



TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF MEETING AGENDAS

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COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETING

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Teleconference and KTIL-FM at 95.9

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106

County Courthouse, Teleconference, and Live Video at tctvonline.com

AGENDAS

COMMUNITY UPDATE – 2023-01-17 COMMUNITY UPDATE AUDIO LOG. MP4

CALL TO ORDER: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 8:00 a.m.

1. 00:29 Welcome and Board of Commissioners' Roll Call
2. 00:43 Adventist Health Tillamook
3. 04:06 Coastal Caucus
4. 11:35 Tillamook County Community Health Center
5. 13:57 Tillamook Family Counseling Center
6. 16:50 Board of Commissioners
7. Cities
 - 30:03 Manzanita
 - 30:59 Announcement Regarding Manzanita Audio Issues/Commissioner Erin Skaar
 - 32:12 Rockaway Beach
 - 33:29 Manzanita Part II
 - 35:36 Tillamook
 - 36:30 Announcement Regarding Tillamook Audio Issues/Commissioner Erin Skaar
 - 37:07 South County
 - 37:55 Tillamook Part II

ADJOURN – 8:44 a.m.

MEETING – 2023-01-18 BOCC MEETING AUDIO.MP4

CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 9:00 a.m.

1. 02:14 Welcome & Request to Sign Guest List
2. 02:18 Pledge of Allegiance
3. 02:40 Public Comment: There were none.
4. 02:44 Non-Agenda Items:
Unscheduled Agenda Item After Item #6/Commissioner Erin Skaar

LEGISLATIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE

5. 2503: Discussion and Consideration of Modification #3 to Title III Grant Agreement #5028 with Tillamook County Sheriff's Office for the Tillamook County Search and Rescue Project/Sheriff Josh Brown

AGENDA ITEM TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the modification.

6. 04:07 Discussion and Consideration of an Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement Renewal with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Emergency Support for Public Works Agencies/Chris Laity, Director, Public Works Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the renewal.

- 10:18 **UNSCHEDULED:** Discussion and Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Dowl Engineering Services for the Big Trout (Three Rivers) Bridge Emergency Repair Project /Chris Laity, Director, Public Works Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the agreement.

7. 27:29 Discussion and Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Clatsop and Columbia Counties for Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) Services/Marlene Putman, Administrator, Health and Human Services Department; Amy McVeety, Americorps VISTA

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the agreement.

8. 39:50 Discussion and Consideration of Architectural Agreement No. 21.13 with Cove Built, LLC for the Tillamook County Health Department Building Addition and Remodel Project, 801 Pacific Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon/Marlene Putman, Administrator, Health and Human Services Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the agreement.

9. 44:23 Discussion and Consideration of a Letter of Support for the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Funding Application/Allen Young, Law Enforcement Officer, United States Forest Service

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the letter.

10. 49:13 Discussion and Consideration of Tillamook County 2023 Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Tourism-Related Facilities Community Grant Award Recommendations/Nan Devlin, Director; Amy Blackburn, Deputy Director, Tillamook Coast Visitors Association

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell to remove the recommended City of Garibaldi's request of \$17,222 to restore the Big "G" and apply that amount toward the Oceanside Community Club Upper Parking Lot Paving Project, with the balance of \$2,707 also being moved to the Oceanside Community Club Upper Parking Lot Paving Project; the balance of \$58,000 requested by Oceanside Community Club Upper Parking Lot Paving Project be funded by the Shorepine Village Phase III Dune Ramp Repairs request, and Items #1 through #11 of the recommendations be approved as recommended by the Tourism Advisory Committee and be so funded. The motion passed with three ayes. The Board approved the recommendations as read into the record.

Chair Skaar recessed the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Chair Skaar reconvened the meeting at 10:55 am. – 2023-01-18 BOCC MEETING AUDIO.MP4 PART II

11. 00:32 Discussion and Consideration of Amendment #1 to Contract for Services #6298 with Clair Company for Third-Party Services to Support the Department of Community Development Building Division/Sarah Absher, Director, Department of Community Development

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the amendment.

12. 02:49 Discussion and Consideration of an Order in the Matter of the Appointment of a Member to the Tillamook County Housing Commission/Thomas Fiorelli, Housing Coordinator, Department of Community Development

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed Order #23-007.

13. 06:25 Discussion and Consideration of Multifamily Rental Housing Grant Agreement #2023-MHF-1 with Robert and Peggy Schumann for the Schumann Wheeler Project/Thomas J. Fiorelli, Housing Coordinator, Community Development Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the grant agreement.

14. 19:01 Discussion and Consideration of a Letter of Support for the City of Bay City's Application to the Community Paths Program for 30% Design of the Kilchis Point Path Rail-with-Trail Project/Commissioner Erin Skaar

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the letter.

15. 21:45 Discussion and Consideration of Addendum #2 to Sale Agreement with Odger Gene Rawe/Rachel Hagerty, Chief of Staff

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the addendum.

16. 23:53 Discussion and Consideration of Amendment #5 to Intergovernmental Agreement #4626 with the City of Tillamook for the Southern Flow Corridor-Landowner Preferred Alternative Project/Rachel Hagerty, Chief of Staff

A motion was made by Commissioner Yamamoto and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the amendment.

17. Board Concerns – Non-Agenda Items: There were none.

18. Board Announcements

Chair Skaar recessed the meeting at 11:22 a.m. to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d)

Chair Skaar reconvened the meeting at 1:17 p.m. – 2023-01-18 BOCC MEETING AUDIO.MP4 PART III

ADJOURN – 1:17 p.m.

JOIN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The board is committed to community participation and provides opportunity for public attendance during meetings via in-person and teleconference.

- **Community Update Meetings: Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.**
 - Teleconference: Dial 971-254-3149, Conference ID: 736 023 979#
 - Radio: KTEL-FM at 95.9

- **Board Meetings: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.**
 - County Courthouse: Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook
 - Teleconference: Dial 971-254-3149, Conference ID: 736 023 979#
 - Live Video: tctvonline.com

MEETING INFORMATION AND RULES

- Matters for discussion and consideration by the board shall be placed on an agenda prepared by the staff and approved by the board chair. Any commissioner may request items on the agenda.
- Public hearings are formal proceedings publicized through a special public notice issued to media and others. Public hearings held by the board are to provide the board an opportunity to hear from the public about a specific topic. Public hearings are therefore different regarding audience participation at board meetings.
- Commissioners shall be addressed by their title followed by their last name.
- Commissioners shall obtain approval from the chair before speaking or asking questions of staff, presenters, and public. As a courtesy, the chair shall allow an opportunity, by the commissioner who has the floor, to ask immediate follow-up questions.
- A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum and be necessary for the transaction of business.
- All board meeting notices are publicized in accordance with public meeting laws.
- All board meetings shall commence with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The chair will utilize the gavel as needed to maintain order, commence and adjourn meetings, and signal approval of motions.
- The board reserves the right to recess to executive session as may be required at any time during these meetings, pursuant to ORS 192.660(1).
- The courthouse is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with hearing visual, or manual impairments who wish to participate in the meeting, contact (503) 842-3403 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that the appropriate communications assistance can be arranged.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Providing public comment is an opportunity for constituents to be heard and express their views to the board.
- The board allows public comment at board meetings during the public comment period designated on the agenda.
- Comments are limited to one per person and per agenda item.
- Comments must be related to the agenda item(s) previously registered to comment on.
- The allotted time for public comments is two minutes per person; this time may not be allotted to another speaker. The chair may, at their sole discretion, further limit or expand the amount of time.
- The public comment opportunity is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between the speaker and the board, which may or may not respond.
- Members of the public do not have the right to disrupt the meeting; the board may prohibit demonstrations such as booing, hissing, or clapping.
- Remarks containing hate speech, profanity, obscenity, name calling or personal attacks, defamation to a person, people, or organization, or other remarks the board deems inappropriate will not be allowed.
- Failure to follow all rules and procedures may result in not being able to provide public comment and/or being removed from the meeting.

In-Person Procedures

- Sign in before the meeting begins and indicate your desire to provide public comment and which agenda item you would like to comment on. When your name is announced, please come forward to the table placed in front of the dais and for the record, first identify yourself, area of residence, and organization represented, if any.

Virtual Procedures

- Register by sending an email to publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the board meeting. The email must contain all of the following information:
 - Full name, area of residence, and phone number.
 - Agenda item(s), you wish to comment on.
- Once registered, and before the start of the meeting, board staff will email a Microsoft Teams meeting link.
- When logged in to the meeting you must remain muted with your camera off until your name is called, then you unmute and turn on your camera.
- The chair may require those providing virtual comment to turn on their camera while providing comment or testimony.

Written Procedures

- Written comments may be mailed to 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon 97141 or emailed to: publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us.
- Written comments received by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the board meeting will be distributed to the board and posted online. All written comments submitted become part of the permanent public meeting record.

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8. Emergency Management
9. Board of Commissioners
10. Cities
 - a. Manzanita
 - b. Nehalem
 - c. Wheeler
 - d. Rockaway Beach
 - e. Garibaldi
 - f. Bay City
 - g. Tillamook
 - h. South County

ADJOURN

MEETING

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ADJOURN

OTHER MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is an observed holiday for the County and the Oregon State Circuit Court. All County offices in the Tillamook County Courthouse and the Tillamook County Library, administrative offices in the Jail and Justice Facility, Public Works Department, Department of Community Development, Surveyor's Office, and the Health and Human Services Department and clinics, and the State Circuit Court, will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 16, 2023**.

The Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) teleconference scheduled for **Monday, January 16, 2023** at **12:00 p.m.** has been **CANCELLED**.

The Commissioners will hold a Board Briefing on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023** at **2:00 p.m.** to discuss weekly Commissioner updates. The meeting will be held in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106 in the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon. The teleconference number is 1-971-254-3149, Conference ID: 736 023 979#.

The Commissioners will hold an executive session on **Thursday, January 19, 2023** at **9:00 a.m.** pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i), to conduct a performance evaluation. The executive session will be held at the Courthouse in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon. The executive session is not open to the public.

The Commissioners will attend an Emergency Management Services Advisory Council meeting on **Thursday, January 19, 2023** at **11:00 a.m.** The teleconference number is 1-971-254-3149, Conference ID #191 393 726#.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-IN SHEET

PLEASE PRINT

NAME	AREA OF RESIDENCE	NAME OF ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)	AGENDA ITEM
No sign-ins			



* Location: Port of Tillamook Bay
 * 4000 Blimp Blvd, Tillamook
 * Date: Monday, January 9, 2023
 * Time: 10:00am-Noon

Tourism Advisory Committee 2023 Tourism Facilities Community Grant Recommendation to Fund

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS Amy Blackburn

Attendance

Tourism Advisory Committee

Kevin Bell Citizen-at-Large South
 Lisa Greiner Citizen-at-Large Central
 Ken Henson Citizen-at-Large South
 Marni Johnston (Virtual) Citizen-at-Large North
 Rick Lofton Citizen-at-Large Netarts/Oceanside
 Larry Oswald Lodging Provider-North
 Jeremy Strober Lodging Provider South

Vacant Position: Lodging Provider-Central

Tillamook Coast Visitors Association

Nan Devlin Executive Director
 Amy Blackburn Deputy Director

2. COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA Committee

- None

3. REVIEW 2022 GRANTS THAT NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING Amy Blackburn

- The Port of Garibaldi wrote a letter to the Board of County Commissioners to request additional funding for their 2022 Bathroom remodel project. The cost of the project increased significantly between the bid and start date. The Port requested an additional \$9,374 in funding from the TLT grant fund to complete the project. The TAC reached unanimous consensus to fund the overage as requested.

4. REVIEW 2023 TLT COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANTS Amy Blackburn

- Ken Henson motioned to recommend funding for the 2023 Tourism Facilities Community Grants as presented [in the attached document]. Kevin Bell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 TLT Tourism-Related Facilities Community Grant Overview

**Tourism Advisory Committee
2023 Tourism Facilities Community Grant
Recommendation to Fund**

Organization Name	Project Title	Grant Request	Total Project Cost	Awarded	TAC Additional Comments
<u>City of Bay City</u>	Kilchis Point Path	\$40,000	\$344,360	\$40,000	
<u>City of Garibaldi</u>	Restoring the Big G	\$17,222	\$24,080	\$17,222	*Request to submit revised project, total cost, and ability to fund increased scope of the project due to recent storm damage at the Big G.
<u>City of Wheeler</u>	Waterfront Park Restrooms	\$75,000	\$220,000	\$75,000	
<u>Kiawanda Community Center</u>	Visitor Information Center	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	
<u>North County Recreation District</u>	Performing Arts Center Parking Lot	\$75,000	\$411,106	\$0	*Did not recommend funding based on project readiness. The need for additional parking is not necessary until the pool project is complete. At this time, funding is not secure for the pool expansion project so there is no imminent need for an additional parking lot.
<u>Oceanside Community Club</u>	Upper Parking Lot Paving Project	\$58,000	\$75,000	\$29,000	*Partial Funding - Removed contingency from proposed budget and would like Oregon State Parks to provide matching funds for the project.
<u>Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad</u>	Garibaldi Depot Project	\$75,000	\$243,700	\$75,000	
<u>Port of Garibaldi</u>	Fish Cleaning Station	\$75,000	\$158,500	\$75,000	
<u>Shorepine Village</u>	Phase 3 - Dune Ramp Repairs	\$75,000	\$78,111	\$75,000	*Awarded project funding this round, but committee would like to see significant match from HOA on subsequent applications.
<u>Tillamook Chamber</u>	Visitor Information Center - Keeping Dry	\$39,947	\$58,097	\$39,947	
<u>White Clover Grange</u>	Building Exterior Restoration Project	\$46,750	\$46,750	\$46,750	
	Total	\$591,919	\$1,674,704	\$487,919	
<u>Port of Garibaldi</u>	Bathroom Remodel 2022 Grant - Additional Funding			\$9,374	
	Remaining funds request to be held for 2022 project overages to be awarded at TCVA's discretion			\$2,707	
			Total 2023 Funding Request	\$500,000	



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TTY Oregon Relay Service

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David Yamamoto, Commissioner

January 18, 2023

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department
ATV Allocation Committee
725 Summer St NE, Ste C
Salem, Oregon 97141

Dear ATV Committee Members:

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners wish to express support for Oregon State Parks and Recreation Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant funding to procure new equipment for the safe operations at the Sand Lake Recreation Area.

Sand Lake Recreation Area is a premier OHV dune riding area in Northwest Oregon which draws OHV riders from all over Oregon and Washington. These individuals come to Sand Lake to enjoy camping and OHV recreation in a safe environment along the Pacific Coast. Sand Lake has three developed campgrounds, a dispersed camping area, and a day use staging area that allow access the sand dunes and beach. Law Enforcement and initial emergency response to incidents is provided by the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) and USFS Law Enforcement personnel.

The TCSO and USFS work cooperatively often conducting joint patrols and sharing equipment. In addition to law enforcement contacts, officers responded to numerous recreational accidents providing initial triage at the scene and guiding in emergency medical services. A majority of these contacts and emergency responses are conducted while patrolling on ATVs because these machines allow officers to ride through confined camping and wooded areas where traditional patrol trucks will not fit or simply cannot go due to conditions of the sand.

Oregon's ATV grant program has been invaluable in helping USFS manage the complex and challenging OHV program. The maintenance, education, and law enforcement work done each year keeps these areas open and safe for families and visitors to enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON


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January 18, 2023

Community Paths Program
Oregon Department of Transportation
355 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Community Paths Committee:

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners is pleased to write this letter in support of the City of Bay City's application to the Community Paths Program for 30% design of the Kilchis Point Path rail-with-trail project.

This project will be a first step in building the Salmonberry Trail, an 87-mile route along the former Pacific Railroad & Navigation line between Banks and Tillamook. This historic railroad traverses many of northwest Oregon's most scenic and special landscapes, including rivers, canyons, valleys, and coastlines.

Similar to the interconnected landscapes, the project relies on partnerships to succeed. Among the entities collaborating on this project are the City of Bay City, the Port of Garibaldi, Port of Tillamook Bay, the Salmonberry Trail Foundation, the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, Kilchis Point Reserve, and many others. The knowledge gained through this process will guide and advance future trail development.

The Board of Commissioners, like many others in our community, recognize the value of providing safe modes of travel for residents and visitors alike. Building the Kilchis Point Path, and ultimately the Salmonberry Trail, will create a safe alternative to Highway 101. We are invested and committed to the success of this project for the health of our community.

We encourage your support of this project and thank you in advance for your thoughtful review.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON


Erin D. Skaar, Chair


Mary Faith Bell, Vice-Chair


David Yamamoto, Commissioner

From: [April Bailey](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Agenda Item #7 IGA with Clatsop and Columbia Counties for Tobacco Prevention
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 11:17:36 AM

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Tillamook Board of Commissioners of Tillamook County,

I am pleased to see that our county still thinks it is a priority to “reducing tobacco use” despite its full embrace of harmful substances. I find it interesting that the county in this agreement is concerned with vaping and E-cigarettes but does not seem concerned with harmful effects of smoking marijuana, especially as concerning minors.

I would like the commissioners to give the citizens of Tillamook County more information about this tobacco program. While I realize \$10,000 is not a large amount of funds for counties, the fact remains these funds will not go to other programs that citizens would prioritize higher, such as law enforcement and roads. This is especially true considering that all of the current commissioners frequently lament that there is not enough funding for these most important priorities to the citizens of this county.

Here are some questions:

1. Concerning “shared strategies in this agreement,” does this include tobacco with less nicotine? Cigarette papers so smokers can roll their own? Inhalers for subsequent asthma that may ensue from smoking?
I ask because the county thinks it beneficial to provide heroin users with needles, so these supplies seem fitting for a similar tobacco prevention program.
2. Is there a particular reason this agreement singles out “Latino/a/x” persons as a population to be targeted? Are you more concerned with the damage smoking can do toward this community than the black community? Are there no “whites” that struggle with tobacco use in our county?
3. Why do you think it is to the tax payer’s benefit to have another employee (or advisory committee person) sit in bi-weekly meetings that have little to do with the governance or the priorities of well being in our county? Isn’t there a better way to utilize the county’s use of employee time, given that the county claims to be understaffed?

By and large, tobacco use has significantly decreased in our country. E-cigarettes and vaping are not the best health choice, but are far less harmful than obesity and overuse of medications. However, as far as many of your constituents are concerned crime, road conditions, and drugs/homelessness/mental health should be the focus of your attentions.

April Bailey
Neskowin, OR

From: [Rural Tillamook Businesses](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Public comment on 1/18/23 meeting Agenda Item 4, Non-Agenda Items
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 11:51:02 AM

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In the June 2022 meeting minutes and at the 12/19/22 EDC Board Meeting, Commissioner Bell and the Economic Development Council said their primary purpose for proposing a Rural Business License (Ordinance #88) was because they had no other way to get "a list" of businesses, as a matter of emergency. At the 12/19 EDC Board Meeting, when angry business owners asked why the EDC didn't get the list from the state, Commissioner Bell replied that the website only allowed you to look up one business at a time, and that it was impossible to get a list that way.

However, it only took us one week to email the Secretary of State and get the list. **The list that inspired the County to raise \$100,000 off the backs of a few hundred local businesses is in fact public information, maintained by the Secretary of State and available for free upon request.** We are in possession of the list ourselves.

Not only that, the representative we spoke to at the Secretary of State (SoS) is now very concerned that the County was unable to get these public records:

- Was the County/EDC denied access to public records by someone at the SoS? If so, the SoS wants to start an investigation.
- Or did the County/EDC never ask for the public records? If so, it is either incompetent or is liable for making misrepresentations to the public.

To get this straight: in over 20 years of economic development, the EDC never asked the Secretary of State for a list of businesses, nor established their own through research and community outreach.

It is clear that the EDC has become obsolete. It's not doing its own job, it does not provide value to businesses. This is self-evident by the lack of businesses who are willing to become paid members: even well-funded logging businesses have canceled their memberships.

We represent a group of Rural Tillamook Businesses who are calling for the dissolution of the EDC if it cannot fund itself and the end of the rural business license idea. Economic development should be supporting local businesses, not shutting them down.

Geoff and Valerie Franklin, Owners of Walnut Studiolo

For: Rural Tillamook Businesses

<https://ruraltillamookbiz.wordpress.com>

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