

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council
January 21, 2014**



The following attended:

MPO Public Advisory Council

Aaron Prunty, Chairman	Eagle Point	864-9868
Al Willstatter	Mass Transit	482-2807
David Lewin,	Phoenix	512-0436
Eric Heesacker	Talent	455-7138
Glen Anderson	East Medford	770-6577
Kay Harrison	Central	664-1066
Mark Earnest	Jacksonville	899-8080
Mike Montero	Central Point	779-0771
Mike Stitt, Vice Chairman	Phoenix	535-2504
Thad Keays	Talent	774-8273

Staff

Jonathan David	RVCOG	423-1338
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

Others Present

Ron Holthusen, David Chapman

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review Agenda -

Chair Kay Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Jonathan David was introduced as the new RVCOG Program Planning Manager, and shared some of his educational and professional background. Bunny Lincoln, retired Eagle Point Principle Planner, was introduced as the new RVCOG contract recorder. Others in attendance introduced themselves and shared their credentials and interest in public/civic participation.

2. Review/Approve Minutes -

Harrison asked if there were any changes or additions to the September meeting minutes. A discussion ensued regarding several agenda items, but no minutes' revisions were stipulated:

- The need for public notice ads for the PAC meetings
- Validity of the vote on the draft Bylaws

On a motion by Mike Stitt and seconded by Al Willstatter the Council unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

3. Public Comment -

None received.

4. Election of Chair & Vice Chair -

Chairman –

Mike Stitt, Thad Keys, and David Lewin declined nominations for Chairman.

On a motion by Mike Stitt, seconded by Glen Anderson, the Council unanimously elected Aaron Prunty as 2014 Chairman. Subsequent to the voice vote, Mike Montero closed the nominations.

Vice Chairman –

On a motion by Glen Anderson, seconded by Mike Montero, the Council unanimously elected Mike Stitt as 2014 Vice Chairman. Subsequent to the voice vote, Glen Anderson closed the nominations with a second by Kay Harrison. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. RVMPO PAC Member Applications -

Members discussed various technicalities surrounding the applications of Aaron Prunty – Eagle Point, Ron Holthusen – Jacksonville, and Dave Chapman – Ashland for affirmative recommendation to the Policy Committee. Mark Earnest said that he would like to move from representing Jacksonville, to serving the low income interest group on the Council, thereby allowing Ron Holthusen to represent Jacksonville. Mike Stitt said that he would be submitting his application for PAC reappointment next month.

Prior to the Council reaching a positive consensus on this matter, a motion was made, and then withdrawn, to submit recommendations to the Policy Committee a later date.

Mike Stitt made a motion, seconded by Mike Montero, to submit the three PAC applications to the Policy Committee with an affirmative recommendation for appointment. The motion also included having Mark Earnest reassigned to representation of the MPO's low income population. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Newly elected Chairman, Aaron Prunty, was congratulated by the Council and assumed leadership of the meeting.

6. RVMPO Public Advisory Council Bylaws -

In addition to reviewing the submitted text changes and making several grammatical changes, the Council made the following substantive revisions to the Bylaws. **(See Attachment 1.):**

- Article II Section 1. (a.) - ~~Communicate with, and~~ Represent the interests...
- Article IV Section 3. (b.) - A quorum shall exist when a majority of **current** members is present.
- Article IV Section 3. (c.) - ...shall be by voice vote, and be decided by a simple majority of members present. **Sentence providing for a "Supermajority" vote was deleted.** The ayes and nays shall be entered in the minutes of such meeting...
- Article V Section 3. (a.) - **The Chair shall preside over the meeting.**
- Article V Section 3. (c.) - **In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall perform all the duties of the Chair.**

On a motion made by Mike Montero, and seconded by David Lewin, the Bylaws were approved, as amended, for submittal to the Policy Committee with a recommendation for approval. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

7. MPO Planning Update –

Jonathan David shared that thirteen (13) applications, totalling \$15.7 million, had been received for discretionary Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding. He further stated that available funding fell \$5 million short of the proposed project costs, and that the matter would be assessed by the TAC, prior to sending it to the Policy Committee. It is anticipated that the entire set of applications will come before the PAC at its March meeting. Mike Montero spoke to the need for more timely/expeditious provision of this type of documents to the various review bodies. Mr. David assured the Council that the complete list of applications would be made available to the members by the end of the week.

8. Other Business -

Mike Montero spoke about the “Oregon Transportation Options” Plan being worked on by the Transportation Committee, and provided copies of a Nelson\Nygaard memorandum outlining a summary of key issues and opportunities by goal area. (**Attachment #2.**) He explained that the “options” are not related/tied to available funding sources, but, rather, are based upon analysis of anticipated future transportation needs, issues to be faced and potential opportunities for innovative and creative solutions to those needs.

9. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014, in the RVCOG conference room, at 5:30PM

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Prunty at 7:07 p.m.