

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Veneta City Hall
88184 8th Street - Veneta

June 26, 2003 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Director Jerry Miller (Lane ESD), Chair
Director Jay Bozevich (LCC)
Mayor Tim Brooker (Veneta)
Mayor Mike Dean (Coburg)
Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)
Commissioner Richard Eymann (EPUD)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)
Director Greg James (Willamalane)
Director Al King (School District 19
District)

Director Alan Laisure (School District 52)
Commissioner Anna Morrison (Lane County)
Director Chris Pryor (School District 4J)
Councilor Nan Osbon (Florence)
Councilor Susie Navetta (Dunes City)
Mayor Ron Petitti (Creswell)
Mayor Jim Torrey (Eugene)
Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
Director Fred Welding (Fern Ridge Library)

Absent

Councilor Dwight Coon (Junction City)
Commissioner Bill Dwyer (Lane County)
Commissioner Patrick Lanning (EWEB)
Mayor Sid Leiken (Springfield)
Mayor Diana Tonkin (Westfir)

Director Sandi Young (Siuslaw Public Library)
Director Dick Whitmore (Western Lane Ambulance District)
Representative from School District 68

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Marion Esty, Laurie Swanson Gribkov, Tom Kartrude, Bob Keefer, Bill Tanner

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Steve Gordon, Jamon Kent, Patty Little, Kay Metzger, Janet Minter, Ted Stevens, Bob Swank, Clair Van Bloom, Byron Vanderpool

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairperson Jerry Miller 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 Kloeppele stated that a quorum was present.

Mayor Tom Brooker welcomed members of the Board of Directors to Veneta.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairperson Miller noted that the Consent Calendar contained approval of the minutes of the May 22, 2003, meeting and approval of the Appointment of Members to the Senior Services Advisory Council and disability Services Advisory Council.

Commissioner Anna Morrison requested that approval of the minutes be removed from the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: *Director Chris Pryor moved, seconded by Chairperson Miller, to approve the Consent Calendar, not including approval of the minutes of the May 22, 2003, meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously, 18:0, Mayor Mike Dean having not yet joined the meeting.*

Commissioner Morrison requested that Paragraph 4 on Page 4 be amended, as follows:

Director Richard Eymann said he believed a lack of ~~comment~~ **commitment** usually meant satisfaction with what was happening in an organization and that those who were dissatisfied usually expressed their opinions.

Director Richard Eymann stated that the minutes, as written, accurately reflected his comments at the May 22 meeting.

Chairperson Miller announced that the minutes would be considered without amendment.

MOTION: *Mayor Brooker moved, seconded by Mayor Jim Torrey, to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2003, meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously, 19:0.*

COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Miller reported that the Executive Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Board of Directors. He also said he had no other comments to make.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloeppe reported that \$1,200 had been received from a recent funding raising effort, a "Vitality Fun Run/Walk", for Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material entitled "Information from the Executive Director." He reviewed material it contained, as follows:

- The July 24 meeting of the Board in Cottage Grove will be its Annual Goal Setting Session, will begin at 5:30 p.m., and include dinner.
- Metro Television has been honored with three "Telly" awards for its work.
- The Western Council of Governments Conference will be held August 12-15 at Mt. Bachelor Village in Bend. Members interested in attending should inform the chairperson or executive director.
- Summer LCOG staff events are scheduled during the coming summer months.
- State funding reductions have forced the layoff of 25 staff members and 10 more have taken "early retirements." Notices of termination of service have been given to 82 Lane County residents currently receiving Oregon Project Independence support because of the same reductions.
- A two-year agreement has been reached with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and the State Regional Problem Solving Program to have its personnel work from the LCOG Wells Fargo Building office.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A. Federal Advocacy Regarding Dredging

Mr. Kloeppe distributed copies of a draft letter proposed to be sent to the Lane County Congressional Delegation expressing LCOG support for an estimated \$574,000 maintenance dredging and jetty repair planning at the Port of Siuslaw and its request for a \$51,000 grant to begin design work and engineering for Phase I of its Waterfront Redevelopment Program. He reported that the Lane Economic Committee had reviewed the letter and recommended that the Board approve its submission.

Port of Siuslaw Director Tom Kartrude described the importance and purpose of the dredging and design work.

MOTION: *Chairperson Miller moved, seconded by Mayor Warren Weathers, to approve sending the draft letter to the Lane County Congressional Delegation. The motion was adopted unanimously, 18:0*

Mayor Dean joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

10. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

None.

11. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Goal-Setting Session

Mr. Kloeppe introduced Dr. Laurie Swanson Gribkov, representing New Work Designs. He said she would serve as facilitator at the Board's July Goal Setting Session. He explained that she had met with the Executive Committee and would use time allotted on the current agenda to raise awareness of goal-setting work completed in 2001.

Ms. Swanson Gribkov described her background in government service and processes to be followed in the Goal-Setting Session. She invited members to discuss their concepts of what would make the session a success. She reviewed goals adopted in 2001 and invited members to identify which they considered to be currently least and most important.

B. 2003-04 Work Program and Budget

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material regarding the 2003-2004 LCOG Work Program and Budget. He noted that the proposal was developed during two meetings of the Budget Committee and that the plan as recommended for adoption by the Committee had been distributed at the May 22 meeting of the Board.

Mr. Kloeppe said the budget was “soft,” but an honest attempt to plan for the next year in the face of fiscal uncertainty. He said changes would likely be made to it when further information was available. He noted that Resolution 2003-2 attached to the Support Material adopted the Budget and appropriated funds for the next fiscal year.

Chairperson Miller opened the Public Hearing on the LCOG Work Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

Chairperson Miller determined there was no one present wishing to testify regarding the Work Program or Budget and closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: *Mayor Weathers moved, seconded by Mayor Gary Williams, to adopt Resolution 2003-2, adopting the FY 2003-04 Budget. The motion was adopted unanimously, 19:0.*

Mayor Brooker left the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Councilor Marion Esty replaced the mayor as Veneta’s representative.

MEMBER AGENCY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Advisory Council Reports.” He noted that it contained information about meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Senior Services Advisory Council, and Disability Services Advisory Council.

13. REPORTS OF STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

None.

14. REPORTS OF MEMBER AGENCIES

Director Greg James reported that Willamalane Park District had begun Phase I of the development of its 32nd Street Sports Complex. He said it was a joint project with the City of Springfield and several nonprofit organizations. He said initial construction would include a synthetic turf soccer field, lighting, and parking. He said the Tony Hawk Skateboard Park was attracting 100-200 persons daily. He said the Board of Directors had adopted a Budget and that its work on a Comprehensive Plan would be completed in September.

Director Jay Bozevich reported that, as a new member of the Lane Community College Board of Directors, he was surprised at the great variety of work that was underway. He described his first experience at a graduation ceremony.

Mayor Don Hampton reported that Oakridge City Council had completed distribution of Room Tax revenue to local businesses. He said a number of firms were discussing relocation to Oakridge Industrial Park and that 200 mountain bike riders had participated the previous weekend in a race in the area.

Mayor Williams reported that Cottage Grove would hold its annual Bohemia Days celebration on the third weekend of July. He said the City Council had initiated the process of annexing a Speedway and Fair/Exposition grounds within the City's Urban Growth Boundary. He said the previously announced Animal House anniversary observance had been postponed to August 30 and that Universal Studios was planning to release a video recording of highlights of the "world's biggest toga party."

Mayor Ron Petitti reported that Creswell was beginning the process of annexing the airport within its Urban Growth Boundary. He said a member of the City Council had resigned and that he believed citizens were more unified in civic efforts and planning than ever before. He said the famous Creswell July 4th Celebration would take place.

Director Al King reported that the new superintendent of the Springfield School District 19 would begin service on July 1. He said that the retirement of 45 teachers and other employees in the district had made it possible to avoid layoffs. He said the Board of Directors had adopted a budget.

On the invitation of Emerald People's Utility District Commissioner Eymann, Commissioner Bill Tanner reported on a recent national Public Power Conference. Commissioner Eymann stated that every member of the Board was seeking new and innovative ways to serve customers.

Director Alan Laisure reported that the Bethel School District 53 had completed adoption of its budget by anticipating a reduced shortage that would allow the continued employment of nighttime school custodians. He said the District's new superintendent would begin work on July 1. He said two District high school students had finished first in a national debating contest.

Mayor Weathers reported that reconstruction of the Lowell sewage plant was behind schedule and would not be completed until January, leading to the lifting of the current restriction on building and growth. He suggested that the draining of the Fern Ridge Reservoir planned for the fall would have significant impacts on tourist and outdoor recreation concerns throughout the area. He said there were inadequate public safety and cleanup services available and that regional planning should be undertaken to meet the needs.

Council Esty reported that more than 100 persons attended a recent meeting in Veneta regarding the draining of the Fern Ridge Reservoir. She said concerns were expressed about birds, fish, boats, and property values. She said the new City Skateboard Park was drawing more than 100 visitors a day. She described new home development, preparations for the Oregon Country Fair, and expansion of the City's water system.

Director Fred Welding reported that failure of Fern Ridge Library District's local option levy to achieve the required "double majority" had led to reduction in operating hours from 45 to 35 each week. He said the most recent report of volunteer hours at the library was 10,287 in May and that \$735 in Contributions in Lieu of Taxes had been received.

Councilor Susie Navetta reported that Dunes City had recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding with a well attended celebration. She reported on continuing problems related to the Silt Coos Dam.

Director Pryor described his experience presenting a graduation diploma to his youngest child as a member of the School Board for Eugene School District 4J. He reported that a budget for the next fiscal year had been adopted and construction begun on two elementary school buildings.

Executive Director Kartrude expressed appreciation for the Board's support of dredging operations at the Port of Siuslaw. He said a recent fatal boating accident illustrated the need for such continued maintenance. He said the Port Commission had adopted a budget that included \$250,000 of capital improvements. He reported that a National Weather Service transmitter would soon be installed at the port, redesigning of the waterfront had begun, and a National Parks Service grant had been received to create an estuary trail system.

Commissioner Morrison reported that plans for a Lane County Alternative County Fair might need to be cancelled because of a lack of permits and excessive size. She said she supported a study of the impacts of the draining of Fern Ridge Reservoir and said she believed the entire 2004 recreation season would be lost and seriously affect the work of the Park Department. She said only one jurisdiction had so far accepted an invitation to a joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners. She speculated that lack of response meant the meeting was no longer useful. She reported that cities had been notified of the formula to distribute transportation funding and that the Board had finalized the process for choosing a replacement for Commissioner Tom Lininger.

Mayor Torrey reported that US Senator Gordon Smith would make a presentation in Eugene on July 1, that University of Oregon Basketball player Luke Ridenour had been chosen 14th in the National Basketball League draft, that demolition of the former Agripac facility to allow construction of a new Federal Courthouse had begun, and that June had been politically calm month in Eugene.

Councilor Nan Osbon reported that the Florence City Council had adopted a budget for the next fiscal year. She said planning had begun for a Skateboard Park, Veterans Park, and

construction of a facility for youth on a school site. She said the Rhodie Days celebration had been successful. She reported that the municipal water system was being expanded, that high school students were visiting families in a Sister City, and that whether to allow a construction of a Native American gambling casino in the area was a controversial issue.

Mayor Dean reported that Coburg water and wastewater system improvements were underway. He said a kickoff event for use of a Ford Family Foundation grant to support the Coburg School had been successful and that the first phase of the City's Periodic Review was completed. He said a full compliment of City Council and Planning Commission members and a new Public Works Director were improving municipal operations.

Chairperson Miller reported that Lane Education Services District had adopted a budget that allowed reversal of previously planned cuts to technical support services. He said a new District Superintendent would begin work on July 1.

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A. Lane County Population Projection Coordination

LCOG staff Clair Van Bloem referred to Agenda Support material entitled "Lane County Population Projection Coordination" and reviewed information it contained regarding LCOG's role in coordinating population projections. She said a meeting would be held of representatives of all member jurisdictions to discuss preliminary projections and procedures for modifying them

B. Rivers to Ridges Regional Parks and Open Space Visioning Process

LCOG staff Steve Gordon referred to Agenda Support Material entitled "Completion of the Rivers to Ridges Metropolitan Regional Parks and Open Space Visioning Process and reviewed information it contained about preparation and adoption of the plan. He said the project had been a success and that eleven local interest groups, the Eugene and Springfield City Councils, Lane County Board of Commissioners, and the Willamalane Parks and Recreation Board had endorsed it. He said local grant applications and United Front lobbying efforts would be based on the plan.

C. Public Safety Coordinating Council Final Report

LCOG staff Jamon Kent referred to Agenda Support Material entitled "Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) Final Report" and reviewed information it contained about the seen-year work of the LCOG staff in support of the PSCC's programs. He reviewed highlights of PSCC accomplishments since it inception in 1995 and expressed

appreciation for the efforts staff and volunteer had invested in its work. He described the transition of management of its programs to Lane County.

16. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

A. Contracts for Services

LCOG Staff Patti Little referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Contracts for Services for 2004” and reviewed information it contained about the agencies and organizations with which Senior and Disable Services will contract to provide services not directly provided by LCOG staff in the next fiscal year.

17. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Collective Bargaining Settlements

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Collective Bargaining Settlements” and reviewed information it contained about labor contracts agreed upon with the Service Employees International Union and the Employees Association. He also reported upon the compensation changes for un-represented staff and management staff. He expressed appreciation to representatives of the employee unions for their participation in the productive negotiations that had taken place.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)