

September 12, 1990-Special Meeting-Lane County Commissioners & Westfir City Council

Bill Rogers called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Bill Rogers, Jerry Rust, Jack Roberts and Steve Cornacchia were present.

Public Comments

Tim Bailey-76876 20th Westfir, Oregon 97492

What is status of bankruptcy proceedings of the mill site? If Lane County received title to property would the consider giving the City or a non profit organization the covered bridge?

Bill Rogers

We do not know the status of the bankruptcy proceedings and can not make a decision until that culminates. The County would not get possession of bridge until approximately three years after the culmination of the bankruptcy proceedings. If the County does gain possession of the bridge there are they have options of what they may do with it.

- 1. sell it
- 2. turn over to a government entity for public purpose
- 3. long term lease agreement with restrictions

The bridge in its present condition does not qualify for state funds. If a city owned it, it would.

Louise Mattox-47314 Westfir Rd. Westfir, Oregon 97492

Anyway to protect bridge from kids vandalizing it?

Bill Rogers

Lane County has nothing to do with it since it is privately owned.

Jerry Rust

Lane County could possible retain ownership of the bridge and use Highway Funds to repair it if there was something on the other side like an RV Park.

Bill Rogers

The Trustee has the obligation to maintain the assets in the same condition as when he receives them.

James Jones-46787 Sunset Ave. Westfir, Oregon 97492

What can be done about the drainage problem in Hemlock?

Bill Rogers

Lane County Public Works people will review it during the fall rains.

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Who is responsible to clear the brush which is a fire hazard beyond property lines behind houses in Hemlock.

Bill Rogers

Will check into it since it is not on city property.

End of public comment period.

Presentation

Bill Rogers presented an Atlas of Lane County, Oregon to S. J. Ferrigno, Mayor of the City of Westfir.

Announcements

Jerry Rust

Covered Bridge Festival in Cottage Grove September 15th and 16th.

Jack Roberts

Glad to see such a good turn out for this meeting.

Bill Rogers

Budget approved expansion of traffic team for Oakridge-Westfir area.

Jim Silva new to Lane County Sherrifs Department will begin duty on October 1, 1990. Jim and Mike Seymore will do some duty sharing and the citaions will go through the justice court. The traffic team's jurisdiction will be from Jasper-Lowell road to the east county line.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. at Willamette Activity Center the Oakridge Chamber of Commerce and Jim Gangle and the Lane County Commissioners will meet to discuss tax assessments on Commercial and Industrial properties in the Oakridge and Westfir area.

Agenda Items

Preservation and ownership of the covered bridge in Westfir.

Henry Marty-46941 Sunset Ave. Westfir, Oregon 97492

Is there anything the committee to save the bridge can do to preserve bridge until the bankruptcy period is over?

Bill Rogers

The Committee's best bet would be to work with the Trustee. See if he may be willing to release the bridge form the bankruptcy proceeding, if it can be proved that no money would be lost from the first priority lien holders.

The Commissioners suggested to the bridge committee to work with the Trustee and to seek legal council if they are really interested in trying to gain ownership of the covered bridge.

Gate removed from entry of dam.

Jean Bucholtz-47202 Westfir Rd. Westfir, Oregon 94792

The people who are tearing down the mill site for salvage removed the gate which blocks the entry way to the old dam. This is a potencial life hazard and kids have already been seen trying to cross it. Who is responsible for the replacement of this gate?

Bill Rogers

Since it is private property it is the responsiblity of the Trustee of the mill site.

Steve Cornacchia made a motion that a letter be sent to all cities stating that we expect notification if County owned property is proposed to be annexed. In reference to specific property in Florence, Bill Rogers and Jim Johnson will get further information and make a decision on whether to appeal. Jerry Rust second motion. All were in favor motion was carried.

S. J. Ferrigno-46823 Sunset Ave.

Is there any possibility of acquiring power from Hills Creek Dam?

Wes Hare-Oakridge City Administrator

All power from Hills Creek is currently being sold to Bonneville.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Raine Ecker

Raine Ecker, City Recorder
City of Westfir

Attest: *S. J. Ferrigno*
S. J. Ferrigno, Mayor