

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000**RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)****BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – SALEM DISTRICT****LOBBY LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM****June 16, 2011**

RAC member registration

Attending: Mickey Bellman, Wayne Giesy, Bill Kluting, Dave Schmidt, Walter Cate, Jim Clawson, Dr. Leland Gilson, Ronald Adams, Diane Henkels, Earl Fisher, Glen Crinklaw, Annabelle Jaramillo, Charles Hurliman, John Lindsey, Don Hopkins, Belle Smith, Rick Kneeland, Rich Hatfield, Diane Morris, Cindy Enstrom, Miles Brown.

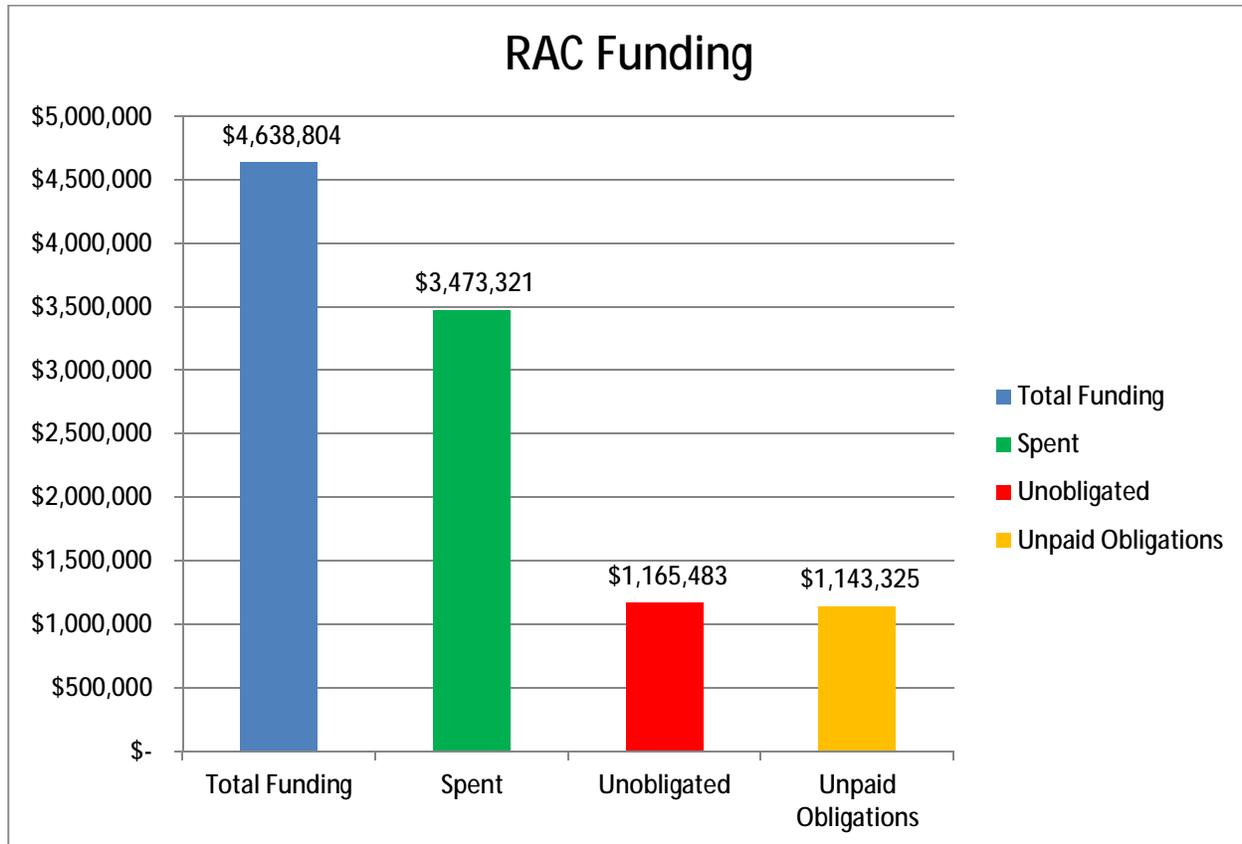
Call to Order - 08:30

Meeting opening and information exchange

- Welcome by Miles Brown, Salem BLM District Manager.
- Identify the Designated Federal Official (DFO) = Richard Hatfield
 - Agenda review
 - Agenda is approved but allow for flexibility
- RAC member introductions
 - Achieved quorum
 - Nomination and election of chair and vice chair
 - § New Chair = Annabelle Jaramillo; consensus.
 - § New Vice Chair = Dave Schmidt; consensus.
- Information sharing – DFO
 - Thanks for everyone's patience as members were approved this year.
 - This is the last year of the current Secure Rural Schools (SRS) authorization.
 - Funds need to be spent/obligated by September 30, 2012, or they are returned to the Treasury.
 - **Discussion** on new legislation. It is not clear if the program will be reauthorized.
 - **Discussion** on the Western Oregon Plan Revision, the intent of the SRS legislation, current federal budget situation, and timber situation in western Oregon.
- Updates and slide presentation on previously approved projects – DFO
 - Quick summary of the Secure Rural Schools legislation.
 - **Discussion** on law enforcement proposals and how it fits into the intent of the legislation.
 - Review of past RAC activity – projects and funding approved.
 - Review of projects recommended for funding last year.
 - **Discussion** of current balances (see table) and need to spend/obligate funds before September 30, 2012. Questions and discussion on how to track funds transferred to partners.
- Overview of FY 2011 projects – DFO

- For FY 2012 funding, approximately \$518,000 is available and over \$1 million in proposals were received.

Vote on overhead assessments for this fiscal year. *Motion to continue to use a 10% assessment for BLM projects and a 5% assessment for non-BLM projects.* **Motion passed.**



Project presentation – Non-BLM Sponsors

- **Ryan Beathe, Linn County, Linn County Watershed Improvement Program**
 - Project proposes to improve watershed health in Linn County. Survey culverts in County to identify fish passage barriers.
 - **Discussion** on availability of database to other partners and whether there was an endpoint to the project. Also discussion on bird predation on smolt.
- **Ryan Beathe, Linn County, Jack Creek Culvert Replacement**
 - Project would replace a culvert on Jack Creek. Current culverts are too small to allow fish passage. Total project cost is \$300,000 – various partners will contribute funds (Freres and Weyerhaeuser). OWEB grants are in. Restores habitat connectivity, reduces flooding, increases channel complexity, and increases quality spawning and rearing habitat.
 - **Discussion** on where the federal land is in the project area. Currently, no fish passage past the county culvert. Opens up additional habitat upstream.
- **Joe Waksumondi, Northwest Youth Corps**
 - Program offers area youth a safe and supportive first work experience that incorporates education and mastery of basic employment skills including

- communication, conflict resolution and leadership, while promoting development of an individual work ethic and an understanding of resource management issues.
- Program completes resource maintenance projects for Salem BLM to accomplish land management goals.
 - Perform 6 weeks of work on the Salem BLM projects by Northwest Youth Corps crews, supporting up to 72 youth and staff.
 - Introduce youth to the public lands and wild areas of Northwestern Oregon.

Discussion: Question on program tuition, meals and stipend for the program. Also discussion on how youths are selected for the program.

- **David Lockman, Clean Forest Project**

- Project objectives include garbage removal, land restoration, monitoring,
- Benefits include public education programs, garbage cleanup, community clean-up events, and support for support from community businesses.

Discussion on the status of dump sites – Eugene is not seeing redumping after the program has been implemented.

Discussion on how are fines handled. They do not go back to the Clean Forest Program.

Discussion as to whether the group can handle small amounts of funds in the county. The group travels all around the state and can schedule work in various counties.

- **Janet Oatney, Washington County, Neil Creek Barrier Removal**

- Proposal is to design and complete permitting requirements for the Neil Creek Barrier Removal project.

Discussion on accomplishments from Washington County – ability to leverage additional funds

- **Vern Holm, Cascade Pacific RC&D, Northwest Weed Partnership**

- Build technical capacity for seven different weed cooperatives. Deliver training, information, and capacity building – workshops, integrated pest management documents.

Discussion on the use of herbicides and services the partnership can provide to a county.

Discussion of various weeds issues, scotch broom etc...

- **Molly McKnight, Clackamas County, Dump Stoppers Program**

- Program includes garbage removal and education programs.
- Shooting Zones accumulate a lot of garbage.
- Program has existed since 2003; predominantly funded by Title II funds as well as other partnerships.
- Benefits
 - § Collection of garbage, tires, tires, abandoned vehicles, etc.
 - § Citations and prosecutions of offenders

Discussion as to what happens after the dumps are cleaned up?

Dump Stopper deputy is separate from Law Enforcement deputy. Dump Stopper deputy focuses on dumping.

Public Forum: floor opened for public comment but there was no one in attendance.

Project presentation continue

- **Sam Leininger, Clackamas SWCD, Clackamas Basin Enhanced EDRR**
 - Early Detection Rapid Response cooperative with Clackamas River Basin Council, Weed Wise, Youth and Community Outreach and Education

Discussion: Funding for soil and water conservation districts – Clackamas County SWCD gets some of their funding from a tax levy. Other SWCDs receive funding from grants etc...

- **Tim Stieber, Yamhill SWCD, Native Plant Nursery**
 - Project was funded previously by the RAC.
 - Established a half acre nursery partnering with watershed councils, school groups, native plant groups.
 - Produce native grass plugs and prairie restoration sites.
 - Project can be scaled.

Discussion on whether the nursery is self-supporting and whether it can partner with other nurseries.

- **Ron Perkins, Linn County, Work Service Crew Program**
 - Program puts court-ordered youth to work. Majority are on probation, mandated by court.
 - Proposal is for both Linn and Marion Counties. It is scalable.
 - Youth are engaged in splitting firewood, habitat restoration, working in campgrounds/day use areas, etc.....

Discussion on Marion County part of the proposal, cost of the program to county, benefit/impact to kids in the program.

- **April Olbrich, Tualatin WC, Dairy-McKay Private Lands Barrier Assessment**
 - Project will survey streams, identify known and likely barriers, looking at barriers on private lands, prioritize barriers, seek funding – OWEB etc....

Discussion as to whether the project has been funded before.

County-by-County Recommendations and Voting

Discussion on excess funds available in Columbia, Washington and Yamhill Counties.

*Motion to roll excess funds into this year's balances. **Approved.***

Discussion on project proposals from the BLM – ability to ask questions, quality of proposals, etc...

Rick Kneeland; BLM Tillamook RA:**Columbia County Projects; see spreadsheet**

Discussion on ability to scale projects, spreading funds over the three top priorities, and backup projects.

Discussion on discrepancies between Title II balances calculated by the County and balances from the BLM State Office. After the meeting, Rich will get these discrepancies resolved.

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Tillamook County Projects: see spreadsheet

Discussion on Youth Natural Resources project.

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Washington County Projects: see spreadsheet

Discussion on OWEB, culvert work.

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Yamhill County Projects: see spreadsheet

Discussion of monitoring with the law enforcement agreement. No report on what has been accomplished.

Discussion on Canada Creek road and whether this should be covered by BLM funds.

Discussion on LE agreement – rationale as to why it is prioritized as #6.

Motion to fund Yamhill priorities # 2 and 3 (Canada Creek Road and Youth Projects). **Motion failed**

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Multnomah County Projects: see spreadsheet

Discussion on prioritization for the county. Prioritization offered and seconded.

Motion to amend prioritization. **Motion failed.**

Motion to re-prioritize. **Motion failed.**

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Belle Smith; BLM Cascades RA:

Clackamas County Projects: see spreadsheet

Discussion on savings from the Wildwood Fish Window project. The Resource Area would like to utilize the funds for other projects within Wildwood.

Motion to use savings from the fish window to accomplish other work within Wildwood. **Passed.**

Clackamas County priorities provided by Ron Adams. Fund Clackamas #1 and #2. LE agreement is backup project.

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Linn County Projects: see spreadsheet

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Marion County Projects: see spreadsheets

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Diane Morris; BLM Mary's Peak RA:

Benton County Projects: see spreadsheet

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Lincoln County Projects: see spreadsheet

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.
- *Motion: approve funding in priority order.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Polk County Projects: see spreadsheet

- *Motion: prioritize projects as presented.* Second.

- *Motion: approve funding in priority order. Second.*
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Meeting Closeout: Discussion on next steps for the RAC. Also, discussion on monitoring projects in the future.

Adjourn: 3:20

Recorder: Richard Hatfield