

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EWEB – Board Room
500 East 4th Avenue
Eugene

February 25, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Councilor Chris Pryor (Eugene), Chair	Councilor Joe Pishioneri (Springfield)
Councilor Darrell Carman (Veneta)	Board Member Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library District)
Director Sherry Duerst-Higgins (Lane ESD)	Commissioner Faye Stewart (Lane County)
Commissioner Ron Farmer (EWEB)	Councilor Lance Stoddard (Junction City)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Board Member Jim Torrey (Eugene SD)
Mayor Bob Hooker (Creswell)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)
Board Member Greg James (Willamalane)	Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
Board Member Al King (Springfield SD)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)
Board Member Tony McCown (LCC)	
Board Member Bill McCoy (Lane Library Dist)	

Absent

McKenzie School District Representative	City of Florence Representative
Port of Siuslaw Representative	City of Westfir Representative
Siuslaw Fire District Representative	River Road Park District Representative
EPUD Representative	Bethel School District Representative
Western Lane Ambulance District Representative	

NON-VOTING MEMBER

Board Member Mike Dubick (LTD)

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Mayor Dwight Coon (Junction City), Tom Schwetz (LTD), Randy Berggren (EWEB)

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Eric Brandt, Jamon Kent, Ann Mortenson, Stacy Salladay, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool, and Kay Metzger

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Chris Pryor called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m.

LCOG Administrative Coordinator Ann Mortenson called the roll of members. LCOG Executive Director George Kloeppel stated that a quorum was present.

Retiring EWEB General Manager Randy Berggren welcomed members of the Board to its facility and expressed appreciation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

Chairperson Pryor referred to the Report of the Executive Committee and noted that it contained summaries of meetings held on January 21 and February 11, 2010.

Chairperson Pryor referred to a document entitled Advisory Council Reports and noted that it contained summaries of December, January, and February meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Senior Services Advisory Council, Disability Services Advisory Council, and Lane Economic Committee.

Mr. Kloeppel referred to his Comments from the Executive Director and reviewed his observations on the schedule of Board meetings, changing the name of the Southern Willamette Services Corporation to Lane Senior Support Coalition, advances made in developing the LCOG Aging and Disability Resource Center, and the establishment of a new partnership between the Senior and Disabled Service (S&DS) with Lane Transportation District (LTD).

BUSINESS ITEMS

Chairperson Pryor noted that the Consent Agenda contained acceptance of the Minutes of the December 10, 2009, meeting.

Board Member Greg James moved, seconded by Director Sherry Duerst-Higgins, to approve the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Warren Weathers requested that Paragraph 1 on Page 5 of the Minutes be changed to indicate that he represented the City of Lowell, not the City of Creswell.

Chairperson Pryor determined that there was no objection to the request and the Minutes were amended.

The amended motion was adopted unanimously, 17:0, with Board Member Jim Torrey having not yet joined the meeting.

FY 2008-09 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Kloeppe reviewed Agenda support material entitled FY 2008-09 Financial Statements and Audit Report. He noted that members had digitally received the LCOG Annual Financial Report for study in advance of the meeting. He said printed copies were also available. He introduced Mr. Forest Arnold representing Jones and Roth, CPAs and Business Consultants, which had conducted the audit.

Mr. Arnold explained the purposes, procedures, and standards of an audit of the financial records of an agency. He reviewed the audit of LCOG records and referred to the Independent Auditor's Report submitted to the Board. He said the audit concluded that the financial statements fairly presented the government and business-type activities of each major fund of the interests of LCOG.

Chairperson Pryor reported that the Audit Committee had reviewed the report of the Auditor and recommended that the Board approve it.

Board Member Tony McCown moved, seconded by Mayor Gary Williams, to accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and approve the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2009. The motion was adopted unanimously, 17:0.

RLIDv2 PRESENTATION

LCOG Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Manager Eric Brandt reviewed background for the recently revised Regional Land Information Database (RLID) program provided in Agenda support material entitled "RLIDv2 Introduction." He noted the importance of the land-based information for local governments and non-partner (commercial) agency subscribers. He described its unique public/private funding and management structure. He emphasized that the data available through the program was provided by partner agencies.

RLID Support and Training Specialist Stacy Salladay gave a demonstration of how the program operated and showed sample data available through it.

Director Sherry Duerst-Higgins left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Board Member Jim Torrey joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Brandt invited members to ask questions and provide feedback regarding the RLID program.

- Commissioner Faye Stewart asked if it would be possible to make RLID information available to the general public through the internet.
 - o Mr. Kloeppe replied that since operation of the program was funded by partners, they would need to approve of such use. He also said some public officials and employees such as police officers were hesitant to have their home addresses made public.
 - o Mr. Brandt replied that nearly all of the information available through RLID was "public" and available from places such as the Lane County Assessor.

- Chairperson Pryor suggested that various levels of RLID information be created – a “casual quick” look available for free; a per-use charge; and the current subscription rate.
- Board Member James asked if it would be possible to use RLID to create population data summaries for specific areas.
 - o Mr. Brandt replied that RLID had “just scratched the surface” of what could be done with available data. He said no area summaries had been attempted, but would be possible. He explained that soil conditions and other environmental data was available and was planned to be incorporated, that bus stop locations were considered as a future addition, and that 2010 census results would provide a “gold mine” of usable data.
- Board Member Tony McCown suggested that there would be value in incorporating proposed and actual municipal overlay districts.
 - o Mr. Kloeppe added that notification of neighboring property owners were required when certain permits applications were submitted and addresses of owners could easily be extracted from RLID data and mailing lists produced.
- LCOG Staff Byron Vanderpool pointed out that, in addition to providing access to database information, RLID staff regularly developed excellent analyses of facts and trends for users.

Chairperson Pryor thanked Mr. Brandt and Ms. Salladay for their presentation.

S&DS PROGRAM YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Director of LCOG Senior and Disabled Services (S&DS) Kay Metzger referred to Agenda support material entitled “S&DS Program Year Highlights for 2008-09” and reviewed information it contained regarding challenges and accomplishments faced by its programs. She emphasized the success of LCOG in establishing a model Aging and Disability Resource Center for the State of Oregon using a federal Administration on Aging grant. She also spotlighted progress made in partnerships, collaborations, and improving transition and diversion services for persons living in nursing facilities. She noted that over 18,000 persons were served through S&DS in the past year and that significant work was done with service providers.

Mr. Kloeppe reported that S&DS Adult Protective Services workers had been re-located to the ground floor level of the Park Place Building. He said they frequently worked with local law enforcement officials.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda support material entitled “Second Quarter Financial Report” and reviewed information it contained. He said LCOG was “generally in good shape,” but that there were concerns about the availability of credit for needed facility improvements. He explained that an adjustment to the adopted budget would be sought in a revised budget to be considered at the April meeting of the Board.

Mr. Kloeppe offered Board of Directors Orientation Packets to members desiring the information they contained.

Mr. Kloeppe noted that Public Safety Coordinating Council Justice System Report Cards had been distributed and encouraged members to study their highlights of the Lane County adult and juvenile systems. He said LCOG Principal Planner Susan Sowards was available to answer questions and follow-up on interests regarding the report.

Mr. Kloeppe noted that Response Cards had been distributed for members to provide reactions and suggestions for improvements to the Annual Appreciation Dinner held on January 28.

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda support material entitled “Northwest Corridor Rail Summit” and encouraged members’ interest and participation. Mr. Vanderpool added that a recent \$8 million grant had been received to support development of higher speed rail transport in the Northwest Corridor, which increased the potential importance of the Summit.

Mr. Vanderpool referred to Agenda support material entitled “Federal Jobs Bill, ARRA-II, Update.” He noted that the outcome of pending legislation considered to be a second round of federal “stimulus funding” was unknown, but that members would be kept informed.

DEVELOPING A CLIMATE OF PROSPERITY, PLANNING SESSION FOLLOW-UP

Chairperson Pryor referred to Agenda support material entitled “Developing a Climate of Prosperity – Planning Session Follow-Up.” He explained that time had been set aside during the meeting to take the strategic vision developed by the Board at its Planning Session in September and turn it into action.

Mr. Kloeppe reviewed a process described in the material developed by the Executive Committee to focus on *measurable improvements* through a task team composed of “*Board members and other knowledgeable individuals*” divided into three subcommittees – human services coordination, communication, and job creation. He said the subcommittees were to develop specific steps in the areas identified to “*establish a climate of prosperity and well-being in the region and to create a report and recommendations for consideration of the LCOG Board.*” He noted that they were to “*to determine deficits or inhibiting factors in the achievement of objectives, and propose action steps (to overcome them).*”

Members discussed the proposal.

Chairperson Pryor determined that there was apparent consensus to support the proposed process. He asked for volunteers and suggestions of individuals to serve on subcommittees. He invited members to provide continued feedback. He said that the persons listed in the Agenda support material as potential participants had not yet been approached to serve. Mr. Kloeppe

suggested that the first meeting of the task team be held at the time of the March meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mayor Don Hampton requested that he be re-assigned from the Economic Enhancement/Jobs Subcommittee as noted on the Agenda support material to the Communication Subcommittee.

Board Member Tony McCown volunteered to be assigned to the Economic Enhancement/Jobs Subcommittee.

Board Member Jim Torrey volunteered to be assigned to the Economic Enhancement/Jobs Subcommittee.

Mayor Judy Volta volunteered to be assigned to the Human Services Coordination Subcommittee.

Commissioner Faye Stewart suggested that Lane County Public Information Office staff be included on the Communication Subcommittee.

Mayor Volta said she believed it would be important to involve persons representing non-governmental agencies on the task force.

Board Member Greg James announced that preparations for the United Front lobbying trip to Washington D.C. were in their final stages.

Chairperson Pryor said he believed in short meeting, but also in encouraging full participation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

(Recorded by Ann Mortenson and Dan Lindstrom)