

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Cottage Grove Community Center
700 East Gibbs, Cottage Grove

April 24, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Director Greg James (Willamalane), Chair	Director Alan Laisure (School District 52)
Mayor Phil Brubaker (Florence)	Commissioner Mel Menegat (EWEB)
Councilor Darrell Carman (Veneta)	Director William McCoy (Lane Library District)
Acting Mayor Tim Demanett (Creswell)	Councilor Chris Pryor (Eugene)
Director Sheri Duerst-Higgins (Lane ESD)	Director Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library District)
Mayor Niel Friedman (Westfir)	Commissioner Faye Stewart (Lane County)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Councilor Lance Stoddard (City of Junction City)
Director Susie Johnston (LCC)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)
Commissioner Penny Jordan (EPUD)	Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
Director Al King (School District 19)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)

Absent

City of Dunes City Representative	Port of Siuslaw Representative
City of Springfield Representative	Siuslaw Fire District Representative
School District 4J (Eugene) Representative	Western Ambulance District Representative
School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative	Lane Transit District Representative

NONVOTING MEMBER

None

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Lisa Arkin, Richard Meyers

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Jamon Kent, Patti Little, Ann Mortenson, Andrea Riner, Nancy Sargent-Johnson, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairperson Greg James called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Chairperson James determined that there were no requests to change the Agenda and that there was no one present wishing to address the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson James referred to Agenda support material entitled "Report of the Executive Committee" and noted that it included summaries of meetings held on March 13 and April 10, 2008. He said the Committee had discussed replacement of Patrick Lanning, who had resigned as EWEB representative on the Board, with Lane County Commissioner Faye Stewart. He explained that confirming the appointment was included in the Consent Agenda.

3. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloeppel referred to Agenda support material entitled "Advisory Council Reports" and noted that it included summaries of meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Lane Economic Committee, Senior Services Advisory Council, and Disability Services Advisory Council.

4. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloeppel referred to Agenda support material entitled "Comments from the Executive Director and reviewed information it contained about the schedule of meetings of the Board, the second annual Public Safety Coordinating Council "Report Card" on the criminal justice system in Lane County, and organizational and personnel changes. He noted that information regarding federal Economic Stimulus Payments for Social Security recipients had also been distributed.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson James noted that the Consent Agenda included acceptance of the minutes of the February 28 meeting of the Board, adoption of the 2008-09 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services, and confirmation of the appointment of Faye Stewart to the Executive Committee.

Councilor Chris Pryor moved, seconded by Mayor Don Hampton, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously, 19:0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7. PLANNING SERVICES ITEMS

None.

8. SENIOR AND DISABLES SERVICES ITEMS

None

9. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ITEM

A. Fiscal Year 2007-08 Revised Budget

Mr. Kloeppel referred to Agenda support material regarding Resolution 2008-02, REVISING THE FY 2007-2008 BUDGET. He reviewed Budget Summary information and Executive Director's Comment and Recommendation it contained.

Members discussed the Resolution and recommended adoption of the budget revisions.

Mayor Don Hampton moved, seconded by Councilor Lance Stoddard, to adopt Resolution 2008-02. The motion was adopted unanimously, 19:0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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A. Member Agency Check-In

Chairperson James explained that the Executive Committee had recommended that an opportunity for member agencies to report local information of regional interest be included on the Agenda.

Mayor Don Hampton reported that he would be interviewed on KLCC radio at noon on April 27 regarding the concerns of small cities. He invited members to make suggestions of topics and information he could include.

Mayor Judy Volta reported that the Coburg City Council had adopted a resolution at its meeting on April 22 to establish a Local Improvement District as the final element in the funding of its soon to begin construction of a wastewater collection, treatment, and water recycling system.

Commissioner Stewart reported that the Board of County Commissioners would discuss the Coordinated Population Projection at its meeting on April 30. He said a public comment period would be included.

Mayor Gary Williams reported that the Lane County Mayor's Association had postponed a meeting on "ethics issues" with Ray Naff, but that it would be rescheduled.

Mr. Kloepfel asked if any local officials had recently resigned over new statewide financial reporting requirements. Mayor Hampton reported that one Oakridge Planning Commissioner had written a letter stating that he would refuse to provide all of the information the new report required. Councilor Stoddard reported that one Junction City Planning Commissioner had resigned over issues related to the report requirements. Councilor Darrell Carmen reported that many Veneta City Councilors had complained about the new requirements, but that none had resigned.

Chairperson James reported that the Willamalane Park District Board of Directors had jointly developed with the Springfield School District a funding ballot measure for after school programs.

B. Benzene Containment/Reduction Report

Lisa Arkin distributed copies of a brochure entitled "Oregonians and Benzene" and a Lane County Board of Commissioners resolution entitled IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING AIRBORNE BENENE BY ENCOURAGING THE END OF THE PRACTICE OF "TOPPING OFF" FUEL TANKS AND THE UNNECESSARY IDLING OF COUNTY-OWNED VEHICLES.

Ms. Arkin reviewed public health hazards resulting from high levels of benzene fumes that she said were unique to the northwest. She said it was specifically linked to childhood leukemia. She described a statewide program sponsored by a group of businesses, governments, individuals, and organizations to reduce benzene air pollution. She previewed a television public service announcement supporting the program featuring Commissioner Stewart. She distributed stickers containing the slogans "Don't Top Off!" and "Don't Idle!"

C. Third Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda support material presenting third quarter actual cash experience to the revised 2007-08 Budget. He reviewed highlights of the information it contained.

D. Park Place Building Project

Associate Director Bob Swank referred to Agenda support material entitled "Park Place Building Schedule. He reviewed information it contained and expressed confidence that LCOG offices currently located in the Wells Fargo Building would be moved to the new location following completion of its renovation, scheduled for August 21.

E. Organizational Change

Mr. Kloeppel referred to Agenda support material entitled "Organizational Change" and discussed the restructuring of LCOG resources in a chart it contained. He explained it was likely only the most recent reorganizations attempting to best utilize the staff and management of LCOG.

F. Lane County Finance/Budget

Commissioner Stewart distributed copies of documents entitled "Lane County Budget Message – Stabilizing Services in the Face of Severe Revenue Shortfalls" and "Lane County FY 08-09 Proposed Budget – General Fund Services Reductions." He described the likely failure of efforts to secure last-minute re-funding of the federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000. He said the Lane County Budget Committee had been instructed to prepare a proposal that would reflect the loss of \$83 million in revenue. He reviewed summaries of budget expenditure cuts to be proposed.

Members discussed the impacts of the budget cuts on local agencies, especially on small and large cities. Consideration was given to seeking ways that LCOG could coordinate cooperation between and combining member agency services.

With the facilitation of Cottage Grove City Administrator Richard Meyers, members had a free-wheeling discussion of prioritization of regional needs and possible collaborations in the face of County budget reductions. There appeared to be agreement that the greatest needs were in the areas of public safety and human services.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)

