

**Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council**  
**Minutes**  
**October 15, 2008**

**Attendees:**

Council Members: John Irwin, Link Shadley, Pam Berrian, Agnes Box (in spirit), Cathy Britain, Rob Myers, Ed Parker, Curt Pederson, Michael Weidman, Onno Husing and Kim Hoffman.

Staff: Chris Tamarin of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department and Eric Schmidt of the Association of Oregon Counties

Others: Caroline Bauman of Lincoln County Economic Development; Jon Dolan of Oregon State University; Cindy Finlayson, Dave Sabala and Todd Way of Douglas FastNet; Andrea Fogue of League of Oregon Cities; Ginny Lang of Qwest; Keith Grunberg and Brad Kuhnert of Charter Communications; Stephen Macartney and Robert Von Netta of LS Networks; Joe Savage of the Fiber-to-the-Home Council; and Yamhill County Commissioner Kathy George.

**Council Business:**

Action Item

Ed Parker moved that Agnes Box be recorded as present, in spirit. Michael Weidman seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Members of the Council reflected on the passing of Agnes Box and her many significant contributions to the Council, to the Oregon University System and to telecommunications in Oregon. Cathy Britain observed that Agnes, having been an extremely practical person, would make this into a “teaching moment.” Accordingly, Cathy distributed information and lapel pins to generate awareness of heart care for women. Pins and materials were provided by the Asante Foundation.

Action Item

Cathy Britain moved that the September 18, 2008 minutes be approved as distributed. Ed Parker seconded the motion. The Council approved the minutes.

Continuation and/or reformation of the ORTCC

John Irwin opened a discussion of the latest draft bill to extend the life of the Council and to make changes to its membership and mission. The recommended changes to the current legislation were reviewed, discussed and received additional edits. John observed that, in his opinion, the greatest contributions of the Council have not been the bills or policies that it has proposed, but in the statewide interaction and communication that it has enabled. It was also suggested that the recommended new sunset date in the bill be changed from 2014 to 2018.

Action Item

Michael Weidman moved that the proposed new sunset date be 2018. Ed Parker seconded the motion. The Council approved the motion.

Action Item

Ed Parker moved that the extension bill be adopted with the revisions as discussed and presented to prospective sponsors. Michael Weidman seconded the motion. The Council approved the motion.

The strategy for submitting the bill to the 75<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly will be discussed again in the November 20 Council meeting.

Framing an Oregon Broadband Policy

John Irwin reviewed the current draft paper and the edits and suggestions that have been incorporated since the last meeting. The current draft is available on the Council website at [www.ortcc.org](http://www.ortcc.org) on the Reports page. John noted that this paper and the Council's meetings and roundtables held this year are intended to keep Oregon in a leadership position with regard to telecommunications and to ensure that the state continues to progress and benefit from the resulting economic development. The final draft report will also be posted on the website. 2009 proposals for joint resolutions, bills and / or executive orders, if any, will be discussed and considered in the November 20 Council meeting.

Action Item

Link Shadley moved that the Council's 2008 work on broadband public policy be dedicated to the memory of Agnes Box. Rob Myers seconded the motion. The Council approved the motion.

John Irwin Announcement

John Irwin announced his resignation as Chair of ORTCC effective at the end of 2008. He will continue to serve on the Council as a member. The Council will need to select a new Chair in the January 2009 meeting. John noted that his work with the members of the Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council has been one of the greatest joys and honors of his life.

Committee Chair and Council Member Reports

*Healthcare/Telehealth:* Kim Hoffman reported that the annual meeting of the Telehealth Alliance of Oregon will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> in Portland and it will include a seminar on Tele-Stroke.

Cathy Britain reported that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services has accepted the draft Telemedicine Reimbursement Bill as a committee bill to be carried forward to the 2009 legislative session.

Kim Hoffman, Chris Tamarin and Ed Parker reported that the initial Oregon Health Network Request for Proposal has been released by the Universal Service Administrative Company with a due date for responses of November 13 at 4:00 PM. The search for an Executive Director has been launched. Information meetings are being held around the state. Cathy Britain added that local support for participation in communities around the state is very valuable. Cathy asked that she be referred to local community groups to help promote the Oregon Health Network and obtain local interest and support. Link Shadley recommended contacting local rural investment boards. Additional information may be found on the Oregon Health Network website at [www.oregonhealthnet.org](http://www.oregonhealthnet.org).

*Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference:* Chris Tamarin reported that the conference will enjoy its strongest attendance in many years. The conference program and registration list along with the presentations of speakers are posted on the conference website at [www.oregonconnections.info](http://www.oregonconnections.info). In addition, Vinton Cerf's Keynote Address will be available through streaming video on the website following the conference.

*Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association:* Onno Husing reported that OCZMA has been increasingly integrating some of its efforts with the Oregon Rural Congress. He noted that the second meeting of the Oregon Rural Congress will be on December 5th in Coos Bay. The focus of the meeting will include transportation and finance issues with follow up on issues addressed at the Congress this past August in Cascade Locks. For more information contact Colleen MacLeod at 541 963-1001 or e-mail [colleen@union-county.org](mailto:colleen@union-county.org) <http://www3.eou.edu/alliance/>

*Gorge Teleconsortium:* Link Shadley reported that the Columbia River Gorge Technology Alliance, a spin-off of the consortium, has become very active, is developing a relationship with the Software Association of Oregon and is pursuing high technology job creation for the region. Additional information about the Alliance may be found at [www.crgta.org](http://www.crgta.org).

Link Shadley also distributed an "Oregon Public Broadband Wireless" brochure that presents the concept of a wireless broadband network to cover the entire state with ubiquitous and secure interoperable public safety communications and community broadband services. Link may be contacted for more information at [link@shadley.info](mailto:link@shadley.info).

**Meeting Schedule:**

The next council meeting will be on Thursday, November 20, 2008 in the Mt. Neahkahnie Conference Room, 1225 Ferry Street SE, Salem, Oregon 97301. Meeting information will be updated and posted on the Council website at [www.ortcc.org](http://www.ortcc.org).

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