

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City of Florence Event Center
715 Quince – Florence, Oregon

October 24, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Councilor Winn Wendell (Junction City), Chair	Director Dennis Shine (LCC)
Mayor Alan Burns (Florence)	Director Bob Sneddon (Western Lane Ambulance District)
Mayor Michael Dubick (Creswell)	Mayor Jim Torrey (Eugene)
Commissioner Richard Eymann (EPUD)	Director Helen Wagner (Willamalane)
Director Alan Laisure (School District 52)	Councilor Rob Ward (Dunes City)
Commissioner Patrick Lanning (EWEB)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)
Director Jerry Miller (Lane ESD)	Director Sandi Young (Siuslaw Public Li- brary)
Commissioner Anna Morrison (Lane County)	

Absent

Mayor Tim Brooker (Veneta)	Mayor Diana Tonkin (Westfir)
Mayor Mike Dean (Coburg)	Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Commissioner Cindy Weeldreyer (Lane County)
Director Al King (School District 19)	Commissioner Lynette Wikstrom-Smith (Port of Siuslaw)
Director Tom Lininger (School District 68)	
Councilor Christine Lundberg (Springfield)	
Director Chris Pryor (School District 4J)	

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Tony Bieda, Donna Lee, Jack Minter

LCOG STAFF

George Kloepfel, Carol Heinkel, Janet Minter, Ted Stevens, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairperson Winn Wendell 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 Kloepfel declared a quorum to be present.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairperson Wendell noted that the Consent Calendar contained two items, as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes of September 26, 2002, Meeting
- B. Approve Resolution 2002-8 Delegating MPO Responsibilities to the Metropolitan Policy Committee

MOTION: *Mayor Alan Burns moved, seconded by Mayor Michael Dubick, 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 Wendell reported on his attendance of the Oregon Regional Councils Association Conference in Ashland. He said presentations made were excellent and that he had been able to study the Rogue Valley regional Problem Solving Project. He described the presentation made by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Chairperson Wendell said there had been no October meeting of the Executive Committee.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloepfel referred to a document entitled "Comments from the Executive Director." He reviewed information contained in it, as follows:

- The November/December meeting will be at the LCOG main office. The calendar of meeting dates for 2003 has several opportunities for members to host.
- The Oregon Regional Councils Association conference was interesting. It will be reviewed to determine whether similar meetings in the future should be scheduled.
- LCOG Community Safety Program Manager Myra Wall, has accepted an appointment as a Visiting Fellow for the National Institute of Justice. She will work in the

area of the development of the impacts of “collaboration on community problem solving initiatives.”

- The LCOG 2002 Appreciation Dinner is tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2003.
- Participation in LCOG Board of Directors Meetings by members of Lane County’s State Legislative Delegation is regularly encouraged. A substantial relationship with State officials is maintained by the Senior and Disabled Services Division.
- LCOG Public Safety Principal Planner Galen Howard has been honored as the recipient of the 2001-2002 Impact Award from the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers.
- The Lane Library League has been approved for a grant of \$135,000 from the State Library to facilitate library service to un-served populations throughout Lane County.
- Appropriation for the federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) has been delayed, but will likely be available for needy citizens at a level similar to that of previous years. Senior and Disabled Services has a contract to work with its clients from the Lane County Human Services Commission which administers the program.
- The Lane County Board of County Commissioners is hosting a meeting with area jurisdiction officials to explore local options for transportation revenue generation on October 30.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

None.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

None.

11. ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

A. Nominating Committee Appointment and Confirmation

Chairperson Wendell referred to Agenda Support Material for Agenda Item 11.A entitled “Nominating Committee Appointment and Confirmation. He stated that he wished to appoint as the nominating committee for 2002-2003 Mayor Alan Burns, Director Chris Pryor, and Mayor Gary Williams.

MOTION: *Mayor Jim Torrey moved, seconded by Director Sandy Young, to confirm the appointment of Mayor Alan Burns, Director Chris Pryor, and Mayor Gary Williams as the Nominating Committee for 2002-2003. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.*

MEMBER AGENCY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloeppel referred to Agenda Support Material for Agenda Item 12 entitled “Advisory Council Reports.”

Senior and Disability and Senior Services Director Ted Stevens expressed appreciation for the use of a meeting room in the Siuslaw Public Library for a Legislative Candidate Forum sponsored by the Disability and Senior Services Advisory Councils.

13. REPORTS OF STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

None.

14. REPORTS OF MEMBER AGENCIES

Director Dennis Shine reported that Lane Community College Board of Directors member Lucille Salmony had resigned to accept employment in Micronesia. He said a replacement would be sought from the Florence area and that the application deadline was November 8. He also reported that spring tuition would be raised by \$2.50 a credit unit, if the Oregon State Income Tax Surcharge Referral was not approved by voters in January. He referred to an article from the October 24, 2002, issue of *The Register-Guard* entitled “College Education Worth Investment” distributed at the beginning of the meeting. He said it was based on a study entitled “The Socioeconomic Benefits Generated by Lane Community College” also distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Patrick Lanning reported that the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) was reviewing its rate structure, in part because its tiered nature caused unnecessary confusion. He said members of the Board were seeking feedback from the community.

Commissioner Anna Morrison reported that the Lane County Board of Commissioners was beginning preparations for the United Front lobbying trip to Washington D.C. in March. She said she had been favorably impressed during her attendance at a recent “Challenge of Change” conference. She said she believed it was the “first breath of hope” about economic development that she had heard because it de-emphasized planning and encouraged “putting stuff on the ground.” She expressed appreciation for responses given to her questions raised about the Region 2050 planning processes, but said she would likely ask for additional information.

Director Bob Sneddon, president of the Board of Directors of the Western Lane Ambulance District, described emergency medical and transportation services provided by the district and reported on recent public education programs regarding child booster seat requirements. He said ambulances had made 300 runs in August, the largest number ever.

Mayor Burns introduced City of Florence City Council President Donna Lee. He said residents were very proud of the city and what it had to offer. He reported that enrollment at the Florence Lane Community College campus was up twenty-five percent.

Mayor Torrey reported that Broadway had been re-opened in the City of Eugene. He said it would have a positive impact on revitalization of the downtown area. He said he was looking forward to hosting the January meeting of the Board in the new city Library. He described the potential positive impact of the local option school levy submitted to voters by the City Council.

Councilor Rob Ward reported that Dune City was “alive and well.” He described efforts to bring residents and businesses into conformity with state laws regarding water rights and easements in the use of water from area lakes.

Director Helen Wagner reported that construction of Willamalane Park District’s first skate park would be completed by its November 7 opening. She said it had been made possible by a \$150,000 grant and \$200,000 raised in local in-kind donations. She said planning for a sports complex in the downtown area had begun, and that the district’s 20 year comprehensive plan was being completed. She described her attendance of an excellent parks conference in Florida.

Director Jerry Miller reported that a search had begun for a new superintendent for the Lane Education Services District with the assistance of the Oregon School Board Association. He said the Lane County School Board Association had endorsed the Eugene ballot measure for schools and suggested that other educational programs could benefit from similar measures in other communities.

Director Alan Laisure reported that the Bethel School District 52 had opened two schools in the fall, including a new 200 student alternative high school. He said the district had also begun its search for a new superintendent with the assistance of the Oregon School Board Association. He said eleven community meetings were being held to discuss what type of person would be best for the job.

Commissioner Richard Eymann reported for the Emerald Peoples Utility District. He expressed appreciation for the response given to his suggestion regarding involvement of the Lane County legislative delegation in the affairs of local government through attendance of meetings of the LCOG Board of Directors. He said he believed the participation would improve the legislators' understanding of issues facing local jurisdictions. He suggested that legislators be required to attend a minimum number of local government meetings each year and that they be given nominal additional salaries to compensate for their time.

Mayor Dubick reported that the City of Creswell had completed the updating of its development codes and would soon begin to revise its development fee structure to be more in line with those of neighboring cities. He said the mayoral and all City Council elections in November were contested.

Chairperson Wendell reported that BiMart had broken ground for a new store in the downtown district of Junction City. He said a federal agency was negotiating to buy property in the district to construct a new office building. He said there were not candidates for all positions on the City Council open in the November election.

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

A. Proposed Plan for the Provision of Family Caregiver Support Services

Mr. Stevens referred to Support Material for Agenda Item 15.A entitled "Proposed Plan for the Continuing Provision of Family Caregiver Support Services" and reviewed information it contained about replacing services previously provided by Lane Community College. He said the plan would be presented to the Board for approval at its December meeting. He explained that, unless there were concerns raised, it would be included in Consent Calendar actions of the meeting.

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A. Region 2050 Report

LCOG staff Carol Heinkel referred to Support Material for Agenda Item 16.A entitled "Region 2050 Report" and a document distributed with the agenda of the meeting entitled "Yesterday and Today Growth Scenarios – Technical Report."

Ms. Heinkel explained that the Region 2050 Report presented to the Board at its previous meeting and resulted in submission of a list of questions about processes used in the project by Commissioner Morrison. She said the questions were "on target" and had been answered as fully as possible. She said they had almost all been previously considered by the project's Policy Board. She said the level of detail requested by some

questions was not available because resources for their development had been directed elsewhere by the project's Technical Committee. She said some of the questions required extrapolation of a predictive nature which was inappropriate for staff to perform.

Mayor Torrey asked how the Region 2050 Project would be financed in the future. Ms. Heinkel replied that a grant application had been submitted to the Oregon Community Foundation for which a response was anticipated in November. She said the use of "earmarked" federal resources was being investigated through the office of Congressman Peter DeFazio. She said \$95,000 was currently committed to the project for the next two years and that a Work Program would be prepared when the availability of the other funds was known.

Chairperson Wendell recalled that at the September Board meeting members had described the project as the first time rural areas had been given a fair opportunity to participate in a long term planning process. He said suggestions had also been made to expand representation on project advisory groups to include school districts and other jurisdictions.

17. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

A. First Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Support Material for Agenda Item 17.A entitled "First Quarter Financial Report" and explained that page three of the report had inadvertently been omitted in material distributed before the meeting, but had been placed at the seats of members.

Mr. Kloepfel said LCOG was financially "where it should be" at the end of the first quarter. He explained that a close watch was being kept on its fiscal status because of anticipated downturns in revenue.

Mr. Kloepfel reported that members would receive the audit report of fiscal year 2001-02 to act upon at the December meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)