

**Multnomah and Washington County Regional Investment Board (RIB)
Meeting Summary, November 18, 2002
Portland State University, Urban Center, Room 710, Portland**

Judson Randall convened the meeting at 12 pm.

The following RIB members attended: Betty Atteberry, Bertha Ferran, Edwin Golobay, Paul Ip, Roy Jay, Doug Marshall, Judson Randall, Maria Rojo de Steffey, Janet Young.

Not attending: Bud Caverly, Jack Orchard, Bob Terry.

Administrative Matters

The Board received a letter from the Portland Development Commission (PDC) stating that the PDC wants to end its role as the Board's fiscal agent. Ellisa Gertler and Shelly Bird with the PDC promised speedy completion of the current contracting process and a willingness to work with the counties through any transition. Duke Shepard with Multnomah County and Ethan Seltzer on behalf of Gerald Kubiak from Washington County noted that both county governments are aware of the issue and were confident that steps can be taken to allow the Board to smoothly continue its work.

Revised Project Allocations in Response to 01-03 State Budget Cuts

On a motion from Roy Jay, seconded by Bertha Ferran, the Board unanimously agreed that projects would be cut 10.45% across the Board to make up for the shortfall in state funds. The sponsors of the motion accepted an amendment offered by Janet Young to make one exception, "pooling" two projects sponsored by the Banks Chamber of Commerce at the request of the applicants who wanted all of their cuts to fall on one of their two funded projects.

Public Comment

Gale Castillo noted the positive experience her organization had working with a PDC subcontractor during the 99-01 process.

Harold Williams thanked the Board for its work.

Julie Wyckoff-Byers asked the Board to address the possibility of further shortfalls in January if the state budget is again in deficit. It was the consensus of the Board that a letter should be sent to the Oregon Economic Community Development Commission noting the program's progress and the commitment of the 01-03 grantees and asking that the program be spared further cuts.

Chairman Randall closed the meeting at 1 pm.