

Agenda Item Number 4.

Report of the Executive Committee

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Meeting Notes:

The LCOG Executive Committee met on Thursday, May 20, in LCOG's Main Office—Wells Fargo Building, Eugene. Members present for the meeting were LCOG Board Chair Jerry Miller, Patrick Lanning, Chris Pryor and Gary Williams. Staff members attending included Bob Swank, Ted Stevens, Byron Vanderpool, Jamon Kent and George Kloeppe. The Committee discussed the proposed agenda for the May 27 Board meeting. Kloeppe noted that the format changes, which had been implemented in April, had been well received and, consequently, were reflected in the current month's agenda. He explained that the "special report" for May would be a summary of the Lane Economic Committee's work program, based upon the goals and objectives that the Board had established last summer and fall. In addition, the Committee considered the following:

1. Executive Committee Responsibilities, Board Meeting Content

A continuation of the Committee's work in the previous month, the reallocation of responsibilities between the Board and the Committee was discussed. Kloeppe proposed a division of tasks (see Board agenda item 11.B). After some discussion, it was agreed to recommend approval of the proposal as submitted, with the understanding that this issue would continue to evolve with experience.

2. July Work Session for the Board of Directors

To be considered by the Board under agenda item 11.A, the Committee discussed the value of devoting the July Board meeting in Cottage Grove to

a planning session. It was suggested that it was not timely to hold a “goal-setting session,” as was done in July 2003, but that a planning session which could allow board members to refine the direction provided to the staff last year would be valuable. The point was made that the Board should be encouraged to focus its attention on “outcomes,” rather than upon “outputs.” The Committee agreed that devoting the July 22 meeting in Cottage Grove to a planning session would be appropriate. Staff was asked to come to the Committee in June with a specific recommended approach.

3. Wastewater Issue

As a continuation of the Committee’s previous discussions about collaborative or coordinated infrastructure planning, design, construction, operation, the Committee concluded that it would be helpful if the LCOG staff would prepare a proposal for coordination of wastewater systems planning and engineering. The proposal should also look at broader opportunities for sharing, such as transportation engineering services.

4. Other Issues

The Committee determined that a June 17 meeting, particularly structured to shape the Board’s July planning session, would be appropriate, but that there should be no need for an Executive Committee meeting in July or August.

The Committee discussed the agency’s participation in the Western COGs Conference, July 27-30, in San Diego. Kloeppel noted that the hotel rate guarantee would expire on May 27. Interested Board members were encouraged to make their desires known so that arrangements could be made.