

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2017

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Tardif.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

BLM PROJECT UPDATE & TITLE II & III DISCUSSION:

Jose Linares, Karen Schank, and David Howell, BLM representatives, attended to present an update on BLM information. Jan Greenhalgh first wanted to ask for some clarification on Title II and Title III processes. Jose explained that Title II was not funded this year, so there are no dollars available at this time. Should that funding become available, notice for applications will be send out to Rocky McVay and counties.

With regards to Title III, Jan explained that the full process was followed with one application received from the County Parks Department to purchase some equipment. Because some concerns were raised about this project meeting the criteria, nothing has moved forward. Jose stated that BLM is not a purchasing agent, and those Title III dollars are the counties' to spend. David Howell, left the meeting to contact BLM to get a definitive answer on if the project just discussed meets the criteria. Upon returning to the meeting, he shared his discussion with the State Office and was informed that this project appears to meet the criteria. At this point, it was suggested that the County just move forward with the purchase.

Jose and Karen then gave an update on BLM projects.

- Comments on the NW Oregon Resource Advisory Committee meeting held in July 2017 and the upcoming October meeting, where the focus will be to review recreation fee proposals. The nomination package for the RAC is still being reviewed. Five recommended applicants, including one reappointment, were submitted to fill the five positions that became vacant on August 3, 2017.
- Western Oregon Resource Management Plans. On August 5, 2016, the BLM signed the Records of Decision (RODs) for the Resource Management Plans of Western Oregon. The completion of the RODs marks the end of a 4 year effort by the BLM to use new science, policies and technology to protect natural resources and support local communities.
- Timber Harvest Vandalism. The Tillamook Field Office has sold and administered a number of timber sale contracts over the past several years in Columbia County. The purchasers of those sales are primarily operating in the Dutch Canyon area and have experienced a considerable amount of vandalism annually during their operations. This includes theft of cable and logging related rigging, broken windows, equipment driven off the road, equipment shot with hi-

There was no Executive Session held.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 20th day of September, 2017.

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By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner