

Hood-Willamette Resource Advisor Committee Meeting

July 6, 2016

Salem BLM, Salem, Oregon

Jenny Lippert, RAC Coordinator, opened the meeting at 10:00 am.

Welcome and introductions: Lisa Northrup, Mt Hood Forest Supervisor and DFO; Tracy Beck, Willamette Forest Supervisor

Synopsis of May RAC Meeting: Jenny Lippert

Election of Chairperson for 2017: Dave Schmidt nominated by Jeff Parker and 2nd by Francisca Leyva-Johnson. Passed unanimously.

Indirect Costs: \$1,000 for external and 5% for internal projects. Passed unanimously after discussion about if that would be enough. BLM RAC charges 5%.

Wasco voting: Only funding for a few projects. Arthur Smith submitted proposal for vote, John Borden seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve proposed funding (see attached spreadsheet).

Mt Hood: Some projects are scalable and some are not. Question about if there is a policy about funding personnel versus doing work on the ground. Public outreach, informational and conservation education is valuable and the RAC has supported it in the past. Mainly voted for projects on the ground. Question about NEPA and whether it is needed on private ground (for example fish passage project off forest being completed by non-Forest Service entity) if using federal funds. Answer was NEPA does not need to be completed by Partner. Need clarification of this in new forms.

Speaker: Robert Roth, Clackamas Partnership Collaboration for Upper Clackamas Basin and project input opportunities. Coordinator schedules meetings and fieldtrips and county agrees it should be funded.

Clackamas: They discussed when there is any overage it should be split evenly (noted in spreadsheet). Spend any surplus from 2015 if there is any in that manner. When one is fully funded, then spend on the next. . John Borden submitted a proposal for vote, Melanie Kate-Mason seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve proposed funding (see attached spreadsheet).

Multnomah: All projects were fully funded and there was a slight surplus. . John Borden submitted a proposal for vote, Jeff Parker seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve proposed funding (see attached spreadsheet).

Public Forum: No participants

Speaker: Matthew Sterner from Lane County MLK education center talked about the program for rehabilitating older age high school youth. They engage in various activities and some take part in the forest team.

Speaker: Taylor Parker from Walama Restoration Project spoke about the Santiam Pass Habitat Restoration to rehabilitate and close ATV and dispersed camp sites and incorporate youth from Sisters and McKenzie River in restoration projects.

Marion: There is no representative from Marion County on the RAC. Grady McMahan, Ranger from Detroit Ranger District met with the Marion County Commissioners and their biggest concern is getting Salmon Falls and North Fork Parking area competed. John Lindsey submitted a proposal for vote, Dave Schmidt seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve proposed funding (see attached spreadsheet).

Linn: If Payco doesn't renew then need to find a more permanent solution for portable toilets. Coordinated with the Ranger Districts to fund their priority work. John Lindsey submitted a proposal for vote, Arthur Smith seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve proposed funding (see attached spreadsheet).

Lane: Sheriff's work crew gave back FY15 funding which was added to FY16. All projects were fully funded and still have surplus. Certain proposals such as YCC received additional funds. Any bridges being built should be stock standard so they are user friendly for everyone. Jeff Parker submitted a proposal for vote, Francisca Leyva-Johnson seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve proposed funding (see attached spreadsheet).

Douglas: More money than project submissions so added to roads project. Jeff Parker submitted a proposal for vote, Francisca Leyva-Johnson seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve proposed funding (see attached spreadsheet).

RAC would like to meet at 9AM instead of 10AM in the future.

New Business:

1. **New Charter for RAC** signed in June which would allow them to make recommendations for fee proposals. (handed out a copy of the new charter). RAC charter will expire in June 2018.

Terry O' Rourke, Willamette Recreation Staff: There are several sites on the Willamette looking to increase fees to be competitive. There would need to be required action by the RAC after public comment period. Asking if RAC would take it on? Discussion about how it could be controversial; many were still in favor of taking on this role. Perhaps a subcommittee of the RAC would be interested in trying this out. Jenny will send out a link with the proposals and request volunteers. If they choose to do fee increases Willamette will be first then Mt Hood.

2. Jenny proposed to do a **fieldtrip next May**. Good to see project results such as restored fish passage.

Question about where did the form come from and if it can be revised? The committee made the form and yes it can be revised. Consider developing a new form if SRS renewed.

Question about when we will know about 2017 reauthorization. Probably not until next year.

Dave Schmidt closed meeting at 12:30 pm