

**SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 20, 2008

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: 317 S. 7th St., Room 228, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 & 513 Center St., Lakeview, OR 97630
Teleconference

Board Members Present:

X John Elliott	X Brad Winters	X Al Switzer	X Jeff Ball	X Ray Simms
<input type="checkbox"/> Ernie Palmer	X Frank Villagrana	X Trey Senn	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Brown	
X Butch Hansen				

Staff:

<input type="checkbox"/> Deanna Redd	<input type="checkbox"/> Shilo Ogilvie	X Christina Ingram	<input type="checkbox"/> Betty Riley
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Public:

None

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:00 **by:** John Elliott, Chair

Introductions – Roll Call:

Area Manager’s Report:

mp = Mile Post

ROW = Right of Way

- Highway 140 Little Butte Creek to Great Meadows is out to bid the contractor is Tidewater
- Jobs coming up to bid:
 - ◆ VMS Sign – April 10
 - ◆ Fort Creek fish recovery – April 17
 - ◆ Drews Creek fish recovery – April 24

Area Member Reports:

- Lake County – was snowed under – the Commissioners declared a State of Emergency to leverage assistance from ODOT and Kingsley Field. They appreciated all the assistance with ditches full of snow and 12 inches of ice they are looking for high water problems soon.
- Lakeview – Same as the County – they wish it was easier to get Federal help during these problems.
- Board interested in help supplied by Kingsley – They provided a snow blower – the County is to take care of the fuel and maintenance. They had roads drifted closed – Lake County has two blowers, they are both broke down.
- Trey Senn – brought up the issue of ingress and egress at the Chemult Pilot – it is an ongoing issue –

Connect Oregon II Discussion:

- Modes will be tiering projects this year – The Tier will be available to the ACT on March 7.
- Rails and Aviation advisory groups met last week.
- ODOT is not part of the tiering

- There will be five categories: Meets all criteria; Meets all or 3; Meets all or 2; Meets all or 1; Doesn't meet any
- The ACT needs to select two members to send to the Regional Review (Super ACT)
- Nominations opened – Brad was nominated to represent Lake County by Ray
- Brad is ok with John and Al going
- John nominated Jeff to represent Klamath
- A clarification was requested – does it need to be one from each county? – ODOT would like two reps. from each ACT at the Regional ACT meeting – no other stipulations – Central OR ACT will be Scott Cooper and Bill Bellamy – After the Regional meeting, one representative from each ACT will continue through to the State level.
- Butch wants to have the whole Executive Board familiar with all of the projects in our Region
- The Board entered into discussion of the weight carried by the ACT tiering – John shared information from his experience last year – Portland refused to make any concessions. – Based on his experience, he recommended Jeff go to speak to the Klamath Falls aviation projects.
- Suggestion made by Butch to invite all of the projects in the Region to Klamath to do a presentation on their projects to the SCOACT – John felt it was a good idea and we should send an invitation to everyone from the Dalles on down to Klamath applicants.
- John supports making it mandatory that the applicants in our area come to speak to their projects before the ACT
- Jeff would like to see how the modal tiering comes out before the ACT does any tiering.
- Call for motion for representative to the Regional ACT
- Brad may have a conflict for the State meeting with his County Budget process

Moved: Butch Hansen Second: Trey Senn To have Brad Winters and Jeff Ball represent the SCOACT at the Regional ACT meeting.

Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion Carried

Review and Approve Minutes:

Board reviewed the minutes of the April 16, and August 10, 2007 meetings.

Brad requested correction of the August 10 minutes to show that “Brad is opposed to closing Crane Creek Road.

Minutes are also to be corrected to reflect Butch as a Board member.

Moved: Brad Winters, Second: Jeff Ball To approve the minutes as corrected.

Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion of Meeting Dates for 2008:

Board directed Christina to calendar all meeting dates for the year and send it out to the Board.

The March Executive meeting is a full public meeting – it will be held in Klamath Falls and will not be a teleconference – that is when the SCOACT will tier the Connect OR II projects.

Meeting will be: March 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the SCOEDD offices

Discussion of ODOT Earmark policy:

Butch reviewed the Earmark Policy handout that was sent to the Board in the packet.

(see attached copy for specifics)

Projects recommended as potential candidates for Earmarks – Highway 97 & 140 – the Dougherty Slide

They have an eleven and a half percent match – ODOT does not preclude any City, County, or Town from getting their own earmark, but ODOT is not responsible for funding any project that they don't propose.

Question to the Board – would they like to see an idea of possible projects – The Chair speaking for Klamath County – a major priority is the Greensprings, 140, 97 interchange – that is a City of Klamath Falls priority too – Dougherty is also a top priority.

The Board felt that a focus on 140 more than 97 would be better right now – the traffic will dictate improving 97 – it is next logical Interstate.

Board entered into discussion of Federal appropriation requests that they are seeking.

Board had discussion on white board of potential interchange at 97, 140 & Greensprings. There is funding in the current STIP for Interchange Management Access Plan.

Butch is to bring an update to the next face to face meeting.

Public Comment:

None

Adjourned: 4:25 **by:** Chairman Elliott

Next Meeting: March 14, 2008 10:00 a.m. SCOEDD Offices