

**Tillamook County Transportation District**  
TAC Applicant Review Committee  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – 5:30PM  
**Meeting Minutes**



1. **Call to Order:** Administrative Assistant Shannon Wakeman called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. **Introductions:**

Linda Adler, Committee Member  
Judy Riggs, Committee Member  
James Huffman, Committee Member  
Shannon Wakeman, TCTD Staff  
Doug Pilant, TCTD General Manager  
Elizabeth Rosso, General Counsel  
Mary McGuinness, citizen from Rockaway Beach  
Chris Kell, citizen from Tillamook  
Jackie Edwards, citizen from Garibaldi  
Larry Stevens, citizen from Tillamook  
Nancy Briggie-Olson, citizen from South County  
Arla Miller, representing ODOT  
Joe Warren, representing the Tillamook Headlight Herald  
Steve Billings (joined late, no introduction)  
Kathy Kleczek, NW Transportation Options

3. **Staff review and Staff recommendations**

General Manager Pilant provided background information on the formation of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and an explanation of the bylaws and state requirements.

Administrative Assistant Wakeman reviewed the staff memo to the Board, issued in the August board meeting packet and included in this meeting packet. The staff recommendations are to appoint Ron Rush to a 3-year term; Ross Tomlin to a 3-year term; Carol McAndrew to a 3-year term; and Brooke Wyntergreen to complete an unexpired 1-year term for Stacie Zuercher.

4. **Discussion of Applicants**

The Committee members discussed each applicant.

5. **Motion for Committee Recommendations for TAC Appointments**

AA Wakeman asked for a motion from the committee. Mr. Huffman said that wasn't necessary. AA Wakeman explained that a motion was necessary to take the committee's recommendation to the Board.

**Mrs. Adler made the motion** to recommend Mr. Rush, Mr. Tomlin, and Mrs. McGinnis for three-year terms and Mrs. Ferguson for a one-year term to the Board of Directors at the September meeting. *Mr. Huffman seconded* the motion. Mr. Huffman and Mrs. Adler voted in favor. Mrs. Riggs voted opposed. **Motion carries.**

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**6. Staff Comments/ Concerns**

GM Pilant said he would like to echo what AA Wakeman had said earlier, that the District is grateful to have received so many quality applications. He said that the District had specific objectives they were trying to achieve when putting forth the staff recommendations, and that this is the first time in his 9-year tenure at the District that the Board has taken an interest in committee selection, so he also appreciates that too.

Administrative Assistant Wakeman had nothing further to add.

**7. Committee Member Comments/ Concerns**

Mrs. Adler stated that she had nothing to add.

Mr. Huffman thanked everyone who showed up to the meeting and those who applied. He expressed that it was great for the Board to be involved in the selection process and that he expects it will be less laborious in the future. He thanked Mrs. Rosso for attending and said having an attorney present with both staff and the Board is great.

Mrs. Adler thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs. Riggs thanked those who applied. She said she understands people are very busy and people can't always be present so she appreciates those who were present for the meeting. She also thanked staff for doing such a great job, Mrs. Rosso for sitting in and providing clarifications, and Mrs. Miller from ODOT for attending.

**8. Public and Guest Comment**

Ms. Miller expressed that it was disappointing to see so much in-fighting between board members and hopes the future will see the Board working together better.

Mr. Rush thanked the District for all the good work they do under GM Pilant's leadership. He stated that running a public agency is never easy, or running any agency for that matter, but that we should have pride in what the District does. He said he is looking forward to continuing to serve on the committee.

Mr. Stevens said it was very interesting to sit in on the meeting and appreciated the exchanges. He said he thinks we are very fortunate to have a Transportation District in Tillamook County that is trying to reach those who really need the help.

Mrs. Kell thanked everyone for their work and said the District has a great General Manager, and that as a TAC member she is excited to have the appointments finalized at the Board meeting next week so we will all know who the committee is.

Mrs. Edwards thanked those who participated in the meeting, and thanked Mrs. Miller for her thoughtful and straightforward comments. She expressed that we have a good District and she hopes it continues that way.

**9. Adjournment:** Administrative Assistant Wakeman adjourned the meeting at 7:01pm.

**These minutes approved, with revisions, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021.**

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Johnson, Board Chair

  
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Doug Pilant, General Manager

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