

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lane Community College
Building #19, Room 102
4000 East 30th Avenue
Eugene

January 23, 2003 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Director Jerry Miller (Lane ESD), Chair
 Councilor Dwight Coon (Junction City)
 Councilor Bonnie Bettman (Eugene)
 Mayor Mike Dean (Coburg)
 Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)
 Director Alan Laisure (School District 52)
 Commissioner Patrick Lanning (EWEB)
 Director Chris Pryor (School District 4J)

Director Dennis Shine (LCC)
 Director Helen Wagner (Willamalane)
 Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
 Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)
 Director Sandi Young (Siuslaw Public Library)
 Director Georgia Varozza (Fern Ridge Library District)

Absent

Mayor Tim Brooker (Veneta)
 Mayor Alan Burns (Florence)
 Commissioner Bill Dwyer (Lane County)
 Commissioner Richard Eymann (EPUD)
 Director Al King (School District 19)
 Mayor Sid Leiken (Springfield)
 Commissioner Anna Morrison (Lane County)
 Councilor Robert Petersdorf (Dunes City)

Mayor Ron Petitti (Creswell)
 Mayor Diana Tonkin (Westfir)
 Councilor Rob Ward (Dunes City)
 Commissioner Lynette Wikstrom-Smith
 (Port of Siuslaw)
 Director Dick Whitmore (Western Lane Ambulance District)
 Representative from School District 68

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Herb Ball, Jack Minter, Jane Scheidecker, Jim Lindly

LCOG STAFF

George Kloepfel, Jamon Kent, Janet Minter, Ted Stevens, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool

Lane Community College (LCC) Interim Executive Director of Business, Workforce Development and Extended Learning, Jane Scheidecker, welcomed the Board and introduced members of her staff who were present. She distributed copies of a list of contacts to arrange meeting and

catering services at the College. She made a presentation that emphasized the use of LCC as a training place for the community and she noted that the facility and its services belonged to the community.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairperson Jerry Miller called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 7:10 p.m.

LCOG staff Janet Minter called the roll of members. LCOG Executive Director George Kloeppe stated that a quorum was present.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairperson Miller noted that the Consent Calendar contained approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2002, meeting of the Board.

MOTION: *Director Chris Pryor moved, seconded by Commissioner Patrick Lanning, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was adopted unanimously, 13:0.*

COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Director of the LCC Business Development Center and Contract Training Jim Lindly distributed copies of material entitled “Providing Customized Training & Development Services” and “Winter 2003 Schedule.” He explained the function, purpose, and operation of the Center.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Miller stated that no meeting of the Executive Committee had been held in December. He recognized Lane Community College and the City of Cottage Grove as member governments having representatives at all meetings of the Board of Directors in 2002.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloeppe welcomed new member government representatives on the Board. He referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Comments from the Executive Director” and reviewed information it contained, as follows:

- The February 27 Board meeting will be in Eugene’s new Public Library.
- The Annual LCOG Appreciation Dinner was well attended. Additional copies of “Lane Council of Governments Overview” and the 2002 Annual Report on Compact Disk are available. Give feedback for improvement.
- Fern Ridge Library District is the twenty-sixth LCOG member agency and will share a vote with the Siuslaw Library District at Board Meetings.
- The Southern Willamette Services Corporation has been revived and elected three new Board of Director members and new corporate officers.
- LCOG has received a grant from the State Department of Environmental Quality for an Upper Willamette Groundwater Quality and Land Use Project. It will focus on outreach and facilitating agreements about changes in land use practices.
- There will be a Western Council of Governments Conference in Oregon August 19-22, 2003. It will be for local government officials serving on regional councils.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

None.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

None.

11. ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

A. Appointment of 2003 Executive Committee

Chairperson Miller announced his appointment of Florence Mayor Alan Burns, Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken, Lane County Commissioner Anna Morrison, and Cottage

Grove Mayor Gary Williams to serve with him and Vice Chairperson Lowell Mayor Warren Weathers as the 2003 Executive Committee.

MOTION: *Director Pryor moved, seconded by Mayor Don Hampton, to confirm the appointments to the Executive Committee proposed by Chairperson Miller. The motion was adopted unanimously, 13:0.*

MEMBER AGENCY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloeppel referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Advisory Council Reports” and reviewed information it contained about January meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Disability Services Advisory Council, and Senior Services Advisory Council. He noted particularly the new officers of the MPC, Commissioner Dwyer, chair, and Councilor Bettman, vice chair.

13. REPORTS OF STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

None.

14. REPORTS OF MEMBER AGENCIES

Director Dennis Shine reported that the Lane Community College School Board had formed a new Citizens Advisory Committee.

Director Pryor reported that Eugene School District 4J was developing plans for budget reductions whether voters approved or did not approve Ballot Measure 28 authorizing a temporary increase in State income taxes. He said contracting services to outside providers was a cost saving measure being investigated. He reported that bond measures to construct new schools were being spent. He said citizens were involved in building concept and design planning. He described work underway on reconstruction of a damaged gymnasium at Kelly Middle School.

Director Alan Laisure reported that Bethel School District 52 was also facing budget cuts whether Ballot Measure 28 was approved or not. He said study of high school enrollment had begun because of the current large population in lower grades. He said all options were being considered – constructing a new school, expanding the facilities of an existing school, and making other changes. He said the district’s search for a new superintendent was continuing.

Director Helen Wagner reported that two new members had been appointed to the Williamalane Park District Board of Directors. She said Greg James would represent the district on the LCOG Board. She said a Skate Park was under construction, labor negotiations would soon take place, and an update of the District Comprehensive Plan had begun.

Director Sandi Young reported that the Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors was engaged in goal setting, budget preparation, and creating five-and ten-year development plans.

Councilor Bonnie Bettman stated that she had been appointed alternate representative to the LCOG Board for the City of Eugene. She said interviews would be held in the first week of February to fill the position of City Manager. She reported that budget cuts of \$1.8 million were being planned and described the program prioritization process being used. She said it might be possible that some City services would be eliminated.

Mayor Don Hampton reported that while speaking to a high school government class in Oakridge, he had said he wanted the city to be known for “fun, fun, fun.” He described a newly organized weekly Mountain Market Fair, construction of a City Band Stand with an Oregon Arts Commission grant, and an August Outdoor Sports Exposition. He said a new economic development director had been hired and visitor maps were being reprinted. He said there were two new members of the City Council. He invited suggestions of activities to be included with the September LCOG Board meeting to be held in Oakridge.

Mayor Gary Williams said construction of the new high school in Cottage Grove would be completed in time for occupancy in September and that the new Peace Health Hospital would be operational at the same time. He reported that the City Council was considering enacting a municipal gas tax to provide resources for street repairs and that it had held a Town Hall Meeting regarding a needed new water system. He said the Cottage Grove Recreation Association had held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new park.

Commissioner Patrick Lanning reported that Eugene Water & Electric Board was studying impacts of the stated desire of the current federal executive branch to make electricity generated by Bonneville Power Administration available to the entire country. He said a previously reported intent to eliminate current surcharge rates within two years would not likely be possible because of the low winter snow pack. He said the utility had chosen not to do billing processes for a newly imposed Eugene road fee.

Councilor Dwight Coon stated that his two years as a City Councilor in Junction City made him be its most senior member. He reported that donated military reserve construction might provide an upgrade of the City animal control facility. He said reconstruction of the City’s main street by the Oregon Department of Transportation would be completed by July.

Mayor Mike Dean said the Coburg Periodic Review was suggesting that the city would grow three-fold in the near future. He reported that a State grant was providing assistance for an upgrade of development and construction codes, that installation of the first sewer system and wastewater treatment plan had begun, and that improvements in the municipal water system were taking place. He said a Ford Foundation grant was being pursued to improve the local school and that there were two unfilled positions on the City Council.

Mayor Weathers reported that Lowell was improving its infrastructure with new sidewalk construction and traffic calming devices. He said a new City Administrator had been recently hired.

Director Georgia Varozza said the Fern Ridge Library District was pleased to have become a new member of LCOG. She described the composition of the District's Board of Directors and its financial difficulties. She invited members to tour its excellent facility in Veneta. Fred Welding added that the District was participating in the efforts of the Lane Library League to expand services in rural areas. He reported that library shelving and equipment had been donated to the district by the Eugene City Library.

Chairperson Miller reported that Lane Education District would soon conduct interviews of candidates in its search for a new superintendent. He said major budget cuts for the District were being planned to compensate for resource reductions anticipated if Ballot Measure 28 is not approved by voters. He announced that the District was co-sponsoring a Legislative Delegation Breakfast with School District 4J on January 25. He invited all members to attend.

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A. Public Safety Coordinating Council Accomplishments 1995-2002

LCOG staff Jamon Kent distributed a document entitled "Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council: Summary of Accomplishments 1995-2002" and reviewed information it contained regarding the development, purpose, membership, and operation of the Council. He highlighted its accomplishments, as follows:

- Successfully obtained \$9.2 million of Senate Bill 1145 construction funds to build an addition to the Jail and Community Corrections Center
- Planned and implemented transition of adult parole and probation services from state to local control
- Became the advisory board for allocation of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds and Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant funds
- Commissioned reports examining issues related to converting Area Information Records System from mainframe to client/server technology
- Administers \$1.5 million of Juvenile Crime Prevention funds per year and \$200,000 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant funds per year to prevent delinquency and other high risk youth behaviors
- Developed a Back-channel Administrators Team Phone Card for school superintendents to use to move quickly through official channels when necessary to avert or address potential school violence
- Developed a Community crisis Protocol, a tool for schools

- Wrote and obtained grants totaling nearly \$23 million for member agencies

Mr. Kent reviewed the status of specific tasks assigned to LCOG by the Council through a 2001 Intergovernmental Agreement, described the results of LCOG staff conducting national research about the impacts of consolidation of law enforcement agencies, and identified continuing activities underway.

16. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

A. Cuts to Senior and Disabled Services

LCOG Staff Ted Stevens referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Update on Service Cuts to S&DS Clients due to Oregon’s Budget Crisis” and reviewed information it contained regarding impacts resulting from the failure of Ballot Measure 28 to be approved by voters.

17. ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

A. Second Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Second Quarter (Mid-Year) Financial Report” and reviewed information it contained about LCOG revenue and expenditures for July through December 2002. He said a revised budget would be submitted to the Board in the spring that would reflect “contractions” to be required.

B. Public Officials Training Session

Mr. Kloeppe reported that the LCOG Legal Counsel was offering its biyearly training session for elected and appointed public officials in Lane County. He said the free two-hour program would include discussion of officials’ standards and practices, ethics requirements, and Oregon public meeting statutes. He said LCOG was facilitating arrangements and invitations for the meeting to be held February 13.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)