

Flood group seeks more help from city

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TILLAMOOK — Tillamook Bay Habitat Estuary Improvement District (TBHEID) wants some additional help from the city in solving problems connected with flooding in the area.

In a letter addressed to the City Council, TBHEID president Doug Rosenberg said, "Increased diligence by the district can be expected as Oregon Solutions flood reduction projects are implemented. Until actual results are realized, however, the district declares the above as flood emergencies."

Urging the City Council to be more involved and understanding in the flood maintenance projects, Rosenberg said, "Without results, the district serves no purpose."

Representing the group at the council meeting Monday night was Chad Allen, vice president of TBHEID, and Don Hurd of Tillamook. Allen said that the group's immediate goals and plans were in the water solution project to offset drainage loss in the Tillamook Bay basin.

"Future flooding can only be exponentially exacerbated without short- and long-term inter-

vention," said Rosenberg.

After a year of denied permits and funds and problems with fish and wildlife, TBHEID would like to see the city and its council members more involved. Rosenberg presented a list of flood emergency plans in his letter, including work on Oregon Solutions Projects One, Two and Three, dredging the Wilson River mouth and shoal, the Tillamook Bay watershed master waterway maintenance and project infrastructure program and work on U.S. 101 Wilson River Shilo levee.

Hurd said the sloughs need

maintenance. "We could easily relieve 80 percent of flooding problems if the sloughs are dredged," said Hurd. "I think the city needs to look upon this as a goal."

The City Council also approved a liquor license requested by Juan Mendez, manager of the Rodeo Steakhouse and Grille. Carolyn Decker told Mendez the establishment is a real asset to Tillamook and thanked him for opening up the restaurant.

The City Council unanimously voted for Joe Martin as the council's president for the new year.