

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City of Coburg Municipal Court
32694 East Pearl Street
Coburg

February 24, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Commissioner Patrick Lanning (EWEB), Vice Chair	
Mayor Sue Bond (Oakridge)	Commissioner Anna Morrison (Lane County)
Councilor Darrell Carman (Veneta)	Councilor Gary Papé (Eugene)
Councilor Dwight Coon (Junction City)	Councilor Mike Fleck (Cottage Grove)
Director Greg James (Willamalane)	Mayor Ron Petitti (Creswell)
Director Mary Lehman (Siuslaw Public Library)	Director Katherine Schacht (EPUD)
Director Jerry Miller (Lane ESD)	Director Dennis Shine (LCC)
Director Anette Spickard (School District 4J)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)

Absent

Dunes City Representative	School District 19 (Springfield) Representative
Florence Representative	School District 52 (Bethel) Representative
Lowell Representative	School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative
Springfield Representative	Fern Ridge Library District Representative
Westfir Representative	Port of Siuslaw Representative
Western Lane Ambulance District Representative	

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Dave Barta, Bill Judd, Penny Jordan, Gordon Zimmerman

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Kay Bork, Gary Darnielle, Ashley DeForest, Jamon Kent, Ann Mortenson, Dan Mulholland, Tom Schwetz, Ted Stevens, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool, Clair Van Bloem

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Vice Chairperson Patrick Lanning called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 7:20 p.m. He noted that a quorum was present.

Mayor Judy Volta welcomed members of the Board to Coburg. She introduced City Councilor Bill Judd, who said Coburg was “Out of the ordinary, but not out of the way.” He referred to several printed items describing attractive amenities of the city.

Vice Chairperson Lanning invited those who were present to introduce themselves.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

A. Public Hearing on Coordinated Population Projections

LCOG Staff Clair Van Bloem stated that a Public Hearing was scheduled on the Lane County Coordinated Population Projection. She said population forecasts were required by Oregon Statute and that LCOG had had responsibility for Lane County forecasts since 1974. She described the process by which the forecasts had been developed and said the Board would act on their adoption later in the agenda of the meeting.

Vice Chairperson Lanning opened the Public Hearing. He determined there were no persons present wishing to present testimony. He closed the Public Hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LCOG Executive Director George Kloepfel referred to agenda support material entitled "Report of the Executive Committee," noting that it contained a report of a January 20 meeting of the Executive Committee.

5. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Chairperson Lanning referred to agenda support material entitled "Advisory Council Reports," noting that it contained reports of meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Senior Services Advisory Council, Disability Services Advisory Council, and Lane Economic Committee.

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloepfel referred to agenda support material entitled "Comments from the Executive Director." He commented on the retirements of LCOG Principal Planner Clair Van Bloem and Accounting Analyst Lois Schibler. He reviewed information about the June annual conference of the National Association of Regional Councils, saying Board members were invited to attend.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairperson Lanning noted that the Consent Calendar included approval of the Minutes of the December 9 meeting and acceptance of the Second Quarter Financial Report.

Director Dennis Shine requested that the approval of the minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Anna Morrison moved, seconded by Director Jerry Miller, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously, 17:0.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Shine suggested that Paragraph 10 on Page 7 of the Minutes of the December 9 meeting was vague in its report that Chris Mattson agreed with State Representatives Terry Beyer and Bruce Hanna regarding assistance to part-time college students, since the position of the representatives was not reported.

Mr. Kloepfel stated that he would research and report the positions of the representatives, but suggested that having it omitted from the Minutes did not affect their accuracy and that their adoption was appropriate.

Commissioner Morrison moved, seconded by Director Miller to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2004, meeting, as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously, 17:0.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A. Resolution 2005-01 – Adoption of Coordinated Population Projections

Ms. Van Bloem referred to agenda support material entitled “Lane County Population Projection Coordination.” She noted that a report of the results of negotiations between jurisdictions regarding allocation of forecasted Lane County population in 2025 and 2030 was included. She explained that the allocations would be used in land use, transportation, and public facility planning.

Commissioner Morrison moved, seconded by Director Miller, to adopt Resolution 2005-01, A Resolution Adopting Coordinated Population Projections for the Urban Growth Boundaries within Lane County, Oregon. The motion was adopted unanimously, 17:0.

B. Resolution 2005-02 – Adoption of Revolving Loan Program Plan

Mr. Kloepfel referred to agenda support material entitled “Revolving Loan Fund Plan.” He explained that the resolution would adopt amendments to the plan adopted by the Board in December 2004, as suggested by the federal Economic Development Agency. He said the action would complete requirements for receiving the \$500,000 Financial Assistance Award to be used in a LCOG small business loan program.

Mayor Volta moved, seconded by Councilor Gary Papé, to adopt Resolution 2005-02, a Resolution Authorizing Approval of U.S. Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund Administrative Work Plan.

Councilor Mike Fleck asked how the availability of the Revolving Loan Program was marketed. Commissioner Morrison replied that LCOG Staff worked with banks in the county, encouraging use of the funds for appropriate projects. She said a Loan Approval Committee would monitor its use, along with a number of other business development loan programs managed by LCOG. Oakridge City Manager Gordon Zimmerman added that staff was also in regular contact with city administrators and business organizations regarding the programs.

Councilor Papé asked if any grants were available through business development programs managed by LCOG. Mr. Kloepfel replied that the Revolving Loan Program only provided loans to businesses meeting certain criteria, but that other programs met a wide variety of other needs and included some grant possibilities.

Councilor Darrell Carman asked if Chambers of Commerce were aware of the development assistance programs. Mr. Kloepfel replied that staff was in regular contact with such organizations.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 17:0.

10. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES ITEMS

None.

11. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. APPRECIATION DINNER AND ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Kloepfel invited members to comment on the LCOG Appreciation Dinner held January 27. He stated that additional copies of the Annual Report distributed at it were available for members of jurisdictional governing bodies.

Director Miller stated that he believed the event operated more smoothly than any in the past. He said he appreciated the conciseness of comments made by award recipients.

Commissioner Katherine Schacht said she agreed and observed that the facilities of Lane Community College were ideal for such events.

Mayor Volta said she believed the event was a longer than it needed to be. She rhetorically asked if it was necessary to include a keynote speaker on its program. Councilor Fleck suggested that if there was a speaker in the future, the topic assigned be of interest to all LCOG member agencies.

Director Greg James suggested that presentations from children's groups such as was in the 2005 event be included in the future.

Vice Chairperson Lanning determined there was agreement to omit Member Agency Reports and Discussion from the meeting agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

13. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION

Mr. Kloeppe reviewed potential areas for inter-jurisdictional cooperation identified at the July 2004 Board meeting:

- Transportation
- Airports
- Water Collection and Distribution Facilities
- Sewer and Storm Water Collection and Treatment Facilities
- Wired Utilities
- Wireless Utilities
- Port Facilities
- Schools and Libraries
- Public Buildings and Structures
- Parks, Playgrounds, Recreational Facilities

Mr. Kloeppe described typical infrastructure development phases:

- Planning
- Design
- Engineering
- Financing
- Construction
- Operations

Dave Barta described wireless Internet access available to students and staff of the University of Oregon. He explained the operation of Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX) systems and discussed their potential use by local government jurisdictions and other public agencies.

Members discussed the presentations. There appeared to be agreement to ask staff to prepare assessments of opportunities for infrastructure cooperation and sharing in the areas of transportation, sewer/wastewater system and facility development, and uses of wireless communication technologies.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Lanning announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled for April 28 at the offices of the Emerald Peoples Utility District.

Mayor Volta announced that the "United Front" federal lobbying effort of area jurisdictions would leave for Washington D.C. on February 27.

Director Shine distributed copies of an announcement of the Afro-American Cultural Technological Scientific Olympics to be held March 19.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)