

**Multnomah and Washington County Regional Investment Board (RIB)  
Meeting Summary, March 6, 2003  
Portland State University, Urban Center, Room 270, Portland**

Judson Randall convened the meeting at 12:15 pm.

The following RIB members attended: Betty Atteberry, Bud Caverly, Bertha Ferran, Edwin Golobay, Roy Jay, Doug Marshall, Jack Orchard, Judson Randall, Maria Rojo de Steffey, Bob Terry, Janet Young.

Not attending: Paul Ip.

**State Update**

Laila Cully (Oregon Economic and Community Development Department) reported that the 01-03 budget (SB 5548) included no further cuts to this program. However, the current version of the 03-05 budget contains an approximately 30% cut to this program. She also reported that unexpended funds returned to the Board from 99-01 projects (approximately \$5,000) were to revert to the state.

**01-03 Project Updates**

Ethan Seltzer reported on a conversation with Linda Netherton (Housing Development Corporation of Washington County) regarding the farm worker housing project. Site acquisition continues to be a problem and they will be returning funds to the Board. Formal written notice will be forthcoming.

The Board received a letter from the Oregon Creative Services Alliance (OCSA) relinquishing the funding that they had received. Due to economic conditions their staff was laid off and they are unable to complete the project. The Board heard from representatives of the Portland Advertising Federation, Brooks Gilley and Scott Nowak, who were partners in the original OCSA application. They requested that the Board allow them to take up the project. Board members raised a number of questions. These included concerns with the timeline for the project, and the participation of partners and matching support from the original OCSA application. On a motion by Roy Jay, seconded by Bertha Ferran, the Board unanimously decided that the funds originally allocated to the OCSA project should be reallocated to other projects.

On a further motion by Roy Jay, seconded by Bob Terry, the Board unanimously agreed to use all unallocated funds, returned monies and interest earnings to restore previous project and administrative cuts. This would take place in an “across the board” fashion, up to but not exceeding the Board’s original allocations.

**99-01 and 01-03 Project Reporting**

Mike Ogan (Portland Development Commission) reported progress on all projects except those noted above. Problems noted were related to paperwork and process with other regional partners in multiregion projects.

**Public Comment**

Gale Castillo (Metropolitan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce), Harold Williams (CH2A and Associates) and John Haynes (Mercy Corps) reported to the Board on the outcomes from their projects.

Chairman Randall closed the meeting at 2:15 pm.