

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Veneta City Hall
88184 8th Street
Veneta

June 27, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Commissioner Peter Bartel (EWEB), Chair	Councilor Christine Lundberg (Springfield)
Mayor Mike Dean (Coburg)	Councilor Pat Patterson (Cottage Grove)
Mayor Michael Dubick (Creswell)	Director Dennis Shine (LCC)
Councilor Marion Esty (Veneta)	Mayor Jim Torrey (Eugene)
Commissioner Richard Eymann (EPUD)	Director Helen Wagner (Willamalane)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Commissioner Cindy Weeldreyer (Lane County)
Director Jerry Miller (Lane ESD)	
Director Sandi Young (Siuslaw Public Library)	

Absent

Director Keith Andersen (School District 52)	Director Chris Pryor (School District 4J)
Mayor Alan Burns (Florence)	Mayor Diana Tonkin (Westfir)
Director Marty Lenk (School District 19)	Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
Director Tom Lininger (School District 68)	Councilor Winn Wendell (Junction City)
Commissioner Anna Morrison (Lane County)	Director Dick Whitmore (Western Lane Ambulance District)
Councilor Robert Petersdorf (Dunes City)	

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Treesa Broughton, Juanita Eymann, Tom Kartrude, (Port of Siuslaw)

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Steve Dignam, Patti Little, Janet Minter, Ted Stevens, Bob Swank, Tom Schwetz, 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 7:20 p.m.

LCOG staff member Janet Minter called the roll of members. Executive Director George Kloepfel noted that a quorum was present.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairperson Bartel noted that the Consent Calendar contained the following items:

- Approve Minutes of May 23, 2002, meeting
- Approve Council Recommendations of Membership Appointments to the Senior Services and Disability Services Advisory Councils

MOTION: *Mayor Michael Dubick moved, seconded by Commissioner Cindy Weeldreyer, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.*

COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Bartel reported that he had attended the most recent meeting of the Region 2050 Project Livability Conference and said he believed there was unanimity among its members concerning the many items considered. He said he would keep the Board informed of future development.

Mr. Kloepfel welcomed Siuslaw Public Library District Director Sandi Young as a newly appointed member of the Board of Directors.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloepfel noted that a Board presentation and discussion of funding and other matters related to the Region 2050 Project had been postponed until Commissioner Morrison could be present.

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda Support Material #6 entitled "Comments from the Executive Director," distributed at the beginning of the meeting. He reviewed information it contained, as follows:

- The July Board meeting is scheduled for the 25th in Cottage Grove. There will be no August meeting.
- A roster of the E-mail addresses of Board Members is attached and will be increasingly used to distribute information to members.
- Agencies have returned 12 of 25 membership resolutions. The remaining members are urged to also act accordingly.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

None.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A. Application for a \$550,000 Intermediary Re-lending Program Loan from USDA Rural Business Services

LGOG staff member Steve Dignam reviewed information in Agenda Support Material #10.A distributed with the agenda of the meeting entitled “Application for a \$500,000 Intermediary Re-Lending Program Loan from USDA Rural Business Services.” He said it was the fifth funding of the LCOG loan program and that since 1995 it had made a total of 44 small business loans and created/saved 167 jobs. He reported that loans in 2001-02 had enabled the establishment of a convenience store in Triangle Lake, a florist in Oakridge, a pizza restaurant in Creswell, and a medical center in Junction City.

MOTION: *Mayor Don Hampton moved, seconded by Director Jerry Miller, to adopt Resolution 2002-05.*

Mayor Torrey asked for an explanation of the loan process in the re-lending program and how many applications had been received in the preceding year. Mr. Dignam replied that loan applications were approved locally and sent to the federal government

for disbursement. He said that there had been eight applications approved in 2001-02. he explained that the new fund and loan repayments made ample funds available and encouraged applications to be made.

Councilor Lundberg asked how loans from the LCOG program compared with those of commercial lending agencies. Mr. Dignam replied that the LCOG program only provided “gap financing” and never assumed more than 50 percent equity in a business. He said LCOG loan rates were consistently lower than commercial loan rates.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

B. Oregon Business Development Fund Advocacy with Legislature

Mr. Digman referred to Agenda Item Support Material #10.B distributed with the agenda of the meeting entitled “Oregon Business Development Fund (OBDF) Advocacy with Legislature.” He noted that it recommended that staff be authorized to develop a proposed amendment to OBDF rules limiting any county’s use of the loan program to 20 percent with the Lane County Legislative delegation.

MOTION: *Commissioner Weeldreyer moved, seconded by Mayor Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation regarding the OBDF. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.*

C. Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation

LCOG staff member Tom Schwetz referred to Agenda Item Support Material #10.C distributed with the agenda of the meeting entitled “Amendment to the FY03 Unified Planning Work Program.” He said the proposed amendments moved prospective projects for which funding was not secured to an appendix.

MOTION: *Mayor Torrey moved, seconded by Director Sandi Young, to accept the Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation, as amended.*

Councilor Lundberg asked how the change would affect the overall Transportation Planning Work Program. Mr. Schwetz replied by referring to a chart on page 20 of the Board Amendment Draft of the Work Program distributed with the agenda of the meeting. He noted that the changes had been anticipated and did not create difficulties.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

11. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Fiscal Year 2002-03 Work Program and Budget

Mr. Kloeppel referred to the draft document entitled “Lane Council of Governments 2002-2003 Work Program and Budget” and Agenda Item Support Material related to it

distributed with the agenda of the meeting. He noted that the proposed budget had been submitted to the Board at its May meeting and that the Budget Committee had recommended that the Board approve it. He said a public hearing was required before it could be adopted.

Chairperson Bartel determined that there were no members of the Board who had questions regarding the Work Program and Budget and opened the public hearing.

Chairperson Bartel determined that there was no one present who wished to present testimony and closed the public hearing.

MOTION: *Mayor Dubick moved, seconded by Mayor Hampton, to adopt Resolution 2002-4. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.*

MEMBER AGENCY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Item Support Material #12 entitled Advisory Council Reports and noted that it contained information regarding meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Senior Services Advisory Council, Disability Services advisory Council, and Lane Economic Committee.

13. REPORTS OF STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

None.

14. REPORTS OF MEMBER AGENCIES

Mayor Dubick reported that the City of Creswell had added a new pizza restaurant to its business section with the assistance of the Intermediary Re-Lending Program. He said the outlook was good for it to receive \$300,000 for street improvement projects and reported that funding for its needed sewer improvements was being researched.

Mayor Dean reported that among the businesses in City of Coburg, there are recreation vehicle manufacturers. He said discussions with the Eugene 4J School District had begun in an effort to find a long-term solution to school needs. He said sewer and water system improvements were beginning. He expressed appreciation for the good work of city staff.

Director Dennis Shine reported that Lane Community College had adopted a budget which included elimination of the 50 percent fee discount for senior citizen students and of the Chemical Dependency Counselor program. He said criteria for budget cutting had become the question: was it key to the college's mission and could it be afforded.

Director Shine said construction of Building 19 which would house Workforce Development and Culinary Arts departments at the college was nearing completion. He said the contact person for Business and Workforce Development issues was Jane Sheidecker, Executive Director of Business and Workforce Development and Extended Learning, (541) 463-5725.

Director Shine said the September LCOG Board meeting would be held in the Conference Center of Building 19. He distributed copies of a business card for Peg Allison, (541) 463-5672, who he said was interim Director of Conference and Culinary Services. He explained that there were facilities at the college for meetings of up to 300 persons and a catering operation.

Port of Siuslaw General Manager, Tom Kartrude reported that the Port anticipated that the last stages of commercial, retail, and hospitality development on its Boardwalk would begin in mid-July. He said the Port Commission would adopt a new five-year plan at its July meeting and was cooperating with regional groups regarding the dredging of small town Oregon ports.

Director Jerry Miller reported that Lane Education Services District had adopted a budget, reached a settlement in contract negotiations with employees, and was continuing to seek an arrangement with the Lane County Fairgrounds for the construction of a building to house its planetarium.

Director Young reported that the Siuslaw Library District had become part of a regional telecommunications Internet consortium. She said an inventory of the district's entire collection had been recently completed, a budget had been adopted, and a community book reading project had been successful.

Mayor Torrey reported that the City of Eugene had acquired a 75 acre parcel of land on which it would develop a park in the Santa Clara area with funds from the Park and Open Space Measure approved by voters in 1998. He said the city had been chosen with four others by the American Parks Planning Association to benefit from the work of 20 senior park planners from throughout the nation.

Mayor Torrey said the City Council would vote on street extensions and on whether to allow consideration of relocating the University of Oregon's MacArthur Court in the area of the planned Federal Courthouse. He said Broadway would be opened by the second week of August and that there was much business interest in its vacant stores. He said it was hoped that the street would again become a destination point.

Councilor Pat Patterson reported that the City of Cottage Grove put its small business loan program "on hold" in its budget adoption process and had provided funds to salvage its Peer Court program and solve a police problem. He said development in the city's industrial park had run into problems, but appeared to be on schedule. He said improvements to the city Sewer Plan were on schedule. He recommended that small cities in the area pay

special attention to newly created sewer and storm water control regulations which he predicted would become a major problem in the coming years.

Commissioner Weeldreyer reported that the new Lane County Mental Health Building would open before the end of July. She said decisions made by the Special Legislative Session underway would have significant effects on the operation of county services. She reported that the Board of County Commissioners had recently held a work session on ballot measures. She said the Metropolitan Policy Committee was re-examining its composition in the light of its new responsibilities for transportation issues.

Commissioner Weeldreyer reported that applications for funding with Video Lottery resources had been narrowed from 22 to 7. She said they would be reviewed by the Lane Economic Committee and finally approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Hampton reported that the City of Oakridge had held a design workshop on its planned civic building. He said a Local Improvement District would be formed to provide maintenance for two roads in the area. He described a meeting of rural area chambers of commerce held in Oakridge. He reported that there was a new superintendent of schools, that the local Chamber of Commerce was again unified with approximately 60 members, that algae bloom in the area had proved to not be toxic, that a job description had been prepared for a city economic development director, and that Oakridge's new logo was "Center of Oregon Recreation."

Mayor Hampton reported that contracts were being prepared for awards made by the Regional Investment Board, but that they would not be finalized until funding was assured by the Special Legislative Session.

Commissioner Richard Eymann reported that the Emerald Peoples Utility District had won the right to expand its service territory to provide power to two industries and less than 10 residences in Linn County. He said Commissioner's election districts had been re-drawn as a result of the 2000 U.S. Census and that Veneta area residents would now have their own representative.

Councilor Marion Esty welcomed members of the Board to the Veneta City Hall. She explained that construction in the area was part of the creation of an "Old Town" area which would include new sidewalks, a band stand, and the Crow Museum. She reported that there was a new school district superintendent, that city park and skateboard facility construction was continuing, that the Country Fair would be held in July at the same time as the Indigo Girls performed in the area, and that a new city councilor and new planning commission members had been appointed.

Councilor Lundberg reported that the City of Springfield was studying the feasibility of creating a municipal jail and police administration center. She said whether a levy would be submitted to voters to support improvements in police services would be decided in July. He reported that the City Council was developing a 10 year city services plan and that a recent work session had been held regarding storm water control developments. She

said improvements at the Interstate 5 and Beltline intersection and on 42nd Street were her prime candidates for funding of work in the near future.

Director Shine said he appreciated the action of the Springfield City Council and Mayor regarding the distribution of hate material on the campus of Lane Community College.

Commissioner Helen Wagner reported that Willamalane Park District had adopted a balanced budget, with a high portion of it dedicated to the salaries and benefits of employees. She described summer programs that had begun and reported that Board of Directors member Stu Berge had developed complications in recent heart surgery.

Chairperson Bartel said he would forego reporting on the activities of Eugene Water and Electric Board, in the interest of saving time.

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

A. 2002-03 Senior and Disabled Services Contracts for Services

Patti Little said she was a contract manager for LCOG's Senior and Disabled Services. She reviewed information contained in Agenda Item Support material #15.A. She said the purpose of the material was to provide Board members with information about the agencies, organizations and individuals with which Senior and Disabled Services would contract to provide services not delivered by its staff.

B. Legislative Update

LCOG Staff member Ted Stevens said the effects of changes being made to the State Budget on LCOG's Senior and Disabled services were still not known.

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

None.

17. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Goal Setting Next Month – Transportation Planning Program

Mr. Kloeppe referred to information contained in Agenda Item Support Material #17.A and asked if members of the Board were comfortable with a 30-35 minute discussion of transportation planning at the July meeting. He said changes resulting from the new transportation planning status of Lane County would be the topic.

Chairperson Bartel determined that there was consensus to plan the agenda for the meeting as proposed.

Commissioner Weeldreyer reported that, as a result of membership fee contributions of the Cities of Eugene, Springfield and Lane County, the Metropolitan Partnership had revised its board's membership and changed its name to better reflect that its service area was the entire county. She said a new Executive Director would be hired by August and that four committees had been appointed – Executive Director Search Committee, Name Change Committee, Board Restructuring Committee, and Location of Office Evaluation Committee.

Mayor Torrey said the new partnership was interested in getting rural representatives on its board. Commissioner Weeldreyer added that she would like to see elected officials from small cities in the county apply for appointment.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)