



Oregon Travel Information Council
1500 Liberty Street SE, Suite 150
Salem, Oregon 97302

MINUTES

Special Telephonic Meeting

February 25, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
1500 Liberty St. SE, Salem, OR 97302

Members Participating:

Bob Garcia, Chair, Mike Marsh, Vice-Chair; Susan Steward, Secretary; Eliza Canty-Jones, At-Large
Julie Brown; Mike Card; Valerie Warren; Ed Washington

Staff Participating: Daphnee Legarza, Jessica Carbone

Call to Order: Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and established that a quorum of the Council was present.

February 2021 Storm Damage at French Prairie: Legarza said on Saturday, February 13, 2021, both sides of French Prairie were closed due to power outages and extensive damage due to a winter ice storm. The northbound side of the rest area was reopened after power was restored and it was made safe for travelers. The southbound side is still currently closed. The office, its porch and ADA access ramp on the southbound side have all suffered damage. Arms and fixtures of the light poles need to be repaired or replaced. It is unsure if the information kiosk will be able to be repaired or if it will need to be completely torn down and replaced. There is a lot of tree work that needs to take place. There are some complete tree and a lot of hazardous branches that need to be removed. To be the most cost and time-effective, staff is using the current landscaping contractor for any tree and branch removal less than 50 feet high. Bartlett Tree Service has been contracted for removing any large trees and any branches higher than 50 feet high. Staff is asking the Council to approve \$100,000 to mitigate and repair all the damage caused by the snow and ice storms. Card asked if there was any insurance coverage for the damage. Legarza responded that Diane Cheyne will be contacting risk about coverage for the information kiosk. She will be keeping a detailed list and any assets over \$2,500 will be turned in to risk for a possible claim. The Council discussed the funds for the mitigation.

Canty-Jones made a motion to approve \$100,000 for the mitigation and repair of damage caused by the snow and ice storms at both north and southbound French Prairie. Card seconded. The motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: December 14, 2020, Telephonic, Salem, Oregon