

Kari Mattson Fleisher

1. Are you committed to completion/repair of the Loop road between Bayocean Road and Oceanside and what will you do to obtain sufficient funds for this project to proceed?

I am absolutely committed to the completion and repair of the Three Capes Scenic Route. The county is as well. I recently sat down with the County Road Department Director, Chris Laity. The project is going to cost \$17 million dollars and is scheduled to start in 2020. The project is funded. The county has a \$1.5 million dollar match which will be funded over the next three fiscal years. The first \$500,000 has been budgeted for in the 2018-19 annual budget currently being developed. A portion of this match will be in labor, which will lower the match slightly. The design of the repair is already at 30% completion. This is an important alternate route during storms and if elected I will continue to make sure that this project stays on track and on budget.

2. What do you believe are the major challenges facing the Bayocean Spit and how would you address them?

I love Bay Ocean Spit and have been an active user of this property along with my husband whom we have been together for 20 years and our saint bernards. I love the recreational opportunities it provide for hiking, fishing, hunting, beachcombing, and biking. I was quite against the proposed eco-resort that was denied as it should have been at the planning commission. The main challenge is providing enough parking as its popularity has been increasing steadily. It should remain in its natural state. I would be for some more interpretive trails that highlight more of the historical buildings. At some point in the future, I could see a concrete vault toilet that would require periodic pumping to help reduce the toilet paper mounds found on some trails. I would also make sure the old vault toilet down by Crab harbor was dismantled and possibly replaced ecologically safe.

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I understand the concern of the citizens of Cape Meares. Bay Ocean spit and Cape Meares are some of my favorite beach locations due to the privateness you can maintain. We are probably one of the slowest drivers on that stretch of road due to sharp corners and pedestrian traffic. It is my hope that this is a safety improvement and it will bring fishing from the banks of the lake onto the dock where people will be farther from the roadway. Proper signing is key to ensure safety for all about speed and parking. If complaints are being received, I would ask the Sheriff's office to increase area patrols to make sure to educate users about proper parking and speed.

4. What will you do to safeguard watersheds throughout the county from spraying by timber companies to protect drinking water supply for county residents?

I believe it is in the best practices of forestry companies to be stewards of the lands and will actively change their practices voluntarily if the scientific evidence is shown that this practice harms drinking water. Community drinking sources are routinely tested for contamination in accordance to the Oregon Health Authority. The State of Oregon is in the processes of Pesticide Stewardship Partnership pilot program that is testing for pesticide

and watershed interactions. The Water Quality Pesticide Management Team that was assembled is an example of collaboration bringing together many state agencies with goals of protecting water quality and maintaining grower profits. If elected, I am prepared to handle any changes made to keep our drinking water safe, pure, and still allow for active forestry.

Mary Faith Bell

1. Cape Meares Loop Road is a public safety issue and high on my priority list. There is good news: a viable route has been identified, the project is engineered and funded. The County has to provide matching funds in the amount of \$1,500,000. They have set aside \$500,000 per year for three years to do so. They are contracting with an agency to do right of way work. The next step is providing satisfactory remuneration to the landowners who will be impacted.
2. Bay Ocean Spit is a local treasure. I walk there often. I am adamantly opposed to development of the spit. When I was the editor at the Headlight Herald I researched potential development on the spit. I was assured that it will never happen because the necessary permits cannot be granted. For example, a septic system will never be permitted on the spit.
3. I would collaborate with the Capes Meares Community Association to ascertain how residents are impacted and ask what do you propose? I believe that community members very often have the best solutions for local problems. I would also advocate for increased signage and increased Sheriff's patrols.
4. I feel strongly about public health and safety including clean drinking water. I would research current best practices and the data that supports them and advocate for more local control of spraying.

**Adam Schwend**

1. Are you committed to completion/repair of the Loop road between Bayocean Road and Oceanside and what will you do to obtain sufficient funds for this project to proceed?

*The repair and re-opening of the Loop road is absolutely essential and should be our highest infrastructure priority as a county. This isn't a convenience issue. It is a public safety issue. To have three communities with only one road in and out is a public safety issue that must be corrected as soon as possible. Currently, Federal grant funds have been secured to fix the loop*

*road in the next few years. Tillamook County will need to contribute \$1.5 million over the next three years as a match of funds to cover the \$15 million project. Over the next few years we need to prioritize this match contribution to ensure the people of Cape Meares, Netarts and Oceanside have as many access options as possible, especially in case of an emergency.*

2. What do you believe are the major challenges facing the Bayocean Spit and how would you address them?

*While I am a real estate broker and generally a supporter of development, exceptions occur when we are talking about land such as Bayocean Spit where development of any kind would create a whole host of problems. As a county we must make sure that we protect access to oyster beds that are important to numerous parts of our economy. Development could also harm the stability of the spit, putting other private property owners at risk.*

*One of the largest issues we face is a lack of funding and expertise to manage the spit. While few agencies are flush with cash, I believe we need to maintain communications with Oregon Parks and Recreation, an agency with the technical expertise to manage the spit, in hopes of a management transfer in the future.*

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*While I appreciate the added safety that a dock will bring, the dock will also add additional safety concerns as more and more locals and visitors begin to use it. I would advocate a lower speed limits as well as other traffic control mechanisms to enhance safety. A combination of slower speeds, perhaps a stop sign and/or speed bumps would slow traffic to a more appropriate speed given the number of people expected to utilize the dock. While funding is always a concern, it may be possible to reach out to the contractors who are working on the repair of the Loop road with the hope of saving money on mobilization costs.*

4. What will you do to safeguard watersheds throughout the county from spraying by timber companies to protect drinking water supply for county residents?

*Spraying is a sensitive subject for many reasons. We need to make sure that safeguards are in place to ensure that our watersheds are protected and our drinking water remains safe. As county commissioner, I will work with the Department of Agriculture, timber companies and the public to ensure that as much information is available to the public as is possible, that no danger exists to residents or visitors, and that any pesticides are being applied have been properly vetted and approved by the Department of Agriculture. The key to achieving*

*our goals in this issue is much like any other issue; rational collaboration based in science, safety and community involvement.*

### **Aaron Palter**

1. Are you committed to completion/repair of the Loop road between Bayocean Road and Oceanside and what will you do to obtain sufficient funds for this project to proceed?

Yes. I've kept up on this project for years now. I certainly sympathize with the community's frustration with the amount of time it's taking to complete this project after the January 2013 closure as well as the impact this has caused on the local economy. As Commissioner, I remain committed to County's previous decision to obtain the \$13 million in funding to complete the repairs, of which I believe \$12 million had been approved and county remains committed to finding the final \$1 million or so of match. My last knowledge is the new alignment/bypass route has been approved, project design is underway and construction is set to begin in 2020. Completion will provide a long-term solution to many ongoing slide problems, provide a tsunami escape route for Oceanside and Cape Meares residents and an emergency detour for Oceanside and Netarts if Highway 131 is shut down.

2. What do you believe are the major challenges facing the Bayocean Spit and how would you address them?

Bayocean Spit has a long and storied history, from the early 1910s and the creation of the old resort town of Bayocean (also known as the "Atlantic City of the West"), to Mother Nature reclaiming the area over time, to privately-owned parcels within the Spit being proposed for development...most recently the (2015 denied) request for creation of an upscale camping area. The challenge to Tillamook County Parks is maintaining Bayocean Spit without an identified funding source and the desire to preserve the Spit from development where 1) no infrastructure exists, 2) fire and life safety services would be challenging to provide and 3) the community doesn't support it. As Commissioner, I'd re-open talks with State Parks to see if they're in a better position to take over the Spit.

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This dock is a wonderful addition to our community; it will provide many benefits to users of this area for years to come. Our sheriff enforces speed laws. Signage plays a key role, too. Certainly – our community is not exclusive to this issue – we have folks who, every day, decide to break speed limits. Perhaps speed bumps could control movement; but I can imagine these would come with heavy maintenance costs.

4. What will you do to safeguard watersheds throughout the county from spraying by timber companies to protect drinking water supply for county residents?

Watersheds are an important function of our ecosystem, in many different ways. The Forest Practices Act deals with protecting our water resources; and timber companies are required to follow these rules, performing spraying under tight regulation. Chemical use is restricted near streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands. In addition, forested buffers and other vegetation along streams, wetlands and lakes are required to protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. As commissioner, I would remain informed on these requirements and engaged with our timber companies to monitor timber harvest/replanting reports made available to me to ensure projects are being correctly managed.

### **David McCall**

1. Are you committed to completion/repair of the Loop road between Bayocean Road and Oceanside and what will you do to obtain sufficient funds for this project to proceed?

Yes, the restoration of the entire Three Capes Loop is important, especially as it provides not only an important route for tourists, but more importantly a secondary access route for residents and visitors in Cape Meares, Oceanside, Netarts, and Bayocean Spit. I am aware of and support the Road Department's plans to allocate funds to cover the estimated \$1.5 million in match funds to complete this road. Setting aside \$500,000 annually for three years is a prudent approach for this goal. I commend the Road Department's leadership in this matter, as well as the support shown by the Tillamook County Road Advisory Committee and the Board of Commissioners. In addition, I hope that the new road will include sufficient space for a bike path, enabling cyclists to more safely share the road with motorized vehicles.

2. What do you believe are the major challenges facing the Bayocean Spit and how would you address them?

I trust that everyone reading this knows the history of Bayocean, how the construction of the North Jetty led to erosion and a breach, and how the construction of the South Jetty brought relative spit stability. Thanks to the continued efforts of individuals like Perry Reeder, the town of Bayocean is not a legend, but living history. Unfortunately, delayed maintenance of the South Jetty threatens the entire Bayocean Spit.

Mike Saindon and Val Folkema (Port of Garibaldi) have strongly advocated for South Jetty repairs for years, and the County Commissioners have kept these repairs at the top of the list. Recently I learned that their collaborative efforts with Congressman Schrader to move these repairs up on the Army Corps of Engineers priority list were successful. With plans and funding in place, the repairs can begin – soon.

Thanks to currents, Bayocean Spit is subjected to a high quantity of debris washed ashore. I

support the efforts of organizations like SOLVE to organize regular cleanup activities on the spit, as well as community-driven efforts to remove microplastics from the sand. This year my office is working together with Tillamook Estuaries Partnerships to clean up microplastics from a significant section of Bayocean Spit.

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I attended a presentation by ODFW on this proposal, before it was permitted, and heard the concerns of the commissioners regarding parking. I agree that parking for the new dock is not ideal, but neither is the current parking situation next to the lake. When compared with the current parking practices, the planned parking areas are actually better.

Rather than describing steps I would take to ensure speed limit enforcement, I would convene meetings with the appropriate stakeholders, including but not limited to the Road Department and Sheriff's Office. I suspect that a combination of methods will be needed for this task, which could include modified signage, better vegetation management for improved vision, traffic patrols including radar, and seasonal or permanent installation of speed monitoring equipment. Once we have agreed on a plan, we would revisit the results regularly, and adjust as needed.

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Aerial spraying is a justified concern, and I support not only increased restrictions on spraying, but also improved communication with potentially affected citizens.

In 2016 I worked with activists from throughout the state, and drafted a resolution on this for the Democratic Party of Oregon. The work invested in this resolution resulted in it passing unanimously during the first State Central Committee meeting of 2017. You can find the text of the resolution here: <http://dpo.org/party/business/resolutions/2017-001>

As a commissioner I will use my position to protect the interests of Tillamook County residents, including the protection of drinking water supplies. I believe that forests can be managed in a sustainable, responsible manner, without jeopardizing the health and livelihood of residents.