

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING

DUNES CITY COUNCIL

LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 13, 1997

PRESENT:

Lane County: Commissioners E. Dumdi; B. Green, Sr., P. Sorenson, and Bill VanVactor, County Administrator.

Dunes City: Mayor R. Ward, Councilors J. Buehler, D. Jackson, R. Anderson, City Recorder J. Phillips

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Mayor R. Ward welcomed county officials, councilors, and citizens. Dunes City citizens present: Karen Peck, Bob and Joyce Anderson, Susie Navetta, and Mark Chandler.

CALL TO ORDER:

E. Dumdi, as senior member of attending Board of Commissioners, called meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Present were B. Green, Sr., P. Sorenson, and Bill VanVactor, County Administrator. Absent: Chairperson C. Weeldreyer attending meeting with law enforcement officials, and vice-chair S. Cornacchia had an appointment with Gov. Kitzhaber.

CLEAR LAKE ROAD/CANARY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT:

E. Dumdi opened meeting to questions and comments from City officials and citizens. Memorandum dated October 10, 1997 from B. Genovese to County Administrator attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" distributed relating to CIP project update on Clear Lake Road and Canary Road.

County Administrator pointed out the original \$1.6 million project was reduced as indicated in the memo. Changes have not been finalized. Councilor D. Jackson asked whether more public hearings were going to be held on the bike path issue. B. Green indicated there would be more during the winter of 1998. Commented that the project of moving the retaining wall was taken out of the project at this point. Still collecting survey data. Typical format which has worked well in past for meetings is to come in with plans, set up on several tables for public to view and ask questions and make comments. Looking for sensitivity areas.

R. Ward commented that changes appear to be due to more footage for money by revising proposal from south end because

the big dollars would be in moving the retaining wall.

D. Jackson attended first public hearing and has since talked to many. Seeing more activity on the road and expressed concerns about declaring the rock walls a state historic preservation area and not displacing the retaining rock walls which is narrowest area and biggest bottleneck. Encouraged consideration of moving the wall back. Highway runners use park area as part of run, groups of 20-30 kids bottle-necking this area causing cars to stop. Groups camping in summer walk to showers and other lake areas and are only 8" from fog line to rock wall. Very concerned this portion would be dropped. M. Chandler volunteer fireman agreed with D. Jackson about widening that area and not to exclude that part from the project. P. Sorenson pointed out the project had been changed to start at outside of park, sounds like more bang for the buck if it started outside the park. D. Jackson felt it would still remain as a big risk factor.

S. Navetta felt not all places are appropriate for people, even with 5' wide shoulders. Concerned more about protecting wetlands than rock wall, especially that part of the road falling into the water.

E. Dundi advised Road Advisory Committee meets every 4th Wednesday. Committee formed with the idea of getting a group of people not part of road building departments, but concerned citizens. Suggested taking concerns to Ollie Snowden, City Engineer or the Road Advisory Committee. Construction would probably not begin for about 3 years from the winter 1998 public meeting.

TOURISM MARKETING PLAN:

E. Dundi related that the Commissioners had talked with Stephanie Schulz who is working on tourism management plans but hadn't reviewed the Dunes City plan in detail. Questioned that some of the funding to Dunes City was proposed to go to the Florence Chamber and another group. Tourism Plan copies were presented to Commissioners. Proposed marketing plan explained by Mayor and D. Jackson. D. Jackson to act as spokesman liaison between City and S. Schulz on the grant funding.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mayor Ward introduced Bob Anderson who had requested an opportunity to do a presentation on the Woahink Lake drainage system which is an integral part of Dunes City and a large part of the impact area is inside Lane County boundaries. Mayor Ward requested joint County and City cooperation on

protecting the watershed.

B. Anderson projected map of watershed on overhead screen and pointed out Dunes City/Lane County boundaries. Woahink Lake itself comprises only about 18% of watershed which consists of 4,500 acres which acts like a funnel into the lake. Woahink is a unique lake. Bottom is 40' below sea level—deepest in Oregon. Depth ranges from about 74' deep in channel. Woahink has documented salmon spawning runs in Woahink Creek and Gibbs Creek with several smaller ones not documented. Has been monitoring Woahink for the past 8 years sending info to data bank at University of Portland. Monitors turbidity readings, clarity, and temperature at various depths. Woahink is usually stratified. Now the lake is the same temperature which is 18 degrees centigrade or 65 degrees and is warmest ever since monitoring.

B. Anderson related Woahink is still classified as oligotrophic, clarity and purity needs to be protected. Documented proof that most contaminants come through feeder streams and watershed. Many say septic system are the biggest concern, 159 scattered homes mostly on one acre parcels used mainly in summer. Comp Plan strengthened protection. Have significant wetlands which is one of best natural filter systems. Takes long time for sediment to settle out, about 1-2 years to flush out due to depth. Woahink gathers sediment through culvert from west side of Highway 101, an illegal junk yard in Lane County, and some from Foglio. Siuslaw Soil and Water Commission has been very responsive. DEQ has only one storm water specialist for the entire state.

E. Dumdi indicated CRMP has addressed similar projects, one on Mercer. B. Anderson said 3 years ago they had toured this area. Foglio was very cooperative and put in more sediment traps but last few years have been disastrous. Acknowledges that property owners have property rights but it should include a responsibility to prevent degradation. Most land in watershed is zoned F-2 which is a real plus. This and wetlands are most cost efficient way to maintain water quality. Wants to make Commissioners aware of the amount of watershed is located in Lane County for their assistance in protecting.

County's biggest problem is enforcement. Illegal junk yard brought to attention of Jerry Kendall and is being investigated. Mayor Ward pointed out another issue is the proposed Nordahl RV park which is before Lane Co. Planning Commission. Suggested County and Dunes City get together with Dept. of Forestry to discuss a management plan to deal with the watershed area as a separate issue.

K. Peck said no one appears to have a handle on these lakes in terms of use for consumption and household use. These lakes have been ignored with no controls, monitors and environmental concerns for health reasons. Mayor Ward said that environmental concerns with consideration for the strong recreational aspects, and developable land issues need to be addressed. J. Anderson said all the watershed issues were too important to Dunes City, County, and State to be ignored.

E. Dumdi suggested contacting Siuslaw Soil and Water to bring things together. B. Anderson related he had given a tour to Mary Beth Smith, natural resource conservationist who suggested we get Commissioners, DEQ, Forest Service, and ODOT together at one time.

P. Sorenson pointed out that Legislature set up State Health Dept. to be in charge of drinking water standards and requirements for systems, Mayor said that state doesn't regulate individual systems, only systems of 3 or more users. Honeyman State park water system would be regulated. DEQ basically watches for contaminants.

K. Peck thanked Commissioners for coming to Dunes City. E. Dumdi adjourned meeting at 5:05 p.m.

PREPARED BY:

Joyce Phillips
Joyce Phillips, City Recorder

Oct. 17/97
(Date)

DUNES CITY APPROVED BY:

Robert B. Ward, Jr.
Robert B. Ward, Jr., Mayor

1-28-98
(Date)

LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED BY:

Cindy Wealdreyer
Cindy Wealdreyer, Chair, Lane County Commissioners

11/5/97
(Date)

Memorandum

To: Bill VanVactor, County Administrator
From: Brian Genovese, CIP Coordinator
Date: October 10th, 1997
Subject: CIP Project Update

Munsel Lake Road

Background

Munsel Lake Road is a two-lane, major collector 2.10 miles long, running from Highway 101 on the west to North Fork Siuslaw Road on the east. In 1994, it carried 1200 vehicles per day (vpd) on the east end and 1850 vpd on the west end. The road is largely within the Florence UGB although sections of the road are within the city limits. It has 11 foot travel lanes and one foot shoulders throughout.

Original Project

The original proposed \$1.4 million project included improving Munsel Lake Road from Highway 101 to North Fork Siuslaw Road (MP 0.0 - 2.1) with the following features:

- add 5 foot paved shoulders through most of the road's length
- add 5 foot bicycle lanes and rolled curb through the developed area on the east end
- realign the curves near Munsel Lake boat ramp

Current Project

The current project estimated at \$350,000 includes improving Munsel Lake Road from Nordahl Road to the County boat ramp (MP 0.55 - 0.97) by realigning the sharp curves and adding 5 foot paved shoulders. Right-of-way acquisition is nearly complete placing construction in Spring of 1998.

Chronology of Events

- May, 1991 - Board adds Munsel Lake Road to FY 92-96 CIP as FY 96 project.
- 1993 - Consultant completes photogrammetry work; staff completes preliminary survey.
- January to June, 1994 - Design staff reviews project alternatives.
- June 23rd, 1994 - Public Works staff conducts a public meeting in Florence; comments are submitted by public.

- May, 1998 - Construction begins.
- September, 1998 - Construction completed.

Clear Lake Road and Canary Road

Background

Clear Lake Road is a two-lane minor collector 4.23 miles long, running from Highway 101 to Canary Road. In 1994, it carried 1,350 vpd near Highway 101 and 950 vpd near Canary Road. Canary Road is a two-lane major collector 5.1 miles long, running from Highway 101 to South Canary Road, however, only the first 1.37 miles is considered in the original project proposal. In 1994, it carried 2,100 vpd near Highway 101 and 1,750 vpd near Clear Lake Road (MP 1.37). The combination of both roads make a loop around Woahink Lake and largely make up the major routes in Dunes City and Honeyman State Park.

Original Project

The original proposed \$1.6 million project included improving Clear Lake Road from Highway 101 to Canary Road (MP 0.0 - MP 4.23) and Canary Road from Highway 101 to Clear Lake Road (MP 0.0 - MP 1.37) with the following features:

- add paved shoulders (5 to 6 foot)

Current Project

The current project, although still in its initial development stages including an incomplete public input phase, is planned to improve Clear Lake Road as originally intended, and Canary Road from the east limit of Honeyman State Park to Clear Lake Road (MP 0.6 - MP 1.37) with the following features:

- add paved shoulders (5 to 6 foot)

Chronology of Events

- May, 1994 - Board adds Clear Lake Road and Canary Road to FY 95-99 CIP as FY 1999 project.
- February, 1997 - Design staff reviews project alternatives.
- April 2nd, 1997 - Public Works staff conducts a public meeting in Dunes City; comments are submitted by public; comments include concern for the historic rock retaining walls built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Roosevelt administration.
- May 23rd, 1997 - Public Works staff meet with State Park staff regarding historical status of rock retaining walls; look at options available for relocation.