

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
MARCH 25, 2014**



The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
<u>MPO Policy Committee</u>		
Dan Bunn for Al Densmore	City of Medford	282-1415
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Bill Cecil	Talent	535-1566
John Vial for Don Skundrick	Jackson County	774-6118
Bruce Sophie	City of Phoenix	535-1634
Rich Rosenthal	City of Ashland	941-1494
Ruth Jenks	City of Eagle Point	941-8537

Staff

Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Jonathan David	RVCOG	
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

Others Present

8 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda -

Chairman Mike Quilty called the meeting to order at 2:0 p.m.

2. Review / Approve Minutes -

Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February meeting minutes. John Vial represented Don Skundrick and Bunny Lincoln called out the change of the word “now” to “not” in Eagle Point’s East Main – Stevens Road project.

On a motion by Rich Rosenthal and seconded by John Vial the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

3. Public Comment -

None.

Action Items:

4. Discretionary Funding Project Selection –

Jonathan David presented the funding list, and acknowledged the good job done by the TAC and PAC in reviewing the requested funding and making recommendations to the Policy Committee.

Eagle Point and Ashland reduced their funding requests in order to remove the funding shortfalls.

The actual hybrid cost was questioned. Jonathan David said there is no way to know the cost right now.

Art Anderson said, in light of some dissent on the part of the MRMPO, he would be in favor of funding the entire hybrid purchase. Jonathan David said the MRMPO was responding by email as to whether they agreed with participating in the purchase. Mike Baker commented that ordering the vehicle now, outside of any MRMPO participation, would allow the purchase to move ahead. Art Anderson said that the issue was all about supporting Staff, and that any dissention was unwarranted.

On a motion by Jon Vial and seconded by Art Anderson, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Discretionary Funding Project List as presented, less \$12,957 (for the hybrid purchase) subtracted from Eagle Point's project as a friendly amendment made by Ruth Jenks. When available, Eagle Point will be reimbursed for the \$12,957 amount.

5. RVMPO Letter of Support (RVTD)

Jonathan David presented a draft letter of support to the Committee for a grant application to replace RVTD ten (10) CNG busses through the Federal Transit Administration.

Mike Montero and John Vial spoke about current and future CNG distribution facilities in the County. Mike Quilty shared information that Medford and JACO are already ordering vehicles with alternative fuel retrofitting capabilities.

On a motion by Bruce Sophie and seconded by Rich Rosenthal, the Committee unanimously approved the letter of support.

6. RVMPO Planning Update –

Jonathan thanked the Committee for their cooperation and support with the Discretionary Funding approval process.

Announcement: April 10th – RVCOG Rogue Basin Drought Seminar

7. Public Comment

Mike Montero commented on his frustration with the issues surrounding the hybrid purchase, and the lack of MRMPO cooperation with it. Art Anderson stated that the MRMPO had gone to the OTC meeting to request the formation of a Josephine County ACT. The OTC did not agree with the request, and Mr. Anderson said that he spoke with the contingent about finding a way to

Mike Quilty said that the airport has some grant funding coming in, and that the Blue Sky Solar Project had its formal opening ceremonies. He also outlined some of the future State meetings coming up in the near future

8. Other Business / Local Business

Mr. Sophie suggested the concept of the RVMPO and MRMPO meeting together occasionally to discuss mutual concerns and opportunities to improve regional transportation.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.