

**Brownsville Chamber
General Members Monthly Meeting
May 13, 2010**



At Main Street Coffee

Secretary/Treasurer, Nell Hanft was absent from this meeting so the notes are taken from the article in the Brownsville Times written by Don Ware.

Pete Boucot, the Democratic candidate for Linn County commissioner, spoke to Brownsville Chamber of Commerce members during the meeting of May 13 at 8 AM at Randy's Main Street Coffee.

He stated he is a fiscal conservative and wants to see each dollar spent by the county accounted for and spent well. "To visit local communities and farms, to listen to people," he says, "I won't come to work and stay there all day. The job can't get done by sitting at a desk all day." He reported that he was a U.S. Marine and now owns a farm in Linn County. He has worked as a Corvallis Volunteer Firefighter, for the Forest Service, and now for Costco.

He thinks it would be a good idea to hold commissioner meetings in the evening when the working men and women can attend and make their opinions known. Daytime meetings, he believes, aren't convenient for the public.

He discussed food production on farms, our need to import food when we have so much productive farm land, urban growth boundaries, the wise use of forests, and fiscal restraint. He is critical of the purchase of the acreage at I-5, Hwy 34, and Seven Mile Land for an amusement park, when it is such good farm land. And the cost of the property was too high, he believes.

The candidate, and his campaign manager/wife Jan, discussed issues with the membership, answering questions and listening to opinions and issues.

The members then discussed the upcoming Pioneer Picnic and the need for volunteers at the Chamber breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The Meeting was adjourned...Next Meeting will be June 10, 2010 at Main Street Coffee.