

**MINUTES**  
**LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**City Council Chambers**  
**City Hall**  
**680 Greenwood, Junction City**

**April 25, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

**Present**

Commissioner Peter Bartel (EWEB), Chair	Director Chris Pryor (School District 4J)
Mayor Michael Dubick (Creswell)	Director Dennis Shine (LCC)
Commissioner Richard Eymann (EPUD)	Mayor Jim Torrey (Eugene)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
Director Marty Lenk (School District 19)	Councilor Winn Wendell (Junction City)
Director Jerry Miller (Lane ESD)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)

**Absent**

Director Rob Adams (Willamalane)	Councilor Robert Petersdorf (Dunes City)
Director Keith Andersen (School District 52)	Mayor Diana Tonkin (Westfir)
Mayor Tim Brooker (Veneta)	Commissioner Cindy Weeldreyer (Lane County)
Mayor Alan Burns (Florence)	Director Dick Whitmore (Western Lane Ambulance District)
Director Tom Lininger (School District 68)	Commissioner Lynette Wikstrom-Smith (Port of Siuslaw)
Councilor Christine Lundberg (Springfield)	
Director Kay McCurdy (Siuslaw Public Library)	
Commissioner Anna Morrison (Lane County)	

**STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

None

**GUESTS**

Herb Christensen, Juanita Eymann, Bert McClintock, Corky Wilde, Barbara Scott

**LCOG STAFF**

George Kloeppe, Janet Minter, Ted Stevens, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool

**1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Peter Bartel 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 declared a quorum to be present.

Chairperson Bartel expressed appreciation to Junction City for hosting the meeting and introduced staff and elected officials present.

## **2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chairperson Bartel noted that the Consent Calendar contained approval of the minutes of the March 21, 2002, meeting.

Director Marty Lenk requested that sentence 1 of paragraph 11 on page 4 of the minutes be changed, as follows:

Director ~~Marty Lenk~~ said he believed the philosophy of economic development in Lane County needed to be re-thought because of the recent loss of food processing industries and the increase of water and air pollution.

Chairperson Bartel determined there was no objection to the request and stated that the minutes were amended

**MOTION:** *Director Chris Prior moved, seconded by Councilor Win Wendell, that the Consent Calendar be approved, as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.*

## **COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Bartel referred to the Report of the Executive Committee distributed with the agenda of the meeting and highlighted its report that a recommendation had been made to adopt the Revised Budget.

### **6. COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Kloepfel referred to a document entitled "Comments from the Executive Director," distributed at the beginning of the meeting. He reviewed information contained in the document, as follows:

- The May 23 meeting will be in Springfield. Mayor Torrey suggested that the December meeting be held in an uncompleted meeting room of the new Eugene City Library.
- Members are encouraged to attend the Oregon Regional Council Association meeting October 17-18.
- The Oregon Employment Relations Board has notified LCOG that a petition for representation has been filed by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

**7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

None.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**9. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES**

**A. 2002-03 Update to LCOG's 1999-2003 Area Plan On Aging and Disability Services**

Chairperson Bartel stated that Agenda Item 15.A would be concurrently considered with Agenda Item 9.A.

**15. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES**

**A. Reducing Oregon Project Independence Services**

LCOG Senior and Disabled Services Director Ted Stevens referred to a document entitled "2002-03 Update to LCOG's 1999-2003 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services" distributed with the agenda of the meeting. He reviewed information it contained about the update of the plan, as follows:

- Development of a Plan Update was delayed until a March 27 public hearing.
- Information regarding a reduction of \$279,129 of support for Oregon Project Independence Services was received immediately before the public hearing and its participants were informed of the projected shortfall.
- A revised plan budget was developed and approved by Senior and Disability Advisory Councils
- Another public hearing was required for the revised plan.

Mr. Stevens reviewed the proposed plan budget, services to be delivered, and Area Plan objectives for 2002-03 attached to the document.

Mr. Stevens referred to a document entitled “Reducing Oregon Project Independence Services” distributed with the agenda of the meeting. He reviewed information it contained, as follows:

- New applications for Oregon Project Independence services will be immediately closed.
- Eligible Oregon Project Independence clients will be converted to Medicare services.
- Oregon Project Independence for Money Management/Bill Paying program will terminate as soon as possible.
- Home and Personal Care services to existing clients will be reduced based on assessment survivability scores.

Director Lenk asked how many persons had been present at the March 27 public hearing. Mr. Stevens replied that three persons had been present and testified at the hearing. He said each was an advocate for or a representative of a program serving senior or disabled persons. He explained that clients rarely attended such hearings.

Mayor Warren Weathers asked why unallocated reserves had been significantly increased in the proposed plan budget. Mr. Stevens replied that the increase had been budgeted to allow flexibility in the face of other potential reductions of resource to the program by the Special Legislative Session in June.

Chairperson Bartel opened the public hearing on the 2002-03 Update to LCOG’s 1999-2003 Area Plan On Aging and Disability Services.

Chairperson Bartel determined that no one wishing to testify in the hearing was present and closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** *Mayor Weathers moved, seconded by Councilor Win Wendell, that the 2002-03 Update to LCOG’s 1999-2003 Area Plan On Aging and Disability Services, as revised, be approved. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.*

## **10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

### **A. Fiscal Year 2002-03 Transportation Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Metropolitan Planning Organization Certification**

Interim LCOG Local Government Services Director Byron Vanderpool noted that a replacement document entitled “FY 2002-2003 Unified Planning Work Program” had

been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. He reviewed key issues of the work program, as follows:

- The Eugene/Springfield area will be re-designated as a Transportation Management Area in mid-2002.
- With the adoption of TransPlan, implementing its strategies will be the focus of work.
- The triennial update of TransPlan to incorporate new census data will begin.

Mr. Vanderpool reviewed the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Work Program Budget included in the document.

Mayor Jim Torrey asked when the re-designation as a Transportation Management Area would take place. Mr. Vanderpool replied that the action would take place at the beginning of the fiscal year or when new census data was incorporated. Mr. Kloeppel added that the area was near to the 200,000 population threshold for the change in the 1990 census, but that the exact population counted in the 2000 census was not yet known, but clearly over the threshold.

Mayor Weathers asked the source of funding and meaning of several acronyms included in the Work Program Budget. Mr. Vanderpool provided answers.

Director Chris Pryor noted a rounding error in the Work Program Budget. Mr. Vanderpool said the error would be corrected.

**MOTION:** *Director Pryor moved, seconded by Councilor Wendell, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Unified Planning Work Program.*

Mayor Weathers said that he was uncomfortable that funding for the Region 2050 project was included in the Work Program budget. He said he and others involved in the project had expressed a desire to wait until there was assurance that its Phase I report was acceptable before approving the beginning of Phase II. He said he would prefer to have support for the project separated from transportation planning.

Mr. Vanderpool stated that the Region 2050 project covered the entire region and that the project had a large transportation component. He said the revenue source used for it would not be available after the 2002-03 fiscal year and required an extended lead time for application. He explained that if the funds were to be used for the project during the year, immediate application would be required.

Chairperson Bartel asked if the revenue designated for the Region 2050 project could be used for other purposes. Mr. Vanderpool replied that the funds were available for a variety of transportation purposes, but that they were only allocated for “catchy” projects such as Region 2050.

Mayor Weathers requested that a discussion be held on determining a way for the LCOG Board of Directors to not authorize expenditure of Region 2050 funds until it had reviewed and approved its Phase I report.

Chairperson Bartel noted that all board members received information regarding Region 2050 work.

Mr. Kloeppe said the Region 2050 project would continue to remain in the control of its Policy Committee, which was responsible to the LCOG Board of Directors. He said it was possible to create “triggers” to fulfill the request of Mayor Weathers. He said the Region 2050 Advisory Committee had discussed seeking funding for continuation of its work.

Chairperson Bartel asked what action the Board could take to end Region 2050 work after its Phase I report if funding had already been received. Mr. Vanderpool replied that the Board could refuse to accept the funds.

Mayor Torrey said he would support the motion on the condition that the concerns of Mayor Weathers were met.

*The motion to adopt the Unified Planning Work Program was adopted unanimously, 12:0.*

**MOTION:** *Mayor Torrey moved, seconded by Mayor Michael Dubick, to adopt Resolution 2002-03, adopting certifications that the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area is in compliance with federal transportation planning requirements.*

Mayor Torrey asked if there were other Oregon metropolitan areas which would change federal transportation planning designations as a result of the 2000 census. Mr. Vanderpool replied that he believed the Corvallis area and the Bend area were about to attain the status currently held by the Eugene/Springfield area. The Salem area, like Eugene-Springfield, was expected to attain TMA status.

*The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.*

## **11. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **A. Revised 2001-2002 Budget**

Mr. Kloeppe referred to background material regarding the Revised 2001-2002 Budget distributed with the agenda of the meeting. He said that the Executive Committee had reviewed the proposal and recommended its approval. He noted that the first budget change was being proposed two months before the end of the year; that though the total budget was higher than the original 2000-01 budget, it reflected a seven percent decrease from the previous year; and that it reflected 11 fewer full-time equivalent employees than at the beginning of the fiscal year. He said LCOG remained fiscally sound, even though it was operating at a slightly lower level.

**MOTION:** *Mayor Dubick moved, seconded by Director Lenk, to adopt Resolution 2002-1, revising the FY 2002-2002 Budget.*

Mayor Torrey asked if there would be any effect on LCOG expenditures if a proposed “Living Wage Ordinance” was adopted by the Eugene City Council. Mr. Kloeppele replied that, with the exception of certain Meals on Wheels workers, all LCOG employees should meet the standards proposed for adoption in the ordinance. But, he added, the question would be examined further.

*The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.*

## **B. Budget Committee Confirmations**

Chairperson Bartel reported that the Executive Committee recommended that Marion Esty be appointed to a three-year term as a citizen member of the Budget Committee and that Board members Peter Bartel, Winn Wendell and Michael Dubick be appointed to one-year terms on the Budget Committee.

**MOTION:** *Director Dennis Shine moved, seconded by Mayor Gary Williams, that the recommendations of the Executive Committee regarding appointment of Budget Committee members be accepted. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.*

## **C. Debt Refinancing**

Mr. Kloeppele reviewed information regarding LCOG Debt Refinancing distributed with the agenda of the meeting.

LCOG Associate Director Bob Swank said approving the proposed resolution would result in lower interest rates on all existing loans.

**MOTION:** *Mayor Torrey moved, seconded by Mayor Williams, to adopt Resolution 2002-02, authorizing LCOG management to execute loan documents with Centennial Bank or Wells Fargo Bank for the refinance of existing loans. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.*

## **MEMBER AGENCY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mr. Kloeppele referred to Advisory Council Reports distributed with the agenda of the meeting and noted that reports were included from the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Senior Services Advisory Council, and Disability Services Advisory Council.

### **13. REPORTS OF STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Mr. Kloeppe referred to the Report of the Executive Director and noted that it contained information about the National Association of Regional Councils' annual conference to be held in Tucson, Arizona, June 22-25.

### **14. REPORTS OF MEMBER AGENCIES**

Director Richard Exemann reported that the Emerald Peoples' Utility District was making "full progress" in its operations. He said the meeting had been an excellent discussion of regional issues and that he looked forward to another 100 years of participation.

Director Shine reported that Lane Community College continued to receive public input on proposed budget cuts. He said the school had significant unmet technology needs, that eliminated technical course offerings might be "bought back" by area industries, that Local Centers would be operating with reduced hours, that summer "rites of passage" programs would be continued, and that elimination of law enforcement reserve academy courses were being reconsidered by the Board of Directors.

Director Jerry Miller reported that Lane Education Services District was using a "collaborative process" in negotiations with staff. He said budget planning was beginning with little certainty about available resources.

Director Pryor reported that the Eugene School District 4J was engaged in discussion with City of Eugene representatives about ways it could assist in the face of the District's \$6-8 million budget reduction. He said the District was submitting a \$116 million facility improvement bond to voters in May. He reported that the District's Board of Education had decided to not make a recommendation on Ballot Measure 13 affecting school financing.

Mayor Torrey reported that the City of Eugene was considering the use of a gas tax to pay for \$9 million in needed road repairs. He discussed legislative proposals being developed regarding the creation of a license tax for the use of studded tires.

Chairperson Bartel reported that Eugene Water & Electric Board had approved a 5.6 percent rate increase to meet increases passed on by the Bonneville Power Administration. He said the Board was concerned about the hardship created for customers of its recent rate increases. He described a \$40 million suit to gain relief from the expensive cost of its power contracts in the face of federally imposed rate caps.

Councilor Wendell reported that Junction City had hired Bill DeForrest as its interim Police Chief. He also reported that the Rural Fire District in the area had annexed the city and would operate as a separate taxing unit. He said a vacancy on the City Council had been filled.

Mayor Williams reported about issues related to the Cottage Grove Speedway. He said the track was the largest auto racing venue in the region and produced \$4 million annual revenue to the city. He said Lane County had allowed races the previous weekend. He also re-

ported that Cottage Grove was considering annexation by its area Rural Fire District and was carefully watching the success of Eugene with a special tax for road improvements.

Director Lenk reported that voters in Springfield School District No. 19 were faced with a difficult decision—Ballot Measure 13. If the measure passed, the District would be required to cut \$2 million from its budget, if it lost, the cut would be \$6 million. He said studies were underway about closing of schools. He reported that a contract agreement had been reached with teachers after eight negotiating session.

Mayor Dubick reported that Creswell continued planning for its wastewater treatment plant and downtown revitalization. He said consideration was being given to annexing the airport into the City. He said the employee budget for the next year had been adopted.

Mayor Don Hampton reported that Oakridge had passed an animal control ordinance. He said the most recent issue of the League of Oregon Cities' newsletter had featured Oakridge. He said he was working on the development of a Youth Advisory Council, a tobacco control ordinance was being proposed, a swing dance fund raising effort had been successful, a slab had been poured for a skateboard park, and a concession stand would be constructed for the town ball field with proceeds from a Meyer Memorial Trust grant. He distributed copies of a flyer advertising the May 1-5 Oakridge Tree Planting Festival.

Mayor Hampton reported that the Regional Investment Board had created an application for multi-region projects and determined that ten percent of the funds it managed would be used on such projects.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### **16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

None.

### **17. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

#### **A. Third Quarter Financial Reports**

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Third Quarter Financial Reports distributed with the agenda of the meeting. He noted that LCOG was in a positive and healthy financial situation.

### **18. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

*(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)*