

OECD repackaged as ‘Business Oregon’

Legislation renaming the Oregon Economic and Community Development Dept. and refocusing its efforts to help existing Oregon businesses retain and create jobs, and build vital infrastructure across the state has been approved by the Legislature.

Upon Gov. Kulongoski signing HB 2152, the department will be renamed the Oregon Business Development Dept., also to be known as “Business Oregon.” Kulongoski proposed the reorganization last year in an Executive Order with the goal of giving the agency a more strategic focus on the needs of existing businesses.

“I recommended the changes so that the new Oregon

Business Development Dept. can be even more effective in helping Oregon businesses create and save jobs,” said the governor. “I look forward now to working closely with Business Oregon officials to do just that.”

Business Oregon Director Tim McCabe said that the agency’s strategic aim would focus more intensely on assisting existing Oregon businesses to create and retain jobs for Oregonians.

“The agency has a long, successful history of creating jobs and helping communities across the state,” McCabe said. “Now, more than ever, as we prepare to move out of the current recession, we will help Oregon businesses grow and

compete in the 21st century economy.”

In addition, as part of the agency realignment, the department’s community development activities will be administered separately by a newly formed Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA). It was established to ensure that the state’s infrastructure needs, namely those around safe drinking water and wastewater systems, were better identified and prioritized in order to ensure the best use of the state’s limited resources.

IFA will be overseen by members of an independent Infrastructure Finance Authority board appointed by the governor.



The extensive Selma property, known as the Deer Creek Center is now home of the Siskiyou Field Institute. (I/VN file photo)

Tax evasion

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anticipation of the famed Y2K disaster, the release states.

The longtime tax troubles faced by Prescott and Fritts eventually enabled SFI to acquire Deer Creek Ranch.

“The IRS put millions in tax liens on the property because of potential illegal activity on the part of some of the owners,” said Sue Parrish, former SFI executive director. “They were forced to sell.”

Between 2004 and 2005, SFI began negotiating with Prescott’s former wife, Carla, for the property, Parrish said.

“She became the trustee instead of him because she wasn’t under investigation,” Parrish said. “We started negotiating with her because they wanted to get some funds out of the property.”

Parrish confirms that the property’s previous owners stockpiled food in preparation for potential disaster.

“When we were in the process of buying it, they were totally preparing for Y2K,” she said. “There were big metal cans of emergency

rations, with different grains. They were preparing for the end of the world.”

The property contained a 4-foot tall Styrofoam freezer building, “barrels and barrels of salt” and all kinds of trash, Parrish said.

“There were mountains of junk. We got rid of three huge truckloads of tires and all kinds of stuff,” she said. “It took literally thousands of hours of community effort to clean up the property.”

But ultimately, the tax troubles that continue to plague Prescott led to the establishment of a permanent home for SFI.

“The property is now for the community,” Parrish said.

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BRAISED BEEF TIPS
OVER WHIPPED POTATOES
Mixed vegetables, whole
wheat bread, pineapple nut
cookie

Area solons reflect on legislative session

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the average Oregonian.

“From the bigger perspective, this session was a disaster for the economy,” Atkinson said. “The gross receipts tax will not only keep the economy upside-down longer, but will chase what remaining businesses we have in Oregon out of the state.

“I think this session was also an attack on rural Oregon like I’ve never seen before.”

Maurer sat on the House Health Care Committee, which spent much time working on bills to establish the Oregon Health Authority. It is a new state agency tasked with overseeing health care in the state, and creating an insurance provider tax.

Although the insurance provider tax ultimately was approved by the committee and passed by the Legislature, Maurer opposed it every step of the way.

“All those costs will be

passed on to the people who pay for it,” Maurer said. “Ultimately, it’s not going to end up reducing the cost of health care, and will be adding \$300 million to the cost.”

Despite being in the minority, Atkinson said that he managed to rack up some accomplishments. Those include stopping the passage of Senate Bill 740. It would have established a \$100 fee for every water right permit in the state, including wells on rural land.

Governorship Run Eyed

The session was the first for Atkinson since being seriously injured by an accidental gunshot last summer. He related that the experience gave him a better appreciation for the importance of his legislative duties.

“On a personal level, it was the best session of my life,” he said. “I absolutely had a real commitment to

public service. I think to go from almost dead to serving again was a good thing.”

Atkinson is among several people being mentioned as possible gubernatorial candidates, as Gov. Kulongoski’s second term will end in 2011. As such, he is barred from seeking re-election.

Although Atkinson has not announced his candidacy, all indications are that he intends to run.

Doing so may present a challenge, as Democrats have held the governor’s seat in Oregon since Republican Vic Atiyeh left office in 1987. But Atkinson remains optimistic that Oregon voters may be willing to embrace Republican ideas after years of Democrat domination of the state’s political scene.

“I think there’s going to be a case to be made that it’s time for a change in Salem,” he said. “I think 2010 will be our year.”

SCHC to gain some \$700K in federal bux

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munity health centers for basic health care,” Wyden said.

“As we work to reform our current health care,” he said, “we need to make sure that we take care of those elements of the current system that offer the services that

people need most. Keeping those centers healthy is crucial to keeping Americans healthy.”

Merkley stated that the funding “will be creating jobs in Oregon while at the same time improving the facilities, information technology and

electronic records that allow our health-care providers to focus on delivering quality care to patients.”

SCHC has been serving Josephine County since 1973. It is the county’s only not-for-profit federal safety net medical and dental clinic.

Backyard bird watching with Harry



Do you have a birdbath? If you do, I hope you are cleaning it regularly. They need to be cleaned monthly. I have one, and the birds love it – for drinking on these hot days, and for bathing and splashing around.

Birdbath Qs & As

Q: How can I get birds to notice my wonderful new birdbath?

A: Add motion to the water. Moving water, caused by a mister or dripping hose system is irresistible to birds.

Q: Can I use chlorine to clean my birdbath?

A: One cup of liquid chlorine bleach in nine cups of water is an accepted disinfection solution for cleaning feeders and birdbaths. Empty the bleach solution, be sure to rinse well, and fill with fresh water. One rule of thumb is, if you can smell the chlorine in the water, you’ve added enough bleach.

Q: How far from trees and plants should a birdbath be placed?

A: Near enough to offer shelter for the birds but far enough away that the droppings of perched birds don’t fall into the water.

Q: Can I paint my birdbath and will it harm the birds?

A: Painting the birdbath won’t harm the birds. It may cause you some trouble when cleaning the

bath. You should use a good brush to scrub the bath out and you may chip the paint.

Most birdbaths are designed for mid-sized or larger birds. They are frequently too deep for smaller birds like chickadees and juncos and finches. Sure, they might perch along the rim and sip the water, but they won’t jump into pools that are too deep.

To help those small birds have a nice refreshing bath first line the bottom with a layer of smooth river gravel. Then fill the basin so some areas are no more than an inch or so deep. The river gravel can make your birdbath into a beautiful ornament. The drawback to using river gravel is clean-up time. You will need to scrub all stones. Another option is to use small stones that sit below the surface of the water and larger rocks that sit above the water. This gives the small birds a place to stand and wash and splash. Remember you will have to clean these too, but I think the rocks are easier to clean.

If you’re in C.J. on Saturday mornings, stop off at Michelle’s Family Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. for a great breakfast and meet fellow bird lovers. Remember I would love to hear from you. You can email me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.

All Qs & As are from the “Bird Watchers Digest” and Harry Johnson.

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Don Moore			
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& Best Paint			
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