

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kalapuya Alternative High School
1200 N. Terry
Eugene

December 9, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Director Jerry Miller (Lane ESD), Chair	Commissioner Patrick Lanning (EWEB)
Mayor Sue Bond (Oakridge)	Commission Anna Morrison (Lane County)
Director Patti Chappel (EPUD)	Director Dennis Shine (LCC)
Director Greg James (Willamalane)	Mayor Jim Torrey (City of Eugene)
Director Al King (School District 19)	Mayor Judy Volta (City of Coburg)
Director Alan Laisure (School District 52)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)

Absent

Creswell Representative	Westfir Representative
Dunes City Representative	School District 4J (Eugene) Representative
Florence Representative	School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative
Junction City Representative	Port of Siuslaw Representative
Lowell Representative	Western Lane Ambulance Representative
Springfield Representative	Fern Ridge Library Representative
Veneta Representative	Siuslaw Library Representative

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

State Representative Terry Beyer; State Representative Bruce Hanna; and Chris Mattson, State Representative Bob Ackerman's staff.

GUESTS

Forrest Arnold, Jones & Roth; and Fred Crisman, Kalapuya Alternative High School Principal.

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool, Ted Stevens, Jamon Kent, Tom Schwetz, and Ann Mortenson.

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 7:09 p.m.

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

School Board Member Alan Laisure welcomed members of the Board to School District 52. He introduced Kalapuya Alternative High School Principal Fred Crisman.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Miller referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Report of the Executive Committee” and noted that it contained notes from Executive Committee meetings held on October 21 and November 18. He determined that members of the Executive Committee did not wish to expand on the reports.

5. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Advisory Council Reports” and noted it contained reports of meetings, as follows:

- ♦ Metropolitan Policy Committee – October 14 and November 18
- ♦ Senior Services Advisory Council – October 12
- ♦ Disability Services Advisory Council – November 12
- ♦ Lane Economic Committee – October 18 and November 15

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Comments from the Executive Director” and noted it contained information, as follows:

- ♦ Board Meeting Schedule – Hosts needed for February, April and September
- ♦ Fundraisers at Mazzi’s and Down to Earth for Meals on Wheels
- ♦ Public Official Training in February
- ♦ LCOG Appreciation Dinner – January 27, 2005 – invitations attached
- ♦ United Way Certification of LCOG Programs

Director King of Springfield School District 19 and Director Chappel of EPUD, offered to host the February 24 and April 28 board meetings, respectively.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. REPORT OF MPO

Mayor Torrey referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Annual Report on MPO Activities” and emphasized how vital an MPO is to local governments. He stated that the Central Lane MPO has acted on ideas that are in the best interest of this area. He went on to say that we need to think regionally and move projects forward. Mayor Torrey emphasized the MPO’s work on the Freight Route Designation and developing a broad-based representation through its newly formed Citizen Advisory Committee.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Miller noted that the Consent Agenda contained items, as follows:

- a. Approval of minutes of September 30, 2004, Board of Directors meeting
- b. First Quarter (July-Sept) Financial Report
- c. Member Dues Schedule for FY2005-06
- d. Resolution Authorizing Work Plan for EDA-funded RLF
- e. Senior Meals Advisory Committee Appointments

Board Member Al King moved, seconded by Director Laisure, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES ITEMS

A. February Board Topic – Public Infrastructure

Technology Services Director Byron Vanderpool referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “February Board Discussion Topic – Public Infrastructure,” which solicited suggestions from board members regarding specific issues within the major topic of public infrastructure to discuss at the February 2005 board meeting. Board members were invited to contact Byron with any recommendations.

11. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES ITEMS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

A. Report of Nominating Committee and Election

Mr. Kloeppe made the report on behalf of the nominating committee. The committee nominated Gary Williams to serve as Chair and Patrick Lanning to serve as Vice Chair.

Mayor Torrey moved, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to nominate Gary Williams as Chair and Patrick Lanning as Vice Chair. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Board Member Shine moved, seconded by Mayor Volta, to close the nominations and to elect Gary Williams as Chair and Patrick Lanning as Vice Chair. The motion was adopted unanimously.

B. Appointments to Executive Committee

Chair-elect Williams presented Jerry Miller with a plaque noting the LCOG Board's appreciation for his years of service. Jerry extended his thanks to the agency and the Board for allowing him the opportunity to serve.

Chair-elect Williams offered the following names for appointment to the Executive Committee in 2005:

Anna Morrison – West Lane
Warren Weathers – East Lane
Alan Laisure – School Board
Greg James – Parks & Recreation

Vice Chair-elect Lanning expressed support for the appointments.

Mayor Torrey moved, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to confirm the four appointments as offered to serve on the Executive Committee along with the Chair and Vice Chair. The motion was adopted unanimously.

C. Annual Financial Statements & Audit Report for FY2003-04

LCOG's auditor, Forrest Arnold, of Jones & Roth presented the document entitled "Annual Financial Statements & Audit Report for FY2003-04". He praised LCOG staff for their excellent organization. He stated that there were no findings in the areas of Internal Control, Laws and Regulations, and Compliance for Major Programs.

Mr. Kloeppe asked board members to refer to page 52 of the report as a quick reference to LCOG's financial standing at the end of the past fiscal year. Chairperson Miller stated that the Executive Committee recommends approval of the financial statements.

Director James moved, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to accept and authorize submission of the FY2003-2004 report. The motion was adopted unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Kloeppel noted the information items included in the board packets entitled, "FY 2005-06 Budget Assumptions and Process", "Lane Economic Committee Appointments", and "Loan Administration Committee Appointments".

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

16. LEGISLATIVE DIALOGUE

Board members stated their hopes for the 2005 legislative session:

Commissioner Morrison (Lane County) stated that the Association of Oregon Counties has already expressed their vision to Senators Walker and Morrisette.

Board Member Laisure (SD 52) requested information on how to convey the message to get more funding for education.

Director James (Willamalane) recommended protection on forest lands. Mr. James asked if the legislators anticipate any action regarding the Federal Forest Legacy Program; and if so, when would this action take place.

Board Member King (SD 19) requested feedback regarding the \$5.3 billion service level (flat or decreased rate); and recommended that the State change from their current fiscal year to a calendar fiscal year in order that school funding would not be interrupted.

Commissioner Lanning (EWEB) commented on the loss of employees with technical experience due to retirement. Mr. Lanning noted the need to attract people/families with technical education and experience.

Mayor Williams (Cottage Grove) expressed his concerns regarding a city's loss of local control and pre-emptions. Mr. Williams noted that the Governor is not "tweaking" alcohol and tobacco revenue. Mayor Williams also encouraged addressing the prevailing wage issue (rates and caps). He stated current caps (\$25,000) prohibit projects.

Mayor Torrey (Eugene) recommended that the school budget be passed on or before April 15th so districts have time to plan for their respective budgets. Mr. Torrey also recommended that those Ballot Measure 37 waivers that may be granted be passed on to the next owner.

Mayor Volta (Coburg) suggested that the Legislature strive to work in a bi-partisan manner; to develop a way for bills to get to the floor; and to remind the Legislature how their

actions affect small cities with limited budgets and staffing to a greater extent than larger cities but the small cities are given the same expectations.

Director Shine (LCC) recommended that a cost-benefit analysis be done to ensure workforce development. Mr. Shine also requested that student loan assistance be granted to part-time students as well.

Director Chappel (EPUD) encouraged the legislature to come together regarding the Northwest Buy-out and work to decrease polarization within the Legislature.

Mayor Bond (Oakridge) reiterated the earlier issue with regard to mandates and local control.

Director Miller (Lane ESD) encouraged legislators to develop a plan to encourage innovation. Mr. Miller reminded legislators to use the people seated around the table for information.

The following legislators and staff responded to the Board's recommendations:

Representative Hanna

Representative Bruce Hanna stated there is upwards of \$1 billion in shortfall for the biennium. He stated that he has hopes of serving on the Ways and Means Committee.

In response to the education budget, he stated it was unlikely that the fiscal year will change. But he thought that addressing education issues first in the legislative session might help in getting schools the money on time. He also mentioned that it would be difficult to take action by April 15th.

Regarding the Forest Legacy Program, Rep. Hanna stated that he did not know about it.

Rep. Hanna acknowledged the difficulties over the Davis-Bacon issue and would like to see that the wage be re-indexed, or at least provide exemptions to organizations who use volunteers.

In response to Ballot Measure 37, Rep. Hanna stated that if a person is not able to convey the waiver, they will not get a lender; therefore, no project will be granted.

Regarding Mr. Shine's requests regarding workforce training, Rep. Hanna requested more information on "measurement."

Representative Beyer

Representative Terry Beyer responded to the rate of \$5.3 billion for education as optimistic. She stated that the House would like to push the budget up early. Rep. Beyer acknowledged the bipartisanship of the Legislature.

In response to the Forest Legacy Program, Rep. Beyer stated that the legislator who most strongly opposed it is now out of the Legislature and offered hope that it can regain some attention.

Rep. Beyer predicted that the laws around Davis-Bacon will not change.

Regarding the incentives around community colleges building workforce training programs, Rep. Beyer stated that she is currently working with President Spilde.

In response to Ballot Measure 37, Rep. Beyer stated that this issue is problematic due to the ambiguities written in the bill. She stated she hopes to address them without changing the intent of the vote.

Chris Mattson of Representative Ackerman's Office

Mr. Mattson explained that it is Rep. Ackerman's hope to 'cut out the middle man' in the development of workforce development.

In response to moving up the education budget decision, he stated that this was highly unlikely.

Mr. Mattson responded to the Forest Legacy Program that progress as stagnant.

Regarding the school budget, Mr. Mattson predicted that it would fall in between \$5 and \$5.3 billion.

In response to Davis-Bacon rates, Mr. Mattson stated that there would be no movement except to maybe increase caps.

Mr. Mattson stated that Rep. Ackerman sits on the Judiciary and Land Use Committees.

Regarding financial aid assistance to part-time college students, Mr. Mattson was in agreement with the Rep. Hanna and Rep. Beyer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Volta acknowledged Mayor Torrey's years of service to the community.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

(Recorded by Ann Mortenson)