

Salem District Resource Advisory Committee Meeting  
August 7, 2003

**Attendees:**

**RAC Members:** Dave Schmidt, Mark Luedtke, Richard Williams, Wayne Giesy, Leon Wilbanks, Sara Vickerman, Dave Hanson, Walter Cate, John Lindsey, Annabelle Jaramillo, Cliff Adams.

**BLM: Salem District:** Paul Jeske, Randy Gould, Judy Akahoshi, Rick Kneeland, Fran Philipek, Ron Exeter, Trish Hogervorst, Brad Keller, Claire Hibler, Bob Spurgeon, Cindy Engstrom

**Other:** Chuck Knoll, Benton County; Stacy Carpenter, Benton SWCD; Roger Irvin, Benton County; Eddie Huckins, Lincoln SWCD; Randy Wharton, Nestucca High School; Debra Rigaud, Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation; William Rigaud, Camp Tillamook; Tom Ortman, Trash Busters; Janet Wright, Columbia County; Jenny Van Loo, Clackamas County; Patrick Smith, Weed Partnership; Dave Sahagian, Scappoose Bay WC; Ethan Nelson, Northwest Youth Corps; JoAnne Dolan, Clackamas River Basin Council; Dennis Wise, Weed Partnership.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Schmidt at 8:45 a.m.

Introductions were made by the attendees at the meeting.

**Nomination and election of Chair and Vice-Chair.**

Mark Luedtke nominated Dave Schmidt for Chair and Sara Vickerman seconded the motion and moved to close nomination. Dave asked for discuss and an open vote was conducted. Dave was reelected as Chair by a unanimous vote.

Vice chair nominations: Dave Hanson was nominated and seconded, Annabelle Jaramillo was nominated and this was seconded. Dave Hanson said that he felt that his skills in this area were not up to Annabelle's. Comments were that on-the-job training was sufficient. Voting was conducted by a show of hands: Dave received three votes and Annabelle received eight votes. Annabelle was selected as Vice-Chair.

**Information Sharing:** Status of alternate nominations: Recommendations was sent to the BLM Oregon State Office six months ago and forwarded by them to the Washington Office, at this time it is still in Washington awaiting approval.

Dave asked if there were any other questions related to the RAC alternate status. None were voiced.

Paul Jeske gave a Power Point presentation on the progress of projects that were previously approved (see attached).

**Question:** On the Thomas Creek Variable Density Thinning, how old are the materials to be removed and how merchantable? **Answer:**

**Project Presentations were done by the following:**

Clackamas County Tom Ortman – Clackamas Co. Trash Busters  
Michael Carlson – Clackamas River Basin Council  
Ethan Nelson – Clackamas Co., NW Youth Corps

Benton County

Charles Knoll - Benton County, South Fork Alsea Road  
Stacy Carpenter – Benton SWCD Fish Passage

Tillamook County Debra Rigaud, Tillamook County SWCD -- "Tillamook Native Plant Nursery"

Randy Wharton, Nestucca High School Principal -- Nestucca Connections involvement in BLM's proposed projects "Southern Flame II" and "Nestucca Fish Habitat Restoration"

Columbia County

Dave Sahagian, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council -- "Alder Creek Fish Passage"

Dave Hill, Columbia County Road Department -- "Scappoose-Vernonia Road Overlay" and Columbia County Parks Department -- "CZ Trail Stream Crossings"

Lincoln County

Eddie Huckins – Lincoln SWCD knotweed

Multiple County

Patrick Smith – Multi county weed partnership

Tom Ortman, Clackamas County Trash Busters: Over 500 dump sites (½ pickup load or greater) have been inventoried. We have used corrections crews and local community organizations to assist with the cleanup days and have collected up to 36 cubic yards of materials in one weekend.

Future cleanup days will be scheduled. We now have a full time deputy patrolling and same person doing this and trying to work at changing habits also four additional code officers are patrolling that are authorized to issue citations with penalties up to \$3,500. There are 108 active cases and have support to follow through on 65 pending cases. We will continue community education efforts and have developed cards and materials to distribute and set up a hotline number for reporting observations of illegal dumping. Also have developed a county newsletter called Citizen News. We are working with SOLV and have developed bi-lingual signs in Spanish/English and also are doing some in Russian/English. Need to work with shooters and have identified sites and working with sports stores and Sportsman's groups to help cut down on the dumping around shooting sites.

We would like to continue the efforts from RAC funding that we received last year and have also received on-half the funding we need this year from a USFS RAC.

**Comments:** Mark Luetke: What is being done to prevent problems in Clackamas County, have heard horror stories trees used as targets for shooting falling over from all the bullets and there is too much broken glass being left that can't take horses down

trails because of this problem. Glad to see put some teeth into it but need the prevention to get it stopped otherwise just keep dumping more.

Some convictions have made it to the Hearings Office and the fines for 1<sup>st</sup> offense is \$400. Identification of dumpers have been made even from mailing labels being included in the trash being dumped. One person had bought beer in and had the beer in the car when caught and was underage. He went to jail, had his car towed and was fined \$395.

**Clackamas County:** Ethan Nelson NW Youth CORP and Bob Spurgeon BLM Seed Orchard (see attached).

Question: How many teams in Clackamas County? Answer: We plan on 45 over three years with between 15-20 kids per year. We are looking at a piece of what they do and other programs in other counties. Comment: John Lindsay said he can't believe the work they are accomplishing and the skilled work they are doing. Reply: We have set the bar high and focused on setting high to get something produced and to show kids that if they put mind their mind to it they can get something done. From the RAC we are asking for \$53,000 for this year which will give us 6 weeks of work at the BLM Horning Seed Orchard.

**Benton County:** Chuck Knoll, Senior Engineer at Benton County Public Works South Fork Alsea Road Project (see attached).

Stacy Carpenter, Benton County SWCD Fish Passage (see attached).

**Question:** Sara asked how much has Benton County spent on removing culverts and how much more do they need? **Answer:** Benton County has identified 100 culverts in 1999 that needed to be removed and so far 12 have been removed. More have been identified related to other commercial properties and private land owners. We need to develop partnerships. Randy Gould, BLM said that BLM has been working with Starker Industries and have done a lot of work together on culvert removal.

Richard said that a database is being developed for everyone by incorporating existing data from some private industries, Some reluctance to share data and overall knowledge of watersheds but most do let us know what they are doing and what they are planning and work with the adjoining landowners

Question: Mark data on inventory what about prioritization? Reply: Just working on compiling information now and then prioritization will be based on habitat. There are 3 watersheds with different characteristics and trying to make equal or make different prioritization by watershed. We would like consider this to be a clearing house for cooperative work among land owners.

**Tillamook County:**

Debra Rigaud Tillamook Soil and Water Conservation District - Tillamook Native Plant Nursery. This project was funded by the RAC before and asking for \$8760 which pays for 8 youth for 30 days a year. 10,000 trees were planted and now time to dig up and

replant trees. The work would be one day a month for weeding rest would be for the maintenance of nursery which will be done by volunteers.

John Rigaud said that this is an OR State Facility which is Camp Tillamook a transitional camp to get youth back into the community from correction agencies. About 10 a year have been transitioned some have been there 5 years or more working together with Tillamook SWCD. Do not anticipate closing due to state funding issues. This builds work ethics and helps them get jobs from this experience and also a community relationship is being build. The age group is from 16-20 average. Native Plant Cooperative Nursery is the name of group. They also do educational programs with volunteers and volunteer service community restitution.

Randy Wharton, Nestucca High School Principal, Nestucca Connections involvement in BLM's proposed projects "Southern Flame II and Nestucca Fish Habitat Restoration. Students between the ages of 9-12, in a group of 12-25 from the student population of the Nestucca High School work with BLM, USFWS, USFS, Tillamook County, State University, and sometimes farmers in the area doing soil testing and riparian work. We would do two projects if we get funding would be a priority for them. This is an alternative educational setting. Last year the Valedictorian of the school was part of the group. Also because of work on a fish structure a student who was close to dropping out of school now has a goal of being a fish biologist. The project is 90% by grants but the general fund is shrinking. This work on one portion of the Nestucca fish restoration project has had positive impacts that has improved Chinook runs to rival the runs in the 60's. The other project is working on Southern Flame which involves GPS work with teachers and crew leaders and they will gain training in ARC View. It's amazing what kids can do using new technology.

Leon said that Southern Flame project is located in the Tillamook burn area which is a 40-50 year old forests, Rick Kneeland said the intent is to create old growth habitat and looking at timber sale to work with this and use the students assist in mapping the old skid roads left from the salvage of the burn and also help map riparian areas and mark the timber sale on the ground.

### **Columbia County:**

Dave Sahagian, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, Alder Creek Fish Passage. The culvert replacement barrier correction project started two years ago. Barrier assessment was completed and we found 107 partial or complete barriers. Fish and Wildlife criteria was used for the assessment (see attached). There are 10-12 dams in the watershed and working on prioritization. See the project proposal for more details. We have had a lot of success so far, the ones in proposal are in the twenties working towards the 107. Other partners have helped to get the first 20 completed. There is a high employment rate in Columbia County and have hired local contractors and also doing outreach to Chambers, and other local groups, etc., to show communities what is being done. The Columbia County Road Dept. is also working with us and have received an additional hired experienced fish passage engineer. This is an on-the-ground ready to go project based on science based report which was circulated for review for a comprehensive assessment of fish passage barriers in the Scappoose Bay Watershed and they are in the Watershed Council Action Plan.

Janet Wright, Columbia County Road Department, Scappoose-Vernonia Road Overlay and Columbia County Parks Department, Crown Zellerbach Trail System Crossings. Working for many years on right-of-way purchases and the proposal is to work on 17 miles of trail, project working on many years and commissioners working on right-of-way purchases, also looking at ways to create jobs and get things going in the county,

The Scappoose Vernonia road overlay project is to create a better roadway from the old highway which has received a lot of damage from logging trucks tearing up the road which is a primary timber haul route. The road shows signs of distress. It is also a major emergency transportation route and travels through BLM lands. The project is to create a smooth section of roadway with less maintenance for many years both projects can be spread out over 2 years both of these projects

Mark asked what type maintenance fees does the county collect from road users? Counties do not collect fees for road use.

Dave asked which of the two projects is the highest priority for the county? Janet said that the Scappoose-Vernonia Road is the highest priority.

Money for the gaining the right-of-ways is partially available some from State Parks.

Eddie Huckins, Lincoln SWCD Knotweed Eradication, displayed a color coded map with red designating stream banks, orange for 100 year floodplain, blue along roadways, green when eradicated. Initial application looking at places that did not have a lot of streamside sites. Knotweed located on USFS lands in the Yahats area, with initial reviews, youth program created this year (ages 14-19) and gave them training. Oregon State Parks provided kayaks and training on GPS; the Natural Resources Services Council gave them hardware and ARC View software.

Eradication of Knotweed is being done by injecting or cutting and putting into the stock the herbicide. This eliminates the spread into waterways. On June 10, the biological opinion was completed.

Mark asked said if you inject one stem does it spread to the rest of the plant? Answer: No, it has to be treated stalk-by-stalk.

OSU is studying to see if Knotweed grows in estuary and salt marshes.

## **MULTI-COUNTY**

Patrick Smith, Northwest Oregon Invasive Weed Management Partnership. Working with collaborative efforts. Initial planning with local weed working groups, next year increase effort brings in more partners and action plans for on-the-ground work. Now started working on regional initiative to stop spread of Knotweed in NW Oregon. Using model focus sources of spread where initiate and eradication of small outbreaks starting this fall. Some groups have sites maps and compile and identify priority sites for treatment. Each weed group will use exiting data to pinpoint priority sites.

Received some funding from grants and have in hand \$39,000 cost share grant; OWEB is funding \$51,700 and applied 100,000 BLM cost share for FY2004. Assisting partners

in applying to state weed board for Knotweed control will begin work in Sept. 2003. We understand that State funding has not been cut, OWEB is giving this top priority and have \$1 million from the State Weed Board.

Knotweed project partnership on-the-ground weed control. Uses a landscape approach, uniquely suited to landscape level weed control and RAC support essential for regional coordination of the partners. This will be used as a model for other species in the future. The RAC support is to do the regional support for the future to get a broad based landscape approach (see Knotweed handout).

Questions:

Mark suggested do a specific project instead of a broad outlook. Answer: Patrick said in fall the 3 groups will go through prioritization process to choose projects that will show results on the-ground.

Patrick said the partnership grassroots process to develop priorities and did not take a top down approach and allow the partners a chance to align this out for specific projects and down the road a group working together for the future takes time to build.

Sara asked if anyone done anything to educate general public since these plants are also on private lands.

John Lindsey said that the Dept. of Agriculture has put out a bulletin listing the top 20 plants that are considered invasive for the public.

Dennis Wise said that the Western Oregon Weed Guide is being revised.

Sara what she was asking about is something that could go out, e.g., into utility bills as inserts to notify the public.

Even the dumpsites are spots where weeds are being spread just from this type of things being dumped.

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Joanne Dolan, Clackamas River Basin Council,

Support to complete comprehensive fish passage. Have done Clear and Foster Creeks already. Now moving into Northside Deep and Goose Creeks near Boring and Estacada area and would like to complete and move to Phase III to complete the entire watershed and to address repair issues.

Clackamas River is a highly productive fish habitat; one of last 2 runs on lower Columbia River for fall Coho and a high priority for Salmon recovery. Well placed culverts keep water cleaner and this water also supplies water sources for communities.

We have identified priorities on both private and public lands. Looked at over 160 crossings and these were on private lands and only 1 land owner would not let them look at them and the others were open to let them look at these, people really care

about the water, creek and the fish. Have been engaging private landowners and doing public outreach. We are looking at biological factors, fish, and cost factors to fix these culverts.

Synthesize data from county, USFS, BLM, Metro, ODFW and using earlier studies to identify data gaps and verify field data. This will be updated into GIS and the data will be available to others. Understanding and prioritization of barriers in entire watershed take basin and put into one document for basin-wide analysis.

- Help Clackamas basin summary and action plan.
- Inform the WRIs EDT analysis for the Willamette basin.
- Involves citizens and partnerships with State, Federal and local governments.
- Provides data that will help secure funding for priority barriers and get projects done on the ground.

Question: Sara a comment, like folks making a lot of progress on this and encouraging to see in the presentations today.

Mark asked about funding 97,000 already secured from OWEB. Answer: In kind funding which adds up to \$33,000+ donations in kind e.g., equipment, and salary.

John asked about the Watershed Council portion of Governors plan statewide. There are 100 in the State, and becoming incorporated as a 501C3 not for profit organization.

In relation to Title II and Title II we submit invoices to be reviewed at county levels.

John said he had concerns related to 502C3 entities.

Dave said they will have project oversight and giving them Government money they are required by law to do this oversight.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Dave Schmidt asked if there were any members of the public that would like to bring anything to the RAC. No response from the audience.

## **OVERHEAD COSTS**

Dave explained that in previous years there was a 12% overhead cost added to the projects for BLM. This year for the Salem RAC BLM is proposing a reduction in this overhead to 10% for BLM sponsored projects and 5% for non-BLM. On non-BLM projects this is to cover the administrative and contract preparation.

If you look at the spreadsheet, we pulled the base cost from project applications and second column has a built in overhead cost of 10% for BLM and 5% for non-BLM. The next column is the total project cost being requested to the Salem RAC.

Any questions:

Motion for discussion: Wayne moved that the recommended overhead percentages be approved; the motion was seconded by Cliff.

Question: Mark asked BLM if 10% cover contract preparation work, etc. Answer: Paul said that we will match extra to make up the difference if needed. These contract prices are estimates and depends on bids as to the final costs.

Walter reiterated that the overhead costs as far as BLM is concerned we are approving money for BLM to do the project and if hired someone to feed a steer and when fed out let him eat it simplistically and paying twice or three times for these projects. Mark said that the RAC should not pay BLM should not pay any overhead costs at all and for non-BLM the 5%.

Dave Schmidt stated other RAC overhead charges range from 5% to 15% depending on which RAC. Mt. Hood Willamette RAC has a minimum and a maximum of 12.5% or \$1,000 or whichever is less. What Salem BLM is proposing is on the conservative side.

Called for Question.

Voting on motion by a show of hands. Two opposed rest in favor. Motion passes.

## **PROJECT PROPOSAL SELECTIONS**

Next we need to decide on the process to use in determining priorities of the proposed projects.

Walter suggested that we need to determine those that were funded in the past and decide whether to continue for another year or not by each County.

Sara asked about the initial ranking and what criteria used in their initial ranking?

Wayne said he was taking the same position as last year; Counties are supplying the money and he thinks the greatest weight should be put on the county priorities and vote based on their priorities.

What about counties not represented? There should be someone here that has this information.

Paul said that BLM used a high/med/low ranking process and follow numbers down for the ones that BLM ranked from project list that was included in the binders.

Each field group used different process in analysis. The resource area employees here can describe how they did the ranking process.

Randy Gould said for Marys Peak they looked at the goals of legislature and best benefits to Federal lands and resources. They also dropped several projects that were initially submitted in the pre-proposal package.

Fran Philipek said that the Cascades Resource area was more detailed in analysis. They assembled proponents for the projects and went through as a group. Law enforcement was rated the highest priority of which we have a great need for and have seen success in the past. Dump Stompers was second and also recommended continuing projects that are being resubmitted from previous years. The new projects were rated lower and they also dropped several projects from the pre-proposal submissions.

Rick Kneeland said that the Tillamook Resource Area (Tillamook, Columbia, Yamhill, Washington Counties) brought long list of proposals to the RAC as pre-proposals and from feedback to Dana Shuford, Tillamook Field Manager, who worked with those folks to narrow down the list from preproposals which was based on interaction with county commissioners.

Sara said more solid list this time.

In the BLM ranking process, non-BLM projects were not included.

What else do we need to do to move ahead?

It was agreed upon that each RAC member would take the spreadsheet and rank each project in the following order:

Ranking	0 Lowest
	1
	2
	3
	4 Highest

Once this was done the numbers were incorporated into the spread sheet by a total value for each project to get the RACs overall ranking of the submitted projects.

Next step was to start looking at the spreadsheet with the priority ranking by county and see where to head.

Suggestion was made to look at Multi-county projects first and decide whether to fund for all counties.

The CPRC&D weed project ranked high each county and is a small dollar amount for each and was funded in the past.

Mark said put these all together this is dinging every county and also has been submitted to several RACS and adds up.

Motion was raised to vote on to approve across counties seconded for this project.

Voting on motion was conducted a raising hands. Motion failed.

From this point moved on to look at projects county-by-county.

**See the spreadsheet that shows the motions made related to county by county recommendations and the voting sheet that shows the tally results of the motions.**

**The spreadsheet shows a running total of projects approved by county and any funding to be carried over into next year.**

Below are discussion items that were addressed related to specific projects as recommendation process was conducted.

Clackamas County:

Claire Hibler was asked about the Native Seed Increase/Collection multi county projects. Some seed collection and job-in-the-woods projects also to get native plant materials and need to get on map and into data base. We have a contract to collect data to go into a GIS layer and looking at having the data entered using non-RAC funding by the end of the year.

Existing contracts related to seed increase and seed collection as multi-year with Willamette NF and Eugene BLM. Have collected native seed for restoration projects and erosion. Requesting funding to continue collection for other species and continue funding contract both on-going and new contracts the request is small part of whole need with funding coming from additional sources. The reason it is only listed for some counties is that some have identified more need than others.

Clackamas County's prioritization is in this order: dumping, law enforcement, Molalla, and the NYC.

Sara said she would like to see the native seed funded and said that if the last 3 not included she would vote against it.

Mark said he agreed with the counties recommendations listed above.

Annabelle asked if the dollar figures could be reduced on some of the projects.

John Lindsey said he was disgusted with BLM for putting in the native seed projects in again to look the same as last year that caused controversy.

Claire said that the Native Seed Network is funded under a national agreement with BLM funding and that neither of these two BLM projects have anything to do with the Native Seed Network as last year's proposal. We have used the data collections under contract and we have several seed collection contracts.

Cliff what if we do the weed and the native seed collection and not the other one since these are not one of the county priorities, even small amounts add up.

Annabelle these projects are partnerships.

Joanne Dolan said that the Molalla project could be reduced by half.

## Columbia County

Scappoose Vernonia Road and Crown Zellerback Road Stream crossing are the county priorities.

Richard asked about splitting into the CZ project road into 2 years and add the weed partnership, and fund Veronica road at \$55,000. He also asked Rick about the culvert repair on CA mainline it's a study but not work. Rick said it was the same trail and same historic route it's a design fill on BLM land and we need expertise of how to deal with the issue.

Discussion: Mark said concerned stream crossing and think most over rated and sites are set on fancy bridges and if can't do their original design they'll do nothing.

Wayne motion approve as listed for Columbia County (see spreadsheet).

Discussion: Richard if county says \$75,000 on overlay would like to propose difference goes to the BLM project breaking out may not be acceptable to the county if we cut it and the leeway to apply balance to the BLM CZ project. Rick Kneeland said that county would take partial funding.

The CZ mainline crosses BLM land near the summit. John said why not just leave it a road if it wasn't counties proposal BLM would have an answer to take it out for BLM.

See vote record.

## Lincoln County

Annabelle mad a motion to fund the Knotweed Eradication and weed partnership.  
Cliff Seconded.

See vote record and spreadsheet.

## Linn County

Mark said he had a problem with the Thomas Creek projects considering last year's dollars still hanging fire and not found the solution to make it work.

Surveys are being done and in the interdisciplinary process with public comment. This is a 2-3 process and the actual work cannot start until this process is completed.

Dave said this was not a larger request for money.

Fran this is a 3-year process and we are now doing the surveys. Next year the NEPA layout and contract preparation and is scheduled for a FY05 timber sale and it will be one or two units in a larger timber sale.

John said county priorities won't get funded if we do the bottom 3, gotta produce something for the money.

Cliff suggested the Law enforcement contract the two Thomas Creek, the weed partnership and then put the rest of the funding to the Yellowbottom Road project.

Concerns on the weed project that has been funded in the past and so far nothing showing on the ground. When do going to get started and show some accomplishment?

Patrick said that the original RAC funding was not available until Feb/March this year and are in the process of developing the partnerships and have expanded to about 30 organizations and have done outreach to stakeholders both on a regional and local level.

Working on an action plan and laying out priorities. Some grants have been approved and action starting soon with that many partners short process to get going. Dennis Wise said part of FY03 and some FY02 funding was used to get the group together to start from the ground up with a common denominator. Survey was distributed related to issues and concerns and are working to get partners to come together for a common interest to work more at a landscape scale.

Timeline is to start work on the ground this fall. Eddie said that Lincoln County is ready to go if they know they have funding and plan to start work in Sept.

Cliff said he expect allocation next year a report and see value derived from this project.

Patrick as get more buy-in and partnerships would be coming to the RAC for specific projects in the future.

If this one RAC fund in entirety we would be able to get funding from other sources and on a good tract to support and help continue to develop the partnerships and to get money for on the ground and next year solid priority invasive weed project requests.

Sara is clear division of roles of the entities such as invasive weed council and working together for no duplication.

John said between city and county have already began clearing acres of lands for blackberries, etc., and BLM/USFS is also clearing weeds on their lands and there are management structures in place already doing this type of work and asking for funding.

Annabelle had a family emergency come up and need to leave early and this would leave us without a quorum to finish making recommendations. After looking at the counties left and since they available funding was smaller amount she said if the RAC could finish in a short timeframe she would stay a few minutes longer.

Everyone agreed to try to get try to get through the rest of the counties so we would not need another meeting.

Linn County

Motion made for Linn County to leave out weed project.

Sara concerned if we leave out of this county but not out of the other counties.

Dave Hanson said that this cuts the partnership off makes no sense to piecemeal.

John said that Linn is the only county that supported it in the Hood Willamette RAC.

Motion see spread sheet.  
Seconded.

John said to add the weed project back in.

He suggested that this issue be discussed by county commissioners as a group and look at consensus counties wide when it comes back to the RAC next year. Now we have basically seeded this project for 3 years and need consensus from county commissioners and need to see concrete work done to continue.

See vote record and spreadsheet.

#### Marion County

Leon questioned the 8-3E-25.4 culvert project from last year and the ½ funding that was approved.

Fran said that this was not enough to do the project and need this years proposal to do the project otherwise, last year's money would have to come back for other consideration. We could reduce the amount.

Proposal was made to fund the weed project, the law enforcement agreement and apply the difference to the culvert project.

See vote record and spreadsheet.

#### Polk County

Motion was made to do the weed project, Beck road, the noxious weed and ½ to the native plant and carryover 1,108 to next year.

See vote record and spreadsheet.

#### Tillamook County

No one present representing Tillamook County but Rick said based on Chuck Hurliman's discussions and past meetings the county is in favor of educational projects.

See vote record and spreadsheet.

#### Washington County

Rick said that the Pottratz is a county road that accesses BLM land. Since the proposal and with discussions with the county and the private land owner our original proposal does not fit anymore. The county is interested in fixing this site and funding would indicate support from this group would help show support for this project to the county.

Pottratz was the top county priority by the county.

Sara proposed splitting the funds between both the habitat one and the Pottratz road.

Rick said the Habitat project could be started with less funding.

Dave supports Sara's proposal.

Rick said \$8-10 thousand would give a good start to the project.

Suggestion was made to put 10,000 to Tualatin and rest to Pottratz and fund the weed project.

See vote record and spreadsheet.

#### Yamhill County

Motion made to fund the weed contract and carry over the rest.

See vote record and spreadsheet.

#### Multnomah County

Motion was made to put the \$5,000 towards the youth corp. project since it was partially funded and Multnomah did not submit any projects.

See vote record and spreadsheet.

Paul asked how the meeting went and process for this year.

Comments: Package well done and the summary was great, very helpful.

The law enforcement agreements and some of projects were exactly the same proposals as in the past and need a better case of why needed.

Dump Stompers may be look at working more together with law enforcement.

Wayne said that need to meet with county commissioners or have direct input from them at the meetings.

Try to arrange meeting so that all RAC members are present with county commissioners also in attendance.

Dave Hanson asked about alternates for the categories. Now only alternates can be appointed to the RAC if a member drops out. Requests have been forwarded on to ask for approval for alternates to be able to vote if we don't have a quorum otherwise.

Next step is to forward recommendations to District Manager and send out a letter after that and start working with counties.

The RAC members are on a 3-year appointments and this is the end. Dave will contact each RAC member as to whether they are interested in continuing on.

Dave's point of view is that this is a great RAC Committee and has been working well together and BLM Staff had answers and appreciate staff and proponents to give information.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00.