



Thursday, June 26, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.

EDC Board members present: Mary Faith Bell, Jonathan Whittles, Michele Bradley, KC Fagen, Jeff Spink, Paul Jarrell

EDC Board Members absent: Suzanne Weber, Tammy King-Crossley, Garritt Kuipers

Staff members present: Terre Cooper

Guest present: none

2. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda** – none

3. **Consent Agenda**

The Board reviewed the Minutes of May 22, 2025, meeting and current Financial Reports.

The current year financials are doing well, this is the last month of the year, and no budget line items are out of budget.

Regarding the Revolving Loan Fund, Terre Cooper shares, we have only one loan right now and it is current and pays off next year in 2026.

Check detail report shows only two expenditures: Payroll (which is higher Normal because of the payment to Maria Carrillo for her accrued vacation and sick leave.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda with the change of Jeff Spink, abstaining from the vote on the letter of support for the Innovation Hub in Columbia

County and some minor changes provided by Michele Bradley. First: Jonathan Whittles, Second: Michele Bradley. Passed unanimously.

4. New Business

a. EDC 2025-2026 budget

Terre Cooper started the discussion by noting that the only significant change in the budget was that the Ford Family Foundation will only be funding up to \$25,000 for the next year of July 2025-June 2026. The decision was because they felt that the Tillamook Level Up group did not have enough community buy-in and support to allow for the full \$100,000 funding. Ford Family Foundation representative Kathleen Flannigan indicated that Tillamook could submit for funding for readiness and that they would be eligible to apply again for the Growing Rural Oregon program in a future cohort. In addition, Kathleen would like to come to a future EDC board meeting to discuss their decision. Mary Faith Bell indicated that she had placed a call to Kathleen to get further details but as of this meeting she had not heard back from Kathleen, especially considering the numbers for the current year have not been reviewed by the Ford Family Foundation. All board members agreed they would like to have additional information and have Kathleen come to a future board meeting if only via Zoom. The change in funding means that the personnel for 2025-2026 will change, the best option for now because this happened so close to the new budget is to hire Rudel Larriba who works for the SBDC part time and share his employment with the SBDC 50-50. The numbers on the personnel line will change but will be no higher than what is listed. The board agreed with that plan moving forward, Motion to approve the EDC 2025-2026 budget as presented was made by Michele Bradley and seconded by KC Fagen, approved unanimously.

5. Board member updates:

Michele Bradley: recently sent out the bid request on the new fuel tanks at the airport the estimated amount was \$825,000, the lowest bid came in at \$1.1 million so they will be reviewing the plans and adjusting accordingly. Amazon is almost done with construction.

Jonathan Whittles: Announced he has a new grandbaby, it's a girl. All are well and all of his family is in or coming in soon to meet her. Asked about the posting on the door of the PRI building regarding no firearms and will continue that conversation with Paul Jarrell, President of Tillamook Bay Community College at another more appropriate time.

Jeff Spink: Invited everyone to the NRA banquet being held at the Elks Lodge on July 19, 2025. Reminded everyone to buy local and the Ford has special rebates for Farm Bureau members, recent graduates, 1st responders, and military members. Inventory is increasing and sales are picking up slowly.

KC Fagen: Pouring concrete on for new Oceanside transmission lines will hopefully finish the end of August. Still working with Pacific Corp and Bonneville to get everything lined out and hooked up. Working on the Tillamook Dairy parade on Saturday and then going to his cabin for the holiday.

Mary Faith Bell: TLT failed by 12 votes which means the BOCC is back to the drawing board to generate revenues to balance the budget they will be meeting with their financial consultants in July to work on solutions. The 2025-2026 budget was approved and is all in line, but they will need to come up with significant changes for the 2026-2027 budget or cut services (people) which is not something they want to do. Revenue has been declining since the cutbacks in forestry revenue from both federal and state forests.

Paul Jarrell: CIT building construction has started and hopefully will be completed in mid-December to early January. It will house the industrial trades classes that were previously held at Tillamook High School. The Health Education building is in the drywall phase the glass is in and it will hopefully be completed in mid-October to Early November. They held graduation for TBCC on June 14, 2025, 14 nurses were pinned in the first every TBCC nursing class and several already have jobs lined up to start after graduation both locally and in other areas around the state. 120 people graduated and 55 walked the state. They had 600 people in attendance, so it was good for all involved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.