

## **Board of Commissioners Workshop April 9, 2015**

Below are notes prepared for the Board of Commissioners workshop meeting held on April 9, 2015. These are the recollections of Charles J. Ansorge.

Commissioner Josi described the purpose of the workshop and then said he had received two statements regarding the proposed zone change for Bayocean Spit, one from Vic Affolter and another from a relative of Mr. Stellflug that was opposed to making a zone change. He did not read Mr. Affolter's letter because of Vic being there to testify. No mention was made of the letter from Cape Meares asking for this workshop to be held.

Next, Commissioner Josi asked for comments from the Planning Department personnel for Tillamook County. They both offered reasons for a change in the zoning and then answered questions that the commissioners had. Commissioner Josi asked most of the questions; Commissioner Labhart asked several follow-up questions.

Mr. Affolter was asked to speak first. He did a very good job of offering testimony in support of the zone change. The fact that he knows all of the commissioners helped to get the workshop underway.

Next we heard from Mr. Stellflug who indicated reasons why he was opposed to the rezoning. I believe his sister was with him and asked for clarification of whether their 30 acres, much of which is underwater and part of Meares Lake, was a part of the area to be rezoned. Commissioner Labhart thought that it was not based upon his view of the map John Harland had prepared and shared with the commissioners.

John Harland followed up with a presentation of the three specific reasons that we had agreed upon as being in support of a zone change. Commissioner Josi complimented him for the succinct nature of his presentation and the clarity of the points he made.

Deborah Neal and Charles J. Ansorge followed with comments and Chris Spence was next. Most of the points had been previously made so our

remarks were brief.

The Planning Department was asked to return to the microphone and answer more questions before the commissioners discussed the possibility of directing the Planning Department to take steps to change the zoning from RM to RN. The discussion was very brief. Commissioner Labhart made the motion to have the Planning Department initiate steps to change the zoning on the Spit, Commissioner Bartlein seconded, and it was unanimously passed.

The process to change the zoning is now underway.