

## **Agenda Item Number 9.A.**

### **Appointment of Non-Metro-City RIB Member**

**Presenter:** George Kloeppe

**Action Recommended:** Recommend Appointment

**Background:**

A four-county (Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Lane) Regional Investment Board (RIB) is charged with receiving and distributing lottery revenue for economic development purposes. Lane County has five positions on the RIB, and one of those is specifically meant for a representative of our county's non-metro cities. As in the past, LCOG has been asked to assist the Board of Commissioners in identifying and recommending appointment of that non-metro city representative. This biennium, the RIB distributed over \$800,000 to businesses and small business loan programs. The RIB is now planning its work program for the next biennium, with the expectation that the grant round for the coming biennium will be of approximately the same magnitude as the one just ending. The RIB meets in Albany, usually less than five times per year.

Former Mayor Sue Bond of Oakridge has most recently filled Lane County's non-metro city position, and we now are asked to seek a replacement. The procedure is for LCOG to submit a nomination to the Lane County Board of Commissioners, which would ratify the appointment. The interest of the mayors of Lane County's ten cities outside of the metro area were solicited last month, and Oakridge Mayor Don Hampton and Florence Mayor Phil Brubaker, each indicated a willingness to stand for appointment to the RIB.

Under this agenda item, the Board is asked to democratically decide on its recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. A ballot for that purpose is attached and will be collected during the meeting. Also attached is a background statement from both Mayor Brubaker and Mayor Hampton.