

**Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors
April 4, 2007 at 7 a.m.
Red Lion**

Board members present: Jenny Bream, Brian Bream Screw Machines; Ken Croes, KCBY-TV; Dick Leshley, Yellow Cab; Rick Howell, South Coast ESD; Brandy Thompson, Cardinal Services Inc.; Joy McCarthy, CCAT; Mark Mattecheck, North Bend Lanes; Jim Hough, Hough MacAdam & Wartnik; Matt LeDoux, Fishermen's Wharf; Lucinda DiNovo, The Mill; Renee Middleton, US Bank; Joanie Johnson, Sincerely Yours! Antique Mall; Sherry Yarbrough, Umpqua Bank; Mel Campbell, Charleston-Campbell's Vacation apts; Barry Hayes, Pony village Mall.

Community at Large: Martin Callery, Port of Coos Bay; Theresa Haga, CCD Business Development Corp.

Ex-Officio Representative: Dr. Judith Hansen, Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Others present: Deryl Beebe, Ambassadors, Katherine Hoppe, Executive Director; Pam Cottrell, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce; Chris Cole, Coos Bay Downtown Association; Robert Murray, Marshfield High School, Samantha Young, North Bend High School.

President Jenny Bream called the meeting to order. Introduction of New board member Matt LeDoux. Matt introduced himself, is the president of Fishermen's Wharf on Dock D in Charleston. Fishermen's Wharf buys fresh fish from the local boats. We support the community by showcasing local artisans and products. We like to show tourist what this area has to offer. Introductions were made around the table. March minutes were approved.

Presidents Report- Jenny welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the board to attend the Tuesday legislator teleconferences at ESD. I attended the last meeting and was impressed with the amount of interaction and information. At this time I would like to turn the table to Katherine to introduce House Bill 3438.

Executive Director- House Bill 3438 is sponsored by Arnie Roblan. Copies of the bill were handed out to the board. Katherine gave a short summary of the bill. She asked the board what their thoughts were and if this is something the board would want to support or defeat. After much discussion it was suggested to attend the Tuesday meeting at ESD and bring the bill before the legislators to find out more information. Possibly inviting Joe Benetti and Susan Anderson to speak at next board meeting in the hopes of gathering more information on the impact this bill would have on our community. Katherine will gather more information and e-mail the members, before a decision is made on what stance the board will take on the bill.

School Reports- Samantha Young thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent North Bend High School. Spring break was last week. Our assembly this month was Yellow Ribbon, suicide attention. Guest speakers were people who have been effected by suicides and their stories. The students were very

attentive and interested. Girls Basketball team won 3rd at State. All other sporting teams are doing great. Mr. Bull dog event was held on March 17th. The contestants raised \$82,000.00 to be donated to Sacred Heart hospital. Justin Tai won Mr. Bull Dog. A new tardy and unexcused absence policy has been implemented at NBHS. Your first offense you spend 45 minutes in the cafeteria after school. If you do not show after school another 45 minutes is added. Each offense you receive another 45 minutes is added to the time you spend in the cafeteria. If you receive three offenses, you will be suspended from school. The policy seems to be working. The number of tardy and skipping classes has decreased.

Robert Murray thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent Marshfield High School. Marshfield High School Dance team took 2nd place at the state competition. Golf team is first in the league. Forensics is fifth in nationals. Mr. MHS will be April 28th. I invite you all to attend the competition. The year is coming to an end. Students are busy making college picks and applying for scholarships.

Jenny asked that due to time running out, is there anyone that had urgent business that need be discussed today. Martin had business to discuss. Jenny asked others if they would be please e-mail there reports to Katherine.

Port of Coos Bay - Martin handed out brochure and letter for Oregon Gateway. He assured the board that this is a real deal and not a rumor as thought by some. Senate Bill 21 supported by Senator Verger will be discussed at the Ways and Means April 14th at 1p. Please attend this meeting and be heard. The proposed modifications to widen and deepen the Coos Bay channel and reconstruct the Coos Bay entrance jetties and entrance turn, constructing turning basin and upgrading all applicable aids to navigation. Under current federal regulations deep-draft navigation system modification projects require a local sponsor to share in the cost and to act as the local partner working with the US Army corps of Engineers. The Port of coos Bay has and will continue to serve as the project sponsor for the Coos Bay federal navigation system and will partner with the State of Oregon for the non-federal project cost share as the Port has traditionally done. Additionally as the local project sponsor, the Port will help insure the potential impact to the estuary are carefully studied and considered in the process of determining viable multi-use of the estuary. The Oregon Gateway can result in extensive job creation in Oregon's bay area communities and throughout the State and there will be significant private-sector and public infrastructure investment that will strengthen important components of the State's intermodal transportation system.

Please do your research, prepare your talking points and attend the Ways and Means meeting on April 14th. This is a great opportunity to be heard.

Katherine asked that all reports be e-mailed to her. A reminder that the National Guard will be speak at IBO this afternoon at The Mill. Jenny and Katherine will be taking a ride on a Black Hawk Helicopter.

Adjourn-Jenny adjourned the meeting.

