Assistant Director, Administration, noted that the current report includes:

- 25 new contracts for a total of \$846,853
- 10 new agreements for a total of \$339,295
- 8 change orders for a total of \$190,230
- 17 amendments for a total of (\$3,894)
- 14 work orders on Agreements to Agree for a total of \$392,448
- 25 fairground event permits for a total revenue of \$223,140 for the department.

Jim Brown moved to approve the contracts. Jim Parr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Contracts

b. Natural Resources (Cliff Houck)

Cliff Houck, Manager, Resource Management and Planning, requested approval of actions taken under delegated authority for Natural Resources Management from December 14, 2006 through February 11, 2007. There were no Scenic Waterways Notifications And Ocean Shore Alteration Decisions reported for this period.

Nik Blosser moved approval of the delegated authority report. Sue Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Request to go to Rulemaking - Criminal History Checks (Jan Dean)

Jan Dean said that OPRD's authority to conduct criminal history checks was expanded by the 2005 Legislature that amended ORS 390.124. HB 2157 requires the agency to adopt administrative rules consistent with the statute. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) recently adopted a model administrative rule for agencies to follow to comply with the statute; the proposed administrative rule is consistent with the language adopted by DAS.

Members questioned the need to broaden the definition of individuals and expand the crimes relevant to a fitness determination if we currently have few problems. Staff acknowledged this would not slow down the current hiring process and that it is a pro-active move that gives the department the ability to check out-of-state criminal history records. During the rulemaking process, the department will assess who should be subject to a criminal history check and which offenses should be considered. Ms. Dean will report back to commissioners on the progress of and input from the administrative rule hearing.

Nik Blosser moved approval to go to rulemaking. Jim Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Recognition of Bequest (Jan Dean)

Jan Dean acknowledged that the department has recently received notice of two bequests. The first is from the Robert P. Jacobsen Jr. Trust to distribute funds over a 25-year period for the maintenance of trails and equipment and the upgrading of State parks. Last quarter, the department received a check from the Trust for \$2,500. The second bequest is from the Dale F. Lucal Trust bequeathing half of his estate's residue to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department.

Sharon Rudi moved that the Commission issue a thank you letter to the personal representative or trustee of each estate. Jim Parr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Future Investment Projections (Dave Wright)

Dave Wright, Assistant Director of Operations noted that at a previous commission meeting, there was a request for staff to develop a spreadsheet showing future investments to be used as a planning tool. Mr. Wright provided a work in progress spreadsheet outlining recent acquisitions, development timelines and when staffing new properties would be necessary. The document is intended to give commissioners a starting reference point for future planning. Updates and revisions to the spreadsheet will be shared at regular intervals as new information develops and costs are refined.

No commission action was requested.

9. Real Estate (Cliff Houck)

a. Siuslaw River Dunes addition and easement

The Commission approved to purchase the Siuslaw River Dunes parcel from Lane County at the April 13, 2006 meeting. The parcel is adjacent to the Joaquin Miller Forest State Wayside south of Florence. For budgeting purposes the sale was broken into two purchases. OPRD also agreed a life estate and access for the property resident.

A title research found 6 in-holdings within the parcel to be acquired. During negotiations, Lane County agreed to work on the elimination of the in-holdings as well as the vacation of the platted streets within the parcel. Lane County has been successful in acquiring 5 of the in-holding interests and is in the process of the street vacation. Lane County has incurred acquisition costs of \$22,336. The final in-holding has been in Lane County's name due to tax foreclosure but has a redemption right that will not expire until September of 2007. The agreement will call for this property to be transferred to OPRD subject to the right of redemption.

Jim Parr moved approval to compensate Lane County an additional \$22,336 for the purchase of the in-holdings. Sharon Rudi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Cougar Valley State Park addition

Cliff Houck pointed out that if the proposed 9.34-acre parcel, next to the Cougar Valley State Park on the Nehalem River is purchased, the entire OPRD ownership will be surrounded by Oregon Department of Forestry holdings. This acquisition was listed under the "Protecting and Enhancing Existing State Parks" within the OPRD Acquisition Plan 2007-2013. The purchase would double the Nehalem River frontage and provide for ownership of the confluence of Cook Creek. The property offers additional planning space for camping and open space as well as river access and natural area protection. This acquisition would bring OPRD ownership at Cougar Valley State Park to approximately 395 acres.

The \$217,417 land value and the \$318,000 timber value provide for an estimate value of \$535,471. This acquisition will not close until the next biennium to insure that OPRD has adequate acquisition funding. By the time the property closes the owner will have held the property off the market for over a year and the appraisal will be over ten months old. Using the

appraisal's inflation factor of 10% per year, it is reasonable to adjust the purchase price accordingly to \$589,018, a number acceptable to the landowner.

After a discussion on how timber value is determined and level 1 environmental assessments, Commissioner Chalfant urged staff to seek a level 1 assessment in order to avoid potential risks.

Jim Brown moved the approval to purchase the Yunker property for \$589,018. Jim Parr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c: Fort Lane

Mr. Houck told commissioners that Fort Lane is a 19.26-acre site owned by Jackson County, the location of a US Army fort after the signing of a treaty on September 10, 1853 that established the Table Rock Indian Reservation. Jackson County has asked OPRD if we are willing to accept and manage this site. The cultural site has potential for a parking lot and visitor interpretation. This property was also listed on the OPRD Acquisition 2007-2013 plan. This site has cultural significance. Plans for this site would include a parking lot, improved access from Tolo Road, trails and restrooms. The site has some wood fencing but repair and fencing of the rear and side property lines would be required for management of this site. A preliminary cost of improvements was estimated at \$135,000.

Jim Parr moved to accept the Fort Lane property as a donation from Jackson County. Sharon Rudi seconded. Commissioners Musser, Chalfant, Rudi, Brown, Parr, and Chair Gregory voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Blosser voted nay.

d. Prospect Wayside

Cliff Houck explained that Paul Pearson, retired Forester from the US Forest Service, is offering to donate his 5-acre property as an expansion of Prospect Wayside. Mr. Pearson feels that the property would be protected from development under OPRD ownership. OPRD would pay for a minor survey, lot line adjustment and document recording costs to facilitate his donation. Prospect Wayside is a 10.78-acre park along Highway 62 East of Joseph Stewart State Park and West of Prospect. Prospect Wayside is improved with a restroom and parking lot and is well timbered. The Wayside serves as a trailhead for the Pearsoney Falls and Viewpoint trail. This property was not listed on the Acquisition Plan or in the Acquisition Strategy. However the Acquisition strategy did list a focus on non-motorized trail connections in Region 5. This property also includes a creek that runs across the West boundary of the site.

Jim Brown moved to accept the donation of 5 acres. Brad Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Mosier Trail Realignment and Quarry

Peter Shames, Hood River Sand, Gravel, & Ready Mix, Inc. asked to access the Historic Columbia River highway at the trailhead to the twin tunnels, requesting the department to allow them to develop a haul road across a portion of the Mark O. Hatfield East Trailhead near Mosier. Hood River Sand, Gravel, & Ready Mix proposes to build a bridge across Rock Creek, improving an existing roadway and developing a paved path for bicycle and pedestrian use. He believes this would resolve a longstanding conflict, be able to deliver aggregate resources to the region, and when the rock is removed and the active slide resolved, the site can be developed for the benefit of the community. This project involves private industry along with OPRD and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). They would like to move forward with this project. He clarified the location and the integrity of the bicycle trail. In response to commissioners, he said that due to the complexity (i.e. zoning issues) of the plan will take 25-30 years to remove the rock from the quarry site.

Cliff Houck noted that in the past, access to the rock pit went through the City. A recent court ruling now prohibits that access and Hood River Sand and Gravel is looking for an alternative access. ODOT owns a quarry adjacent to the Hood River quarry and also cannot develop that pit without a new access. If permitted, the access would require that trucks run down the Rock

Creek Road down to Mosier. Recognizing potential conflicts with hikers and bicyclists, Hood River Sand and Gravel has proposed developing a new trail that would run through their property to Mosier, avoiding the narrow historic highway and creating a safer route. In addition, rock hauling would only occur during the winter months, which would reduce some conflicts. OPRD have requested that Hood River Sand and Gravel discuss their proposal with the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee since Rock Creek Road is part of the historic highway. Staff has also suggested that the City of Mosier be consulted on this proposal since we anticipate that there will be some concerns from the City.

Kristin Stallman, Columbia River Highway, said that after talking to the Wasco County Planning Director, we can't wait for conditional permit to go through because the permit needs to be signed earlier than later, pointing out that both OPRD and ODOT need to be a signatory to the permit. She encourages this discussion to continue.

Director Wood said the department will work with ODOT to determine the next steps.

No commission action was requested.

f. Clyde Holliday

Cliff Houck noted that the Clyde Holliday State Park is a 39.6-acre site. Because of its popularity and use, Clyde Holliday was identified within the Acquisition Strategy Report for purchase of additional lands for camping and river access. A planning process is required prior to undertaking any improvements or changes to the park. OPRD also owns Clyde Holliday Wayside, a 50-acre property separated from the State Park by three ownerships. This proposed acquisition would purchase one of the three properties that separates the park from the Wayside. A small private strip and a parcel owned by Grant County would be all that separates the ownership of these two holdings from being a 100-acre park. The owner has agreed to \$120,000 as a purchase price.

Jim Brown moved approval to purchase this additional property for Clyde Holliday State Park. Brad Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

g. Marr Ranch (Dave Wright)

Dave Wright noted that the Marr Ranch property in Wallowa County encompasses 61.93 acres and lies between the City of Joseph and the Chief Joseph Gravesite. The property is a level to rolling parcel that enjoys many amenities including outstanding mountain views, proximity to Wallowa Lake and frontage along the Wallowa River. The current owner has intended to develop the property with as many as 120 homesites. Development of this property has been a matter of concern with the local area. Three Native American Tribes consider this land sacred and are opposed to any development. OPRD became involved due to potential archaeological resources.

OPRD has been working with the owner for over a year in an attempt to negotiate a purchase of the site. The owner filed a lawsuit against the three Tribes and the State of Oregon requesting the courts to make a judgment on whether or not the site is archaeologically significant. If so, the owner requests compensation in the amount of \$5 million. The courts have recently dismissed the Tribes from the lawsuit based on their sovereign immunity.

The owner has agreed to sell the property to OPRD for \$4.1 million. The \$4.1 million will be offset by the \$900,000 contributions from the three Tribes, a potential contribution from the Wallowa Land Trust and potentially additional funds raised by the Oregon State Park Trust. OPRD's anticipated investment is between \$2.5 million and \$3.1 million.

Armand Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, noted the tribe's support of the purchase and commitment to provide funds to assist in the acquisition of purchasing the Marr Ranch property. He noted the challenges that have arisen because of the lawsuit and other hurdles in

trying to obtain this property. He recognizes the importance of the State's role in protecting cultural heritage.

Sharon Rudi moved approval to acquire the site for \$4.1 million pending approval of the Board of the Oregon State Park Trust. Brad Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session (canceled)

The commission had scheduled an executive session to discuss negotiations regarding a real property transaction and consult with legal counsel concerning current litigation. However, the commission determined that an Executive Session would not be held at this time.

10. ATV Grant Program Grant Requests (Kyleen Stone)

Kyleen Stone, Assistant Director, Recreation Programs and Planning, introduced the newly elected All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Account Allocation Committee chair, Larry Runk, who replaces former chair Pat Harris. Ms. Stone noted that the committee met January 18-19 in Florence to review and recommend 31 grant applications totaling \$2,217,118.34. These grants are for the time period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. January's meeting primarily focused on operations and maintenance grant proposals. The April meeting will focus primarily on law enforcement grant requests, and the September meeting will focus on safety and education grant requests. Development, planning and acquisition grant requests will be heard at all three committee meetings.

Jim Brown moved approval of the recommended grants. Nik Blosser seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Day Use Fee Rules Adoption (Richard Walkoski)

Richard Walkoski, Recreation Programs Manager, noted that the commission approved to begin the rulemaking process for Day Use Fees at its September 28, 2006 meeting. The rule removes citations for failure to pay fees, adds L. L. "Stub" Stewart Memorial State Park to the list of day use fee parks, drops Fogarty Creek from the list, and corrects the listing of Fall Creek Recreation Site to Fall Creek Recreation Area (Winberry), which is the proper name of the park. The notice of proposed changes were published in the November Oregon Bulletin and no public or staff comments were received.

Jim Brown moved approval to file the permanent rules. Nik Blosser seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

12. Master Plan Update (Kathy Schutt)

Kathy Schutt, Planning Manager, gave an update on the Nehalem Bay / Cougar Valley Master Plans:

Nehalem Bay State Park has been a prominent coastal park in the state park system since the 1970's. It occupies a 900-acre, 3-mile long sand spit between the ocean shore and the Nehalem River estuary immediately south of Manzanita in Tillamook County. Boasting one of the highest visitation rates in the state park system, the park offers day use facilities and a full range of camping amenities with over 300 campsites. A small airport, managed under a lease agreement by the State Department of Aviation, occupies the eastern part of the park.

Cougar Valley State Park is located about eight miles up the Nehalem River along Lost Creek. This new park consists of 400 acres covered with forest and former pastureland adjacent to the Tillamook State Forest, and includes more than a mile of river frontage. It was added to the state park system in the last year, and currently has no facilities to support recreation access.

The master plans will pinpoint opportunities for new recreation facilities on the north coast and better meet demand for camping in that region of Oregon. She described the status of the

planning process and Key planning issues identified to date. The planning process seeks to balance recreation with natural, cultural and scenic resource management needs.

No commission action was requested.

b). Honeyman State Park

Ms. Schutt noted that the department has begun the master planning process for Honeyman State Park. It includes interdunal lakes, Woahink and Cleawox, and is important for its intact Civilian Conservation Corp park construction. The park is one of the best remaining examples of a designed park from that era. It also has the State Parks system's second largest campground and is one of the most popular day use areas on the coast. Planning considerations include:

- The best way to provide better visitor interpretation, welcoming and registration,
- How to improve the dangerous highway access,
- Providing more trails and better trail connections both within and outside the park,
- An upgraded office building,
- Providing needed staff housing,
- Offering diversified overnight facilities,
- Guiding natural and scenic resource management, and
- Pioneering cultural landscape management for the park.

The initial Advisory Committee has been completed and a review of the draft plan is scheduled for May 2007.

No commission action was requested.

13. Trails Project Update (Richard Walkoski and Rocky Houston)

Richard Walkoski, Programs Manager, and Rocky Houston, Trails Coordinator, gave a presentation describing the status of the following trails projects:

- Placement of 10 interpretive panels at access points along the Oregon Coast Trail.
- Rogue Valley Recreation Planning and Trail Development: Construct a new trail through Valley of the Rogue State Park; develop a plan for the Rogue River Greenway Trail development and contract for engineering assessments on key sections of the trail.
- Willamette River Water Trail: Development of the Willamette River Water Trail which include facility enhancements, maintenance equipment, additional signs and a boat locker demonstration project.
- Banks-Vernonia State Trail: Develop trail from Manning through the Tolke property.
- Cazadero State Trail: Clear trail and install drainage features to allow public access with eventual goal to have a trail from Boring to Estacada.
- L.L. "Stub" Stewart State Park Trails: Construction of an ADA trail to access the Banks-Vernonia State Trail from the main camping area of the park including hardening of trails.
- Oregon Coast Trail Interpretive and Way finding Signs Parks and Recreation Trail GPS: Collect GPS information on all Oregon Parks and Recreation trails. This information will be used for the new state trails web page, creating trail brochures and for the HUB.
- State Trails Web Page: Phase 1 work to develop a data base for the web page. The project will be followed up with Phase 2 in the next biennium with development of the web page.

No commission action was requested.

14. Contract Approvals (Dave Wright)

a) Crissey Field Construction

Phillip Johnson, Oregon Shores/CoastWatch, discussed his concerns about OPRD building a Visitors Center south of Brookings. Concerns include: traffic problems, dune plant associations, safeguard that would have to be built in to allow for the low oceanfront site (risks such as hundred year storms, tsunami, and flooding). He urged the commission to defer any final decision on awarding a contract until there has been a chance to reconsider the project in light of its drastically increased costs and until the above stated concerns have been adequately addressed. In addition coastal hazards must be addressed during the master planning process. He felt that local area residents were not sufficiently notified of this project. Mr. Johnson suggested that his organization has always been opposed to a visitor's center at this location. He does not believe OPRD, as protector of the ocean shore, should build this close to the ocean.

Karma Krause, Travel Oregon, noted her support of this project saying that it will be a great first impression to travelers.

Marina Cresswell, Design and Construction Specialist, and Dave Wright showed site drawings. as they explained the proposed project. Mr. Wright explained that modifications include construction of site roadway, pathway, landscape, wetland mitigation, parking lot construction, utility and site improvements. In addition, the project includes construction of a Welcome Center building and Hwy 101 access improvements adjacent to the project site. Current biennium project budget is \$435, 000. A Program Option Package has been submitted for \$3 million dollars and is part of the Governor's Recommended budget. Additional funding will be required through the Facility Investment Program budget. David Evans and Associates of Portland provided the original cost estimates. Site constraints and location may have played a part in the discrepancy between the cost estimates and actual bids. There is also only one asphalt provider in the south coast. Because there is no competition for asphalt, that provider sets his own price that was significantly higher than cost estimates from DEA. LTM, Inc. from Coos Bay submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$ 5,895,599.20.

As a resident of Brookings, Sue Musser said that adequate notice was given to area residents and there has been public involvement and input on this project. Commissioners noted their concern on the increased costs to build the Crissey Field Visitor's Center. Brad Chalfant noted that he does not oppose what a local community supports, however, this project is in the wrong location. He is concerned about the costs and finds the site potentially problematic. Dave Wright said that this is the first dune project, other than parking lots, that OPRD has built. Jim Parr would like to see a different approach; with enough construction you can construct anything you would like, pointing out this creates a precedence. Nik Blosser inquired as to why Travel Oregon is not contributing to the building costs. Mr. Wright pointed out that the Travel Information Council (under Travel Oregon) has been working with OPRD in planning Crissey Field, however they do not have funds to contribute towards the building costs. OPRD will consider having them pay utility costs as they currently do at Harris State Park and/or pay rent. Mr. Wright, in response to Nik Blosser, said that if this decision to award the contract was delayed until the May meeting, it would need to go out to bid again.

Jim Brown moved to award the contract to LTM. Sue Musser seconded. The motion passed 5-2. Jim Parr, Sue Musser, Jim Brown, Sharon Rudi, and Chair Gregory voted aye. Nik Blosser and Brad Chalfant voted nay.

b) Powder House Cove Boating Facility Project

Mr. Wright told the commission the purpose of this project is to remove and dispose of a portion of the existing entrance road, and launch ramp, and construct a new two lane entrance road, parking lot, cast-in-place and concrete launch ramp, furnish and install four (4) wood boarding floats, and gangway. Subsequent to writing the issue brief, staff has worked with the contractor

to scale the project down to a total cost of \$1,088,270 this biennium. \$810,689 will be spent on the project next biennium. Staff will seek additional grants to complete the project.

Jim Brown moved to award the contract to JAL Construction. Jim Parr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Lowell Launch Ramp

Dave Wright said this project is to remove and dispose of existing asphalt launch ramp, construct a new four lane cast-in-place concrete launch ramp, install (4) new piles, construct concrete abutment and install owner furnished self adjusting boarding float system. Jeff Carter Construction of Salem submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$176,830.30.

Sue Musser moved to award the contract to Jeff Carter Construction. Nik Blosser seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. State Fair Pavilion Parking Lot

Mr. Wright said the project for the State Fair Pavilion parking lot includes providing all labor, equipment, materials and incidentals needed to construct a parking lot extension and associated storm water system, curbs, sidewalks, parking lot lights and irrigation sleeves. The lowest qualified bid was submitted by K& E Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$202,830.00 .

Sharon Rudi moved to award the contract to K& E Excavating. Jim Parr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Wolf Creek Inn Concession

Dave Wright told the commissioners The Historic Wolf Creek Inn, located north of Grants Pass on I-5, is OPRD's only self-operated restaurant and inn. Over the years of management by OPRD a number of operational concessions or contracts have been used for its operation. More recently, the Inn has been operated with an OPRD manager and temporary staff from DePaul Industries. OPRD is required to use qualified rehab facilities when they are available and can meet our objectives. The Inn and Restaurant is enjoying one of its most successful periods with a community connection.

Recent changes in the rules regarding the use of temporary staff require that no single employee can work more than 6 months, which creates significant operational problems for the department. For example, as soon as someone is trained, they have to be replaced to accommodate the six-month rule. In order to resolve this issue, staff has developed a contract with DePaul Industries to provide staff and a manager to oversee the DePaul employees. These employees will no longer be considered temporary employees, but will provide a contracted service. The term of the contract is for one year, not to exceed \$279,000.

Jim Brown moved to award the contract. Jim Parr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Oregon 150 Planning (James Hamrick)

James Hamrick, Special Heritage Programs, noted that the Governor has named twenty-nine voting members, as well as 24 ex-officios, to serve on the Oregon 150 Board. At its December meeting, the Board elected former Heritage Commission Chair Barbara Sidway as its President. The following working subcommittees of the Board have been formed: Engagement, Education, Marketing and Tourism, Development and Business Relations, Government Relations, and Finance/Audit/Governance. Mr. Hamrick distributed a draft memo for commission action, relating to the Commission and Department's support of the sesquicentennial through its grant programs. At the request of the 150 Board, similar requests are also being requested to other granting agencies.

Jim Brown moved approval of the memo regarding OPRD's participation in the 2009 Sesquicentennial. Nik Blosser seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Parks & Heritage: The OPRD Video Presentation (Kyleen Stone)

Kyleen Stone, along with Rodolfo Sanchez, gave the first showing of a multi-media presentation produced by OPRD staff. The presentation showcased the history, present, and future challenges of OPRD and will be used to educate and generate enthusiasm about the department and its rich history. Staff will be able to present the presentation to local Chambers of Commerce and other civic organization in communities throughout Oregon. It will also be used as a tool to familiarize and inspire new staff and volunteers.

No commission action was requested.

17. Commission Planning Calendar

Director Wood noted the May 10, 2007 commission meeting will be held at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center in Albany, preceded by an optional commission tour of Thompson's Mills and the Luckiamute area on Wednesday, May 9th.

No commission action was requested.

18. Commission Discussion

There was no commission discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Following the meeting, Green Fire Productions presented *Common Ground: Oregon's Ocean*, a documentary about the future of Oregon's marine environment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Berger
Commission Assistant