



Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

May 21, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 p.m. Commission Executive Session

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Silverton Community Center

5/21/2009 Meeting Minutes

Those attending all or part of the meeting included:

Commissioners Present:

Jim Parr, Chair

Jay Graves, Vice-chair

Jim Brown

Sue Musser

Robin Risley

Sharon Rudi

Brad Chalfant

Staff:

Tim Wood, Director

Chris Havel, Communications Coordinator

Roger Roper, Assistant Director, Heritage Programs

Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director, Administration

John Potter, Assistant Director, Operations

Kathy Schutt, Interim Asst. Director Rec Programs and Planning, Planning Division Manager

Kyleen Stone, Interim State Fair Manager, Assistant Director Rec Programs and Planning

Steve Shipsey, Assistant Attorney General

Vanessa DeMoe, Commission Assistant

Wayne Rawlins, Grants Division Manager

Cliff Houck, Property and Resource Manager

Ryan Sparks, Legislative Coordinator

Ron Campbell, Master Planner

Laurel Hillman, Coastal Resource Planner

Dennis Wiley, Willamette Valley District Manager

Lori Trump, Executive Assistant

Mark Davison, Master Planner

Kevin Price, Columbia Gorge & Metro District Manager

Connie Bradley, Acting Manager, Oregon State Fair

Jenn Cairo, Region 2 Manager

Terry Bergerson, Planning Coordinator

Marilyn Borgelt, Reservations Program Manager

Visitors Present:

Lara Parr

Steve McClure, Union County Commissioner

Lee Manuel, Hot Lake Springs

Kristen Stallman, HCRH Committee, ODOT

Stu Rasmussen, Mayor, City of Silverton

Wayne Stewart, HCRC Advisory Committee

Ernie Drapela, HCRH Advisory Committee

Bruce Ronning, ORTAC

Executive Session
8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

The Commission met in Executive Session to discuss acquisition priorities and opportunities. The executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e).

Business Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1. Commission Business

- a) Approval of Agenda (Action)

Commissioner Chalfant moved to approve the April Commission agenda. Commissioner Graves seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

2. Public Comment: *This time was for the public to address matters **not** included in the agenda.*

Mayor Rasmussen officially welcomed the Commission to Silverton Oregon.
Mayor Rasmussen discussed the Silver Falls Tour Route signing.

- a) Hot Lake Hotel

Lee Manuel, Hot Lake Springs

Ms. Manuel provided concepts and ideas to the Commission on the Hot Lake Springs project. She gave a historical background and details of her families acquisition of the property.

- b) Union Wallowa Railroad

Steve McClure, Union County Commissioner

Mr. McClure thanked the Commission for their support with the Mt. Emily recreation area. Mr. McClure discussed the Wallowa Union Railroad proposed rails and trails in the Grande Ronde River corridor.

3. Approval of the April 2, 2009 Commission Meeting Minutes (Action)

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the January Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

4. Director's Update (Information)

- a) Legislative Session

Ryan Sparks, 2009 Legislative Coordinator

Mr. Sparks stated that 120 bills are being tracked to different degrees for the agency; 8 bills ranked as most important. He discussed the status of SB192 and HB2217; and briefly covered several others having a fiscal impact on the agency.

- b) Stimulus Projects

Director Wood stated that the agency has 8 projects under the Go Oregon program, the state funded stimulus program. All of the projects are under way, some are completed.

Director Wood said that there are 13 federal projects, the funding is through ODOT. These projects are mostly upgrades to restrooms and park facilities in parks that also service highway rest areas.

Discussion

Commissioner Rudi asked how many new jobs the stimulus projects would create. Mr. Potter stated that to date, the state stimulus projects have impacted 40 jobs.

Commissioner Chalfant asked when the agency will be notified of the ODOT process. Director Wood said that the ODOT projects have to be approved by June 16th.

c) Budget Update

Ms. Van Laanen stated that the agency is on track with the current savings plan. With the new June lottery forecast that came out on May 15th there is an additional \$729,000 dollars in lottery revenue that has been forecasted. At this time we do not anticipate spending those additional dollars, they will go towards the ending balance. For 09-11 budget the lottery forecast went up \$645,000 dollars; we are still approximately 13 million short of the 2007-09 legislative approved budget.

d) Park of the Year

Director Wood said that construction and development at Iwetemleykin is on schedule for the opening. He said the Commission meeting will meet as scheduled, September 16th, 2009, with an event at the park possibly on Oct 10 for a more formal opening.

e) Camping 2009 Promotion

Director Wood said that during these economic times the agency should be doing what we can to augment our revenue. He said that if we look at our summer camping season we have many parks that are not full mid week; is there a way we could generate revenue mid week? Also, it presents an opportunity for the agency to demonstrate that parks and recreation is an inexpensive way to spend your summer and leisure time and to encourage people to use our parks and realize the value of the State Parks system. Director Wood said that the promotion would be to stay two nights mid week and get the third night free at non reservation parks. He explained that rigid tracking will be completed and advertising will be done by news releases and on-line.

Youth Legacy Projects

Director Wood stated that five of the Youth Legacy Projects have scheduled dedications. Director Wood announced the dates for the dedications.

June 20th, Seaside, Broadway Park

June 28th, Hood River, Columbia River Water Front Park

July 4th, Creswell, Garden Lake Park

July 8th, Lebanon, Cheadle Lake

July 11th, Grass Valley, Grass Valley City Park

Achievement Awards

Director Wood announced that the Outdoor Recreation Coalition nominated and awarded Oregon an achievement award for its outstanding trails program. Director Wood recognized Rocky Houston, Trails Coordinator, and others associated with our trails program for their work and efforts.

Commission Chair Parr shared a letter from the National Park Service recognizing OPRD's statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plans (SCORP's) and commending Terry Bergerson for his leadership in the efforts.

Jobs Program

Director Wood said that Governor Kulongoski announced an Emergency Jobs Program, under the program the agency would be looking at bringing on up to 500 temporary staff to work in park crews and provide administrative support through the summer. Kyleen Stone will manage the program. He added that legislation on this program has to pass and be signed by the governor by June 15.

5. Consent Calendar

- a) Approval of Delegated Authority Report (Action)
 1. Contracts
 2. Natural Resources
- b) Certified Local Government Grants (Historic Preservation)
- c) ARRA Federal Stimulus Projects
- d) Adoption of the Audit Committee Charter

Discussion

Commissioner Brown asked for clarification on item 5d; what changes were made in the Audit Committee Charter and why was there not a copy of the track changes included? Jon Hart, Internal Auditor, replied that the confusion comes from the old policy OP 00-05. Mr. Hart explained that the policy was on the internal audit program and it described the make up of the audit committee. What the policy did not do was set out the items required by DAS rule of the function of the committee. Mr. Hart said that the current policy does not address the function of the audit committee, and the new policy will be dedicated solely to the internal audit function. He stated that nearly everything in the new Audit Committee Charter policy is new; clarifying the reason for the omission of the track changes copy.

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Commissioner Graves added that another Commissioner is needed to join the audit Committee. He asked for a volunteer from the Commission. Director Wood said that the meetings for the Committee would meet either before or after the Commission meeting to accommodate the committee members. Further discussion on this topic will resume after the Commission meeting.

6. Metro Trails Plan Update (Information)

David Bragdon, President, Metro Regional Council

Active Transportation

- Connecting Green
- A Regional System
- Branding and Funding
- Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails

- 20 Trail Packages
- Study Tour of Amsterdam & Copenhagen
- Committee Findings
- Strategy for Active Transportation
 - Active Transportation: A good return on investment
 - Increased Capacity = more use
 - Suburban, urban to nature, urban
 - Reduce cost and increase funding

Discussion

Mr. Graves asked how much of the \$227 million is for acquisitions. Mr. Bragdon said that \$44 million is turned over to local governments, \$15 million to grant programs for non profits, leaving \$165 million for acquisitions; of that \$165 million a small percentage goes towards trail construction.

Commissioner Brown said that another element to consider is to connect into the Tillamook State Forest; there is an enormous recreational opportunity there.

7. Real Estate

[No Action needed from the Executive Session]

8. Heritage Programs

Roger Roper, Assistant Director of Heritage Programs

- a) Approval of revised Cultural Resource Policy (Action)

Roger Roper, Assistant Director of Heritage Programs

Mr. Roper stated that it has been five years since the department first adopted a cultural resource policy. He stated that while that policy had served us well, there is a need for a more comprehensive strategy that addresses the full range of cultural resources and issues.

He explained that the April 27, 2009, draft document carries forward most of the concepts from the 2004 policy, though in an expanded and modified format. Mr. Roper explained that the revised policy is divided into sections based on resource type: Archaeological Sites & Artifacts, Human Remains, Historic Sites, and Historic Artifacts & Records. The goal was to provide greater specificity and clarity without getting down to the level of actual procedures. Mr. Roper stated that they are also trying to parallel with federal concepts and policies.

Discussion

Commissioner Graves asked about the cost for evaluation, as described in section 3.2, Mr. Roper said that there can be a cost, if there is a need for an outside consultant. Typically, though, on a day-to-day basis it can be done internally and efficiently with very qualified and knowledgeable staff.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Cultural Resource Policy. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- b) Heritage Update (Information)

- **Arch Cape Cannons:** The two historic cannons discovered on the beach near Nehalem Bay in February 2008 have finally been transported to Texas A & M University for conservation. The process will take approximately four years, and the cost will be \$45,000. Oregon State Parks Trust estimates that it can raise \$25,000 in donations to help offset the cost.
- **Heritage Conference:** The “Northwest History and Heritage Extravaganza” on April 15-18 was a big success. With more than 400 attendees, the conference was by far the largest heritage event we have conducted. We plan to conduct the conference on an every-other-year basis, which will allow for smaller regional workshops in the “off” years.
- **Oregon Heritage Event/Tradition Designation Program:** Representatives from the Oregon State Fair have asked the Oregon Heritage Commission to consider establishing a program and process for designating significant events that are long-standing Oregon traditions. These might include activities such as the annual State Fair, the Rose Festival, Pendleton Roundup, and Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The State Fair is interested in using such a designation to help in its marketing efforts. The Heritage Commission is scheduled to discuss this issue further and perhaps make a final decision at its next meeting in late July.

9. Nehalem Bay Master Plan Approval (Action)

Kyleen Stone, Assistant Director of Recreation Programs and Planning
Ron Campbell, Master Planner

- **Nehalem Bay Master Plan Background**
- **Why a Master Plan Is Needed**
- **Master Plan Proposals**
 - Campgrounds
 - Boating and bay access facilities
 - Natural resource management
 - Interpretive facilities
 - Administrative facilities
 - Roads and trails
 - Other day use areas
- **Public Comments**

Discussion

Commissioner Brown asked if it was planned to move the yurts to Loop A, or if the yurt opportunity would be expanded.

Mr. Campbell replied that the original intent was to move the yurts, however since receiving much public comment we are leaving the options open and are looking at leaving the yurts in Loop A.

Commissioner Risley asked about the access road, will the road be moved? Additionally, she asked if phase two of the current development will affect access to the park.

Mr. Campbell explained that the agency is working with Tillamook County and the City of Manzanita regarding needed road access improvements.

Commissioner Chalfant asked about the improvements on the air strip; he said that he believes that it serves a small number of users of the park and is not a priority for fund use. Director Wood replied that the development near the landing strip is limited in scope.

Commissioner Risley moved to approve the Nehalem Bay Master Plan. Commissioner Rudi seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

10. Rulemaking

- a) Request to go to rulemaking, Recreation Trails (Action)

Kyleen Stone, Recreation Programs and Planning Manager, requested Commission approval to begin rulemaking to modify recreation trail rules under OAR chapter 736 division 9 as drafted in Attachment A.

Ms. Stone explained that the process of designating a recreational trail required an Administrative Rule change to designate each new trail. The net result is that only 7 trails have been designated in 38 years, 5 of which are on OPRD property. Of these, 4 are portions of the same trail, the Oregon Coast Trail.

Bruce Ronning, with the Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council (ORTAC) has been working with OPRD staff to revise the process. He gave background information on the recreational trail rules. Mr. Ronning stated that if approved, there will be an adoption request at the September 2009 OPRD Commission meeting in Joseph.

Discussion

Commissioner Brown discussed the fact that historic trails are not a part of the recreation trails program. Director Wood added that the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Committee has these responsibilities.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Request to go to rulemaking, Recreation Trails. Commissioner Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- b) Request to adopt Full Payment OAR 736-015-0015 (Action)

Kyleen Stone, Recreation Programs and Planning Manager and Marilyn Borgelt, Reservation Program Manager requested Commission approval to adopt OAR 736-015-0015, requiring full payment of fees at the time of reservation.

Ms. Borgelt said that OPRD solicited public comments through e-mail and in writing. She said that OPRD sent notifications to existing reservation customers, placed announcements on the OPRD website and issued press releases; in addition three public hearings were held around the state. The hearing at Champoeg State Heritage Area was attended by 14 people and 8 oral comments were taken. There were no attendees at the Newport or Bend hearings. Ms. Borgelt shared that the public comments were overwhelmingly in support of the change. Ms. Borgelt explained that when we look at the rate increases we will implement the cancellation policy as well.

Discussion

Commissioner Brown referenced the Reservation Changes section of the rule, items D and F, relating to cancellations and refunds. The rule states that, "if the cancellation is not received one month or more in advance of the arrival date, an amount of facility deposit

fee equal to one night rental for the facility will be forfeited,” Commissioner Brown did not feel that this was sufficient enough of a penalty.

The Commission and staff discussed the cancellation policy and associated penalties.

Director Wood asked Ms. Borgelt her professional opinion of what would work. She stated that the sliding scale according to how far in advance you cancel would be the best solution. The department will address changes to the cancellation policy as the new fee rates are implemented.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the request to adopt Full Payment OAR 736-015-0015. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- c) Request to adopt Veterans Fee Waiver OAR chapter 736, division 15 (Action)
Kyleen Stone, Recreation Programs and Planning Manager and Marilyn Borgelt, Reservation Program Manager requested Commission approval to adopt OAR 736-015-0035, to clarify the Veteran’s fee waiver section, adding the constraint that waivers apply to US military only.

Ms. Borgelt explained that the intent of this waiver was to provide the benefit to US military personnel and veterans; however the rule has never specified “US”. She said that over the last few years there have been an increasing number of requests for the waiver from people outside the US, mostly Canadian military personnel. Ms. Borgelt said that the primary concern is that we do not have any way of documenting the papers the Canadian military veterans provide for the fee waiver. No public comments were received on this change.

Commissioner Risley moved to approve the request to adopt Veterans Fee Waiver OAR chapter 736, division 15. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- d) Request to go to rulemaking and temporary adopt OAR to Govern Confidentiality of Mediation (Action)
John Potter, Assistant Director of Operations, requested Commission approval to begin rulemaking under OAR chapter 736, division 140 to address confidentiality and inadmissibility of mediation communications and to adopt temporary rules for the same.

Mr. Potter explained that there was a dispute between OPRD and a contractor who did work at Tseriadun State Recreation Site in 2007; a mediation meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2009 to resolve this issue. He said that the Office of the Attorney General has recommended that state agencies participating in mediation adopt confidentiality laws regarding mediation communications. The assistant attorney general handling the mediation at hand has suggested OPRD have those rules in effect by the date of the mediation.

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the Request to go to rulemaking and temporary adopt OAR to Govern Confidentiality of Mediation. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

11. Grant Requests (Action)

Wayne Rawlins, Grants Program Manager

a) ATV Maintenance and Operations Grant Approvals

Mr. Rawlins explained that the ATV program is one of six recreation grant programs available to the department. It is funded by ATV operator permits and a portion of gas tax that is attributable to off-highway vehicle recreation. He said that ATV Account Allocation Committee is made up of public members who have the task to recommend to the Commission what projects should be funded. Mr. Rawlins said that the ATV Account Allocation Committee is recommending funding \$3,824,680 and requested the Commission approval the projects.

Discussion

Commissioner Graves recognized that the majority of the grant requests are for law enforcement; where are the rest of the funds coming from when the grant only pays for half?

Mr. Rawlins replied that the max amount that an applicant can receive in a grant is 80% of the project cost, and usually in projects of law enforcement it comes from the law enforcement agency's.

Commissioner Brown asked why the ATV Committee did not recommend the Oregon Department of Forestry's Nicolai Mountain - New Riding Area project for funding. Mr. Rawlins replied that the ATV Committee is seeing a shift in the grant requests; that project sponsors are increasing wanting the ATV program to pay for all costs related to the recreation at a particular site. He explained that the ATV grant program is supposed to only facilitate, to assist projects; not to pay for all costs associated with the project. He said that because of the current economic difficulties, the ATV Committee is seeing a shift from the program helping to pay for a portion of the needs of OHV recreation to project sponsors requesting help to pay for everything. Mr. Rawlins said that this particular project is a new site; a new area to be developed. He said that the ATV committee decided to make allocation of funds to already developed and existing sites.

Commissioner Chalfant moved to approve the ATV Maintenance and Operations Grants. Commissioner Rudi seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

b) Recreation Trails Program Grant Approvals

Mr. Rawlins said that the Recreation Trails Grant Program (RTP) is federally funded as part of the Federal Highway Administration. He shared that the purpose of the program is to maintain trails, both for motorized and non-motorized use. Mr. Rawlins said that OPRD received 43 qualified grant applications, recommending 20 be funded for a total of \$1,599,540.

Discussion

Commissioner Graves asked if the remaining 23 unfunded grants get reprioritized in the next cycle. Mr. Rawlins replied no, they need to reapply in the next grant cycle.

Commissioner Chalfant moved to approve the Recreation Trails Program Grants. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

12. Naming and Recognition Policy (Information/Action)

John Potter, Assistant Director of Operations, requested Commission approval of the Naming and Recognition Policy.

Mr. Potter stated that this policy was discussed at the January 2009 Commission meeting; since that meeting the draft policy has been reviewed and draft revisions have been prepared for the Commissions consideration.

The most significant issues addressed in the revised policy were:

- Guidance for naming facilities and sites within parks;
- Use of the OPRD Property Classification System in naming;
- Sponsorships and application of the policy to the State Fairgrounds; and
- Alternate forms of recognition.

OPRD provided the revised draft policy along with a chart that illustrates how the revised policy might be applied in example situations.

Discussion

Commissioner Brown asked how the proposed policy would affect the recommendation of the Sandy Beach naming request. Mr. Potter said that the Switter proposal would be naming a State Park facility; it would fall under Section B of the naming policy. He explained that, in general, the agency approach would be to name sites or facilities after their geological features, natural resources, or the recreational use. However this policy does give the ability to name OPRD property after an individual with Commission approval. Mr. Potter said that the particular example given by Commissioner Brown could be considered a commemoration of an individual under Section 2a of the policy if the commission believed that the individuals' contribution was significant to the park system or to the site. Mr. Potter added that there are other types of recognition that the Commission may consider when these types of requests come forward; they are listed in Section C of the proposed policy. He shared that other types of recognition may include a letter of recognition, interpretive materials at the site, or a memorial placed on the site.

Discussion

Commission Chair Parr stated that this is a timely policy. He said that the Oregon Marine Board has sent a letter of support for Mr. Switter's efforts as well.

Commissioner Brown stated that he feels we should pay attention to the significance the Marine Board has brought forward regarding Mr. Switter's contributions.

The Commission discussed taking into consideration other agencies recommendations for commemoration requests. The Commission concluded that the policy adequately addresses this issue as written.

Commissioner Musser moved to approve the Naming and Recognition Policy. Commissioner Risley seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

The Commission recommended that we investigate an opportunity for a memorial plaque. Director Wood stated that he will work with Mr. Walker on the recognition for the late Mr. Switter and will inform the Commission of any updates.

13. OWEB Special Investment Partnership -- Project at Willamette Mission (Information)

Dennis Wiley, Willamette District Manger
Jenn Cairo, Region 2 Manager

Mr. Wiley informed the Commission about the restoration project at Willamette Mission State Park. Mr. Wiley said that after consultation with OPRD and OWEB, the Willamette Riverkeeper, a non-profit organization, was awarded funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) through its Willamette Special Investment Partnership (SIP), the Meyer Memorial Trust, and the NOAA American Rivers program to undertake a project at Willamette Mission State Park. He explained that the project is to conduct hydrological investigations and then design and implement a restored and enhanced side channel to benefit listed Willamette basin salmonids and to create better habitat for other riverine and riparian species.

Mr. Wiley discussed the issues that the project will restore through a phased approach with work starting as early as August of this year. He added that the study and project proposal has had extensive scientific review with input from all relevant regulatory agencies.

Commissioner Graves asked what the estimated cost is for long term maintenance. Mr. Wiley stated that there is funding for 5 years of vegetation management. Commissioner Graves asked if vegetation management is the only long term management. Mr. Wiley replied yes, we plan on being very proactive about management.

Commissioner Chalfant asked if there is adequate surface roughness so when there is lateral movement of the channel we are not on private property. Mr. Wiley replied yes, it will access the flood plain.

14. Marine Reserves Update (Information)

Laurel Hillmann, Coastal Resource Planner

Ms. Hillmann told the Commission that the State of Oregon is considering the establishment of a system of fewer than ten marine reserves along its coast as part of an overall strategy to move towards managing its marine waters and submerged lands using an ecosystem-based approach. She explained that Governor Kulongoski issued Executive Order 08-07 putting the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in charge of managing the marine reserves process in coordination with OPAC. Ms. Hillmann explained that OPAC considered twenty areas publicly nominated for evaluation as potential future marine reserves and that in late November 2008, OPAC recommended two proposals as pilot sites: *Otter Rock* (between Beverly Beach SP and Otter Crest SSV) and *Redfish Rocks* (offshore Humbug Mountain SP) OPAC also recommended three areas for more evaluation: *Cape Falcon* (offshore of Oswald West State Park), *Cascade Head* (Roads End SRS to just north of Cascade Head) and *Cape Perpetua* (from slightly south of Heceta Head Lighthouse SSV to just north of Smelt Sands SRS). Ms. Hillmann shared the current funding status for the marine reserves program. She said that with HB3013 – 4, funding will be provided for gathering the necessary information on the sites to decide if they would make appropriate marine reserves and implementation of the pilot sites. Implementation of the non-pilot sites would not happen until 2013 pending funding.

15. Historic Columbia River Highway Update (Information)

Kevin Price, Portland Metro District Manager
Ernie Drapela, HCRH Advisory Committee
Wayne Stewart, Vice-Chair HCRH Advisory Committee

Mr. Price told the Commission that the HCRH Advisory Committee, as well as federal, state and local agencies are working to reconnect abandoned sections of the historic Columbia River Highway as a historic state trail connection by the 100th anniversary of the HCRH in 2016. He stated that to date 11 miles of state trail have been constructed. Mr. Price shared the details of the projects as outlined in the plan "Milepost 2016" with the Commission.

Mr. Price introduced a video that discusses recently completed and in process projects and requests the Commissions continued support of the project.

Mr. Stewart discussed the priority projects for the proposed HCRH state trail reconnection project cost list. He focused on the top three projects that would be in the first phase.

Mr. Drapela expressed his excitement about this project and thanked the Commission for supporting the transportation reauthorization request to congress. Mr. Drapela said that he is looking forward to sharing progress with the OPRD Commission to bring them up to date on Milepost 2016.

Discussion

Commissioner Chalfant noted that OPRD is going to be looking at reauthorization of Measure 66; is there some means of incorporating this in what we are trying to accomplish in the reauthorization. He said that this is the kind of project that is truly world class and could help accomplish the goal of reconnecting the highway but also reestablishing funding for State Parks.

Commissioner Graves asked how much of the 23 million dollars is in acquisitions versus development. Mr. Stewart stated that none of the 23 million is in acquisitions.

Commissioner Graves asked when the final funds would need to be committed in order to be done by 2016. Mr. Stewart replied that 2013 would be the latest start date.

[Commissioner Chalfant excused himself from the remainder of the meeting to attend to personal business at 1:35 p.m.]

16. Budget Restructure Update (Information)

Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director of Administration
John Potter, Assistant Director of Operations

Ms. Van Laanen said OPRD is proposing an internal project to evaluate the current financial structures and determine where OPRD could enhance execution of the agency budget based on agency budgetary priorities and streamline the financial structures. The expected outcome of the project would be to develop policy direction which would result in a simplified and more flexible internal budget implementation.

The Financial Restructuring Project Team will coordinate restructuring efforts with all stakeholders including:

Budget and Management
Legislative Fiscal Office
State Controller's Division
Statewide Audit and Budget Reporting
OPRD Commission

In order to implement any recommended budget/accounting changes during the 2011-2013 budget building process, the proposed project commenced in April 2009 and is expected to be completed by November 2009. Throughout the project lifecycle, the project team will provide informational status updates to the Commission. Additionally, if Commission approval and direction is necessary, the project team will solicit input and approval from the Commission.

17. State Fair (Information)

a) Blue Ribbon Panel Update

Chris Havel, Communications Coordinator

Mr. Havel shared that the first Blue Ribbon Panel assembled April 13, 2009 at the Floral Building on the Oregon State Fairgrounds. The initial meeting—to assess Exposition Center operations and strategic alternatives—focused on background information, scope and scheduling of the panel's work, discussion of the process and outcomes. The second meeting was scheduled for May 4. The panel has scheduled subsequent meetings. He said that the first two meetings have been very productive and direct; the Panel has contributed a lot of advice.

Mr. Havel said that the meeting was attended by OPRD Commission Chair Jim Parr and Vice Chair Jay Graves. He added that department representatives included Director Tim Wood, Assistant Directors Kyleen Stone and Lisa VanLaanen, State Fair Strategic Manager Dave Koellermeier, and Associate Director Chris Havel.

Panel members:

Dick Spies, Mackenzie Group

Hal Ayotte, Fletcher Farr Ayotte PC

Diana Enright, Oregon Department of Energy

Addy Hesse, MaPS Credit Union

Dick Withnell, Withnell Auto Group

Steve Johnson, VIPS management group

David Leiken, Double Tee Concerts

Craig Smith, Chemeketa Community College

Ray Burstedt, Strategic Economic Development Corporation

Kerry Tymchuk, Conkling, Fiskum & McCormick

Doug Piper, SRO sports marketing

Mayor Janet Taylor, City of Salem

b) 2009 Programming

Connie Bradley, Acting State Fair Manager

Kyleen Stone, Recreation Programs and Planning Manager

Ms. Stone announced that Ms. Bradley has agreed to take on the role as the interim State Fair Manager through the 2009 State Fair. She said that she will still have a role to help with some of the budget issues and through the execution of the fair as well as working with the Blue Ribbon panel. Ms. Stone said that after the fair the agency will look at recruiting for a manager.

Ms. Bradley announced the 2009 State Fair line-up. She also discussed the goals of the state fair staff:

Goals

- increase attendance, overall profitability and revenue

- provide excellent customer service, fabulous events and displays, exceeds fairgoers expectations
- increase amount of time fairgoers linger, that they enjoy the fair (have developed a multi-day pass for this)

Oregon State Fair Final BIG Concert Line-up Announcement

August 28 - Oregon, Oregon and Pink Martini A play and musical performance celebrating Oregon's 150th!

August 29 - Tesla and Everclear

August 30 - Gaither Vocal Band Reunion Tour

August 31 - Blake Shelton

September 1 - The Doobie Brothers

September 2 - Disney Under the Stars

September 3 - Rodney Atkins

September 4 - Katy Perry

September 4 - "Down in the Dirt" NPRA Rodeo After Party Concert - Aaron Tippin

September 5 - David Cook

September 6 - Peter Cetera with The Oregon Symphony

September 7 - Reba McEntire

Other BIG Events at the fair for your promotional partnership consideration:

- Celebration Oregon – August 28, Oregon Wine Competition and Awards Ceremony, Floral Garden, 5 - 8 p.m. wine tasting - 50 Wineries and 10 Oregon chefs! \$45, includes free Pink Martini concert ticket and fair admission (limited to first 500 sold).
- The Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular August 28, 29, and 30 - FREE with fair admission on the new Sports and Rec Stage 10:00 pm, Friday and Saturday, 9:00 pm on Sunday
- NPRA Rodeo Finals September 2, 3, and 4, Pavilion, FREE w/ fair admission
- Demo Derby August 28, Pavilion 8:00 PM FREE w/ fair admission
- Monster Truck/Tuff Truck Combo Show – August 29, Pavilion, \$5 at door (not including fair admission) or \$15 in advance (includes fair admission)
- Carnival Ride Discount Days – August 31, September 1 & 2, and September 7
- Additional features:

Oregon flame sculpture

Helicopter rides

Bike parade

Birthday cake for 3000

Blues Brew and BBQ Event

Science Competition

Sea Lions

Talent show

Sports and Rec area

Over 4000 project entries

Tickets for all concerts will go on sale at 10:00 am on Friday, June 26, 2008. Tickets will be available for purchase at select Safeway TicketsWest outlets, 1-800-992-8499 or www.Ticketswest.com. For TicketsWest outlet locations: <http://ticketswest.rdln.com/Outlets>

All concert tickets purchased in advance *include an admission ticket* to the Fair!

18. Commission Planning Calendar (Information)

July 15-16 Madras – The Cove Palisades SP
July 15th - spend time at Smith Rock/Cove Palisades
Lodging and meeting: Inn at Cross Keys Station

Director Wood said that we will add an agenda item to the July 16th meeting regarding the effects of outdoor recreation as it relates to health and youth.

Director Wood confirmed the September meeting for Thursday, September 17th at Joseph/Enterprise.

Meeting adjourned 2:00