

Meeting from 1A

The assessments are part of the funding structure for the wildland fire protection the agency provides. Accuracy of these assessment rolls is maintained by completing a periodic review of a portion of the district each year.

"Whenever tax lots are added to the Forest Patrol Assessment, the total revenue received by the department does not increase. Rather, the assessment paid by each landowner is more equitably distributed among those receiving wildland fire protection," ODF said in a release.

While this meeting is specific to questions for the ODF representatives, Roblan said that he encourages constituents to attend and give him a "sense of what is going on in the minds of residents in and around the area."

Roblan recently held a town hall with Oregon State Parks staff and concerned community members at Cape Kiwanda to discuss action steps for preventing death and injury at the state natural area.

"We came up with a lot of productive ideas, including adding memorial signs. I hope we can hold a similar meeting in Florence and work to make changes together," Roblan said.



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Heceta from 1A

According to the contract, the project should take 45 days to complete, but Speakman said it was possible it could take less time, dependent on weather.

Board President Wendy Rohner said, "It sounds like it's coming along."

The board voted to approve Knife River Material's bid. Director Debby Todd was absent.

Anthony Wright, a representative of Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA), attended the meeting.

"President Obama declared a major disaster for the state of Oregon on Feb. 17. It's called the Public Assistance Grant Program, which assists public jurisdictions with public infrastructure damage during the storms in December."

According to Wright, a FEMA grant would pay 75 percent of the cost to restore damages to pre-disaster conditions.

"When pre-disaster condition isn't feasible, it pays for the least cost alternative, in this case rerouting the pipe along the road," he said.

Heceta Water could match the remaining 25 percent of the project's cost with anything other than a federal grant, such as a grant from a state or local agency or a loan.

Wright will work on the grant application with Heceta

Water staff. Pending the grant review process, a project audit, FEMA site inspections and environmental approval, Wright said the water district should know if it will receive the grant in the next few weeks.

The board also approved a supplemental budget and formally voted to dissolve Heceta Water District and its board of commissioners, a process began with voter approval in Lane County Elections held on May 13, 2013, which established Heceta Water as a PUD.

Rohner said, "I really appreciate how our staff is getting together to get jobs done and continuing training. ... I just want to compliment you on all that."

Heceta Water PUD Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the district's office at 87845 Highway 101.

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