

INFORMAL MINUTES

March 16, 2009

1:00 p.m.

Oval Office

PRESENT: Commissioners Leslie Lewis, Kathy George, and Mary P. Stern.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, John M. Gray, Jr., Ken Friday, Dan Linscheid, Rick Sanai, and John Krawczyk (participating via telephone at 2:00).

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Tim Stieber, Soil & Water Conservation District; Jim LeTourneux, 10036 SW Gopher Valley Rd, Sheridan; Vern Holm, 3960 NE Riverside Loop, McMinnville; and Rick Kneeland, Bureau of Land Management (participating via telephone).

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order.

Title 2 Projects - Tim Stieber discussed two project proposals (see Exhibit A) and stated that the Miller Woods Native Plant Partnership Nursery is the higher priority of the two because of all the damage that has happened there. He said that the Baker Creek Fish Habitat project would need to be done all at once, but the Miller Woods project could get by with partial funding.

Vern Holm, Partnership Coordinator for the Northwest Weed Management Partnership (NWMP), distributed a pamphlet about NWMP and a list of its current Cooperative Weed Management Area partners. He stated that the partnership is currently funded only by grants and awards and the goal is to promote weed control partner projects throughout Oregon.

Rick Kneeland, Bureau of Land Management, explained that there is just over \$60,000 in 2008 funding (available to use in the 2009 federal fiscal year) and about \$54,000 in 2009 funding (available to use in the 2010 federal fiscal year). He said that the Salem Area Resource Advisory Committee has asked for a complete priority ranking from BLM for all proposals, so BLM is asking each of the counties for input. He reviewed the priority ranking for BLM-sponsored projects.

After further discussion, the Board agreed to the following priority rankings:

<u>2008 Funding</u>	<u>2009 Funding</u>	<u>2008/2009 Combined Funding</u>
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
Native Plant Nursery	Native Plant Nursery	Native Plant Nursery
NW Weed Management	Baker Creek Fish Habitat	NW Weed Management
Fish Paving	NW Weed Management	Baker Creek Fish Habitat
Clean Forest	Clean Forest	Fish Paving
Canada Creek	Yamhill Basin Fish Passage	Clean Forest
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* Road Vacation - Approve Public Works Docket RV-1-09, a request to vacate a portion of Forest Drive in the Cove Orchard Subdivision, petitioners Alisa & Michael Russo and James & Carol Foley, no hearing necessary under ORS 368.351.

Public Hearing - Ken Friday, Rick Sanai, Kathy, and Leslie discussed procedures for the upcoming land use hearing about the Riverbend Landfill expansion. Rick strongly advised the Board to conclude all public testimony on March 19 and reconvene on March 25 for rebuttal only.

* Personnel - Leslie presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details. The Board agreed to have Bill Gille send out a notice of intent to award the contract for the Quarry Road embankment failure repair to GVS Contracting, Inc.

* Budget - Authorize the following transfer of appropriation authority and funds for reimbursement of trial expenses in the District Attorney's Office:

From	10-92-301.01	Contingency	\$15,000
To	10-18-695.03	Trials & Appeals	\$15,000

* Committees - Approve the appointment of Jessica Whitfield to the Mental Health Advisory Board for a two-year term to expire May 30, 2011.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jola Fuentes from the Mental Health Advisory Board.

Letter of Support - The Board agreed to sign a letter to be written by Leslie in support of the City of Dayton's application for the Oregon Main Street Program.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary

Project Name: Native Plant Partnership Nursery

Total Request: \$13,400 For FY 08
\$19,450 For FY 09

Location: Miller Woods Property, 15580 NW Orchard View Road

Purpose: Support Yamhill SWCD and Yamhill Basin Council in their efforts to utilize native plants and local genetics in restoration projects throughout the county.

Goals

- 1) Provides containerized plants as needed for fall planting,
- 2) Provide alternatives to round, flat bottomed potted plants for restoration projects,
- 3) Provide a plant holding area for YBC and YSWCD programs,
- 4) Provide a wetland plants production area suited to wapato, willows, sedges, etc.
- 5) Provide area to store and propagate seed collected from project site,
- 6) Supports a native plant intern that will coordinate volunteer activities.

Yamhill SWCD has a long history of working with native plants and working with local partners such as the Yamhill Basin Council. Most restoration projects and conservation efforts undertaken by the district involve use of native plant materials. Having a supply of plant materials available year round allows staff to replace plants lost on projects and allows them to conduct plantings in the fall when bare root stock is not available.

Grant funds would allow replacement of Miller Woods greenhouse that was destroyed in the Winter 2008/09 storm. Funds would also allow construction of a shade area and potting area that would be used by volunteers when conducting work on the site. Grant funds would support an intern that would work with Yamhill SWCD and YBC staff on maintaining the nursery. This would be a great local training opportunity.



Deep T-Pots



Greenhouse Flattened in 08/09 Storm

Project Name: Baker Creek Fish Habitat

Total Request: \$ 22,200

Location: Buckingham Property, 16679 Baker Cr. Rd. McMinnville, OR 97128

Purpose: Obtain building materials needed to complete eight bank stabilization structures along a reach of Baker Creek that has bank erosion problems.

Goals

- 1) Secure 25 logs with root wads of needed length and diameter and 40 additional logs without root wads. Logs will be transported to the site and stored until construction.
- 2) Trees will serve as match funds for an OWEB restoration project which will be completed by Yamhill SWCD.
- 3) The logs will be used to complete eight bank stabilization structures along about ½ mile of Baker Creek.

Four landowners (Buckingham, Dalebout, Danielson, Comeau) requested assistance from YSWCD because bank erosion was threatening to wash out an access bridge across Baker Creek that serves four homes. The district evaluated the problem and proposed a solution that would involve engineering bank stabilization structures that would solve the bank erosion threatening the bridge and provide fish habitat. An added benefit of installing these structures is that the stream will stop migrating toward Baker Creek Road. The most vulnerable portions of the project have been enrolled in CREP and trees planted to stabilize the area between the road and the stream over time.



Eroding bank with county road in background



Recently planted riparian buffer