MINUTES

NORTHWEST OREGON WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING

April 25, 2025

Tillamook People Utilities District, Tillamook

Present:
Board:
Tony Erickson, Oregon AERO, Chair; **Todd Simmons**, Tillamook Peoples' Utility District; **Angeline Chan-Pepper**, Oregon Employment Dept.; **Eric Sherman**, IBEW Local 932; **Kirstin Salmi**, WCT Marine; **John Hawkins**, Service Employees International Union; **Mario Calderon**, Local 737; **Ann Buchele**, Linn-Benton Community College; **Linda Dugan**, Linda Dugan Insurance; **Lisa Avery,** Linn-Benton Community College; **Carrie Norris,** Samaritan Health Service; **Greg Morill,** Bergson Construction Inc.; **Gabe Gurule**, Corvallis Fire Department; **Than Tussing**, Fast Lube and Oil;

Excused: Heather Taksdal, Zwald Transport Inc.; **Lauren Smith**, DHS, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Paul Davis**, JBT Lektro; **Terre Cooper,** Tillamook County Economic Development; **Whitey Forsman**, Pacific Oyster; **Zach Poole**, Pig' n Pancake, Vice Chair/Secretary;

Consortium Guests:
Gabe Shepherd, Benton County Commissioner; **Casey Garrett**, Columbia County Commissioner; **Paul Fournier**, Tillamook County Commissioner;

Staff:
Heather DeSart, Executive Director; **Jason Swain**, NOW CCO; **Katrina Sturgeon**, Workforce Benefit Navigator; **Logan Garner**, Youth Programs Manager; **Emily Richter**, Accounting Technician; **Brittney Lane**, Executive Assistant; **Aylee Rhea,** Program Director; **Kortnie Williams**, Behavioral Health Program Manager; **Leonard Tumbarello,** Maritime Program Coordinator; **Ferdinand Richter**, Youth Program Data Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER, CONFIRMATION OF POSTING, and ROLL CALL**
   Chairman Erickson called the Meeting to order at 10:02am.
   Chairman Erickson asked for confirmation of the public posting of the meeting; Ms. Lane confirmed; Roll Call taken, quorum was established.

2. **REVIEW and APPROVE AGENDA**
   Heather DeSart announced a change in the Agenda. Nan Devlin was unable to attend the meeting due to sickness and therefore has asked for her presentation to be taken off the current agenda.
   MOTION: John Hawkins **SECOND: Kirstin Salmi** **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**
   No public comment was made.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
   - Accept Staff's recommendation to approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2025 Board Meeting.

   FIRST: Linda Dugan **SECOND: Eric Sherman** **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **INFORMATION** – Tony Erickson, Board Chair
   New Board Member Introduction
   Chad Fenison, Labor Representative

6. **INFORMATION** – Paul Jarrell, PhD, President of Tillamook Bay Community College
   Tillamook Bay Community College Updates and Community Impact

7. **INFORMATION** – Melanie Hartwig, Community Liaison and Employment Specialist, Office of Development Disability Services
   Oregon Employment First Initiative

~~8. **INFORMATION** – Nan Devlin, MTA, Tillamook Coast Visitors Association~~
   ~~Tillamook Coastal Update~~

9. **INFORMATION** – Shannon Miller, Talent Development Specialist
   Equus Program Success Update

10. **INFORMATION** – Logan Garner, Youth Program Manager, Northwest Oregon Works
    Tillamook Program Update

11. **INFORMATION** – Shaun Barrick, Oregon Employment Department
    Oregon Employment Department Economic Update

12. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT** – Tony Erickson, Chair
    Tony stated he didn't have anything to report.

13. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Heather DeSart, NOW Executive Director
    Heather reminded the board that there is a Board Meeting at the end of June in Astoria. She stated that there will be a board meeting and then promptly afterward there will be a consortium meeting. During this meeting both boards will be voting on the pre-budget and approving what the next plan year spending is going to look like.

14. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Roundtable
    No board member comments were made.

15. **SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION**
    There was no public record.

16. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am.