



**VERNONIA SCHOOLS PROJECT
TEAM MEETING 3
SCOUT CABIN, VERNONIA, OREGON
JUNE 23, 2008**

Participants

Commissioner Tony Hyde, Co-Convener
Tom Kelly, Co-Convener
Glen Ahrens, OSU Extension Service
Mathew Arnold, TGM
Dan Brown, Vernonia Planning Commission
Chip Bubl, OSU Extension Service
Tim Collier, Northwest Regional ESD
Matt Crall, DLCD-TGM
Paul Epler, Vernonia Rural Fire
Gary Fish, DLCD
Fritz Graham, Office of Senator Wyden
Cherise Harbour, Vernonia School District
Josette Hugo, Office of Rep. Brad Witt
Tammy Jennings, Vernonia School Board

State Senator Betsy Johnson
Richard Krikava, Office of Sen. Smith
Scott Liard, Vernonia's Voice
Kelly Marks, PCC
Aaron Miller VSD 47J
Donna Nyberg, Office of Rep. Brad Witt
Randy Parrow, Vernonia City Council
Ramona Perrault, Office of Congressman Wu
Dawn Plews, VSD 47J
Dennis Sigrist, OEM
Susan Wagner, CCFUNC
Kim Wallace, Vernonia School District
Richard Whitman, DLCD

Oregon Solutions staff

Wendy Willis
Tobin Krell

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Co-convener Tom Kelly brought the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed all who were in attendance. Members of the team and others present introduced themselves.

II. Presentation from Renee Willer of Verizon

-Renee Willer expressed Verizon's commitment to the Vernonia community and the Vernonia Schools Project by presenting a \$20,000 check to be used for the Oregon solutions process. This money is a tribute to the continuing task of helping the Vernonia community and the Oregon Solutions process. Renee expressed Verizon's priority of giving back to the communities it serves.

-Senator Betsy Johnson personally thanked Verizon for its commitment to the process as well as all of the work done to help the many communities served by Verizon

-Tom Kelly thanked Renee for Verizon's support and his sentiment was echoed by those in attendance.

III. Report from Sub-committees

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-Wendy Willis opened the floor as to how the committees are to move forward from this point, as well as other committees that may need to be formed.

A. Siting Committee

- Dan Brown reported that the documents compiled on the sites are completed at this time and opened up to the team what next steps are needed.
- Next steps suggested were to sync the siting committee's timeline with the proposed timeline (discussed below.)

B. Budget Committee

- Bill Haack stressed the need for more information regarding what funds were available to use as financing. As well as, how other long term revenue such as property taxes will fit into the budget, and how the school district's budget will fit into the larger picture.

C. Co-Location Committee

- Phyllis Gilmore was absent, however, the need was expressed for ongoing exploration of possible partnership options.
- Senator Johnson and Commissioner Hyde have met with representatives from PCC. Senator Johnson expressed that there is much interest and enthusiasm for locating a facility in the Vernonia site. They are especially interested in vocations such as fire management. The degrees and certifications that would be offered could be used as the 'gold standard' for fire management professionals.

D. Development Committee

- Senator Johnson reported that there is much work and support needed for the Development Committee. She identified some concrete steps that need to be taken to move on from this point as follows:
 - Funds need to be raised immediately for things such as permits that will be needed in proceeding*
 - There needs to be professional development assistance*
 - Applications need to be structured to appeal to sources such as the Ford Family Foundation*

E. Formation of New Committees

E.1. Executive Committee

- Senator Johnson and Richard Krikava both expressed the need for an executive committee to be able to make timely decisions and some conformity among the various sub-committees.



- It was decided that the executive committee would be comprised of the chairs of the sub-committees, Wendy Willis, the co-conveners, and Ken Cox.
- It was suggested that the Executive Committee meet as the sub-committees meets

E.2. Project Committee

Kim Wallace said the school district design committee will serve as the project committee and report to the budget committee.

F. Other issues facing the sub-committees

- Kim Wallace stressed that if there is any work being done outside of the scope of the Oregon Solutions process that there has to be communication through the school district. Kim offered to submit School Board meeting notes to the Project Team in order to keep the line of communication open.
- Wendy Willis will be the nucleus of internal communication for sub-committee processes for the greatest degree of transparency possible.
- The Development and Budget committees are to meet in July in order to mitigate short term and long term concerns and to craft a budget for preliminary work, applications, etc.

IV. Update on the TGM and Land Use Process

- Matt Crall reiterated the mission and process of TGM.
- The first step of the TGM process was the Statement of Work. The working draft was presented along with a description of the nine tasks outlined in the Statement of Work.
- There was an amendment to task eight, the Joint Public Meeting, which would include Oregon Solutions to enhance the success of this step.
- Matt said that there will be general information on ecological concerns, but will not have detailed information available until a site is chosen and configured.

A.1. DLCD Concerns

- Richard Whitman expressed that the Statement of Work had not yet been signed.
- Richard also said that TGM's scope is to provide information to the community, however, if there is a decision to build on a different site than the school is currently on, there would be additional applications and processes to go through.
- TGM will not advocate for a specific site since this issue has to go through a formal public process.
- TGM does not provide applications for land use and UBG processes
- Land use applications have a statutory process.

V. Timeline Development

- Wendy Willis reported the working draft of the timeline and asked for suggestions.



- Tom Kelly expressed concern for completion of the design and thinks February or March 2009 may be more feasible
- Completion was to be moved to December of 2009

VI. Other Business

A. Immediate projects

A RFP sent out got four proposals for a project manager for immediate and least time consuming projects affecting the school. These include:

- Rebuild the gym for use
- Demolition and removal of unusable modular units
- Blacktop laid for a modular
- Mitigation wall around the elementary school

B. Contacting land-owners

- Four land-owners have been contacted, there has been reception to the possibility of selling but no prices were negotiated
- Ken Cox and Commissioner Hyde are to meet with additional land-owners

C. FEMA Updates

- Dennis Sigrist reported that there are four grant programs in the works to release funds, however there is not a federal budget yet released
- The funds released could be capped at up to \$3 million per project.
- The buy out of land, and grant programs could at least pay for the difference to make the proposed structures seismically sound, and co-location is a plus for these grants.

D. Report from Fritz Graham

Fritz reported that Senator Wyden had sent a letter to the insurance agencies, urging them to give the full amounts of coverage which is most of \$5 million.

VII. Next Meeting

When: August 8, 2008 @ 9AM

Where: Scott Cabin