

Agenda Item Number 4.

Report of the Executive Committee

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Meeting Notes:

Meeting of May 8, 2008

The LCOG Executive Committee was called to order at 6:30 (following the meeting of the LCOG Budget Committee) on Thursday, May 8 by Board Chair Greg James in the LCOG Main Office in Eugene. Members present were:

LCOG Board Chair, Greg James, Willamalane
SD 19 Director, Al King
Coburg Mayor Judy Volta
Oakridge Mayor Don Hampton

Staff members attending included Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool, Jamon Kent, Ann Mortenson, and George Kloeppe. The Committee considered:

Agenda Items for June LCOG Board of Directors Meeting

Kloeppe distributed a listing of the topics expected to be on the June 26 Board meeting agenda. He noted that the Budget Committee had adopted the (recommended) FY 2008-09 Work Program and Budget and that the Board would be asked to conduct a public hearing and to adopt the budget by resolution in June. The Committee's views were solicited regarding the special discussion topic for June. It was noted that the legislative delegation would be invited to participate in September. It was suggested that the subject of water quality and quantity would be appropriate for exploration in June. It was suggested that staff invite representatives of the Water Resources Department and the Department of

Environmental Quality; also suggested were representatives of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

It was reported that also on the June 26 agenda would be information reports on collective bargaining, the next year's Older Americans Act-funded contract services, the Meals on Wheels contribution guideline, and the Park Place Building project. It was suggested that, regarding County finance and the public safety dilemma, a report be made to the Board on the discussions at the May 13 Joint (metro area) Elected Officials (JEO) meeting and the May 15 Regional Managers meeting.

Follow-Up to April Board Discussion of County Finance

It was noted that the Board of Directors had explored the County budget circumstance with Commissioner Stewart at its April meeting. Kloeppel reported that he had heard from Mayor Brubaker that the Florence Council would consider a policy change for police service outside of the city limits. The JEO was scheduled to discuss the issue (from a metro area perspective) at its May 13 meeting.

FY 2008-09 Work Program and Budget

Copies of the proposed Work Program and Budget, approved by the Budget Committee, were distributed and discussed by the Committee. It was noted that copies would be sent to members of the Board and that Board action, after a public hearing, would be expected on June 26.

Cascades West Economic Development District. Board Appointments

After a description of the role, function and composition of the four-county economic development district board, the Committee was asked to consider reappointing two members of the Lane Economic Committee to serve, along with six members of the Executive Committee, as the region's representatives to the 20-member board. It was moved by Mayor Volta, seconded by Mayor Hampton, that Robert Scoggin and John Sullivan be reappointed to the board for a one-year term. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Performance Review, Mid-Cycle Check-In

George Kloeppel noted that the Chair had asked that he prepare a memo for the Committee, addressing the goals and "areas of emphasis" that had been established

in September 2007 after the biennial Performance Review. That memo, dated May 8, was presented to the Committee. Kloeppel suggested that the memo be reviewed prior to the June 12 Executive Committee meeting. Staff was asked to mail copies of the memo to the four absent members of the Committee.

Information Items

Federal Transportation Act Reauthorization Initiatives: It was noted that the current authorization would expire next year and that many interest groups were developing their priorities for a new transportation bill. Kloeppel said that Representative DeFazio's leadership position on the House T&I Committee and the transportation subcommittee was important to the area. He added that, in addition to local priorities, the western states (ports, state DOTs and MPOs from California to Alaska) were assessing the possibilities of significant federal involvement in the high-priority goals of the West Coast Corridor Coalition. Kloeppel stated that he had been asked to sit on a task force of the National Association of Regional Councils looking at TEA reauthorization issues.

Park Place Building Renovation and Moving Plans: Bob Swank reported that a construction management/general contractor (CM/GC) contract had been awarded to Lee Construction and that work would begin in a few weeks. Under the present schedule, a move date of Labor Day weekend was planned. Swank reported that the City of Eugene, Public Works Department, was expected to lease the 3rd and 4th floor space in the Wells Fargo Bank Building in September.

Coordinated Population Forecast: The Committee was informed that the Board of County Commissioners had decided not to adopt or utilize the recommended Forecasts, which had been developed by LCOG in cooperation with the cities, "for any future forecast." Rather, the County asserted its intention to conduct a population forecast "at the next periodic review of the Lane County Comprehensive Plan." In addition, the County's resolution stated its willingness to "entertain requests" for such a forecast prior to periodic review.

Meeting of June 12, 2008

The LCOG Executive Committee was called to order at 5:30 on Thursday, June 12 by Board Chair Greg James in the LCOG Main Office in Eugene. Members present were:

LCOG Board Chair, Greg James, Willamalane
LCOG Board Vice Chair, Chris Pryor, Eugene
Commissioner Faye Stewart, Lane County
SD 19 Director, Al King
Coburg Mayor Judy Volta
Oakridge Mayor Don Hampton
LCC Director, Susie Johnston

Staff members attending included Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool, Kay Metzger, Jamon Kent, Ann Mortenson, and George Kloepfel. The Committee considered:

Agenda for June LCOG Board of Directors Meeting

Kloepfel distributed a draft agenda for the June 26 Board meeting. He noted that the FY 2008-09 Work Program and Budget was scheduled for a public hearing and adoption by resolution on the 26th. He noted that Nominating Committee appointments and appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Council were scheduled to be confirmed under the consent agenda. The “Special Presentation and Discussion” in June is to be around “Regional Water Quality and Quantity Issues,” with presenters Karl Morgenstern and Brad Taylor from EWEB and Denise Kalakay from LCOG. Other items on the draft agenda were identified and discussed.

Federal Highway Trust Fund, Advocacy

Government Services Director Byron Vanderpool noted that the MPC had not met earlier in the day, as scheduled, because of a quorum problem. He described a transportation funding issue for which advocacy by LCOG and the MPO were requested. The federal Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund is expected to exhaust its balances within months. The result in Oregon could be a reduction of 30 to 40 percent in FHWA funding in the next year. US Senators Baucus and Grassley have proposed covering the deficit in 2009 with a “one-year patch.” ODOT is seeking support from LCOG and the other MPOs for a jointly-signed letter to Oregon’s congressional delegation. It was moved by Chris Pryor and

seconded by Judy Volta that staff be requested to indicate LCOG's support of the proposed letter and its willingness to be a signatory. Motion carried.

Possible Federal Grants to Oregon and LCOG for Senior Programs

SDS Director Kay Metzger outlined a possible program expansion that would be funded by a federal grant. LCOG had been identified as the “partner” agency for the Department of Human Services for two substantial projects. While not yet approved, the State is applying for the funding in conjunction with LCOG for an award—“Real Choices Systems Change”—that would support programs entitled “Person Centered Discharge Planning” (along the lines of our existing program in both hospitals) and “Aging and Disability Resource Center.” Metzger explained that funding for each of these programs was expected to be approximately \$800,000. Committee members expressed appreciation for Kay and her staff’s enthusiasm for participating with the State in this area.

County Finance Status Report

Commission Chair Faye Stewart provided the Committee with a summary of the cuts and saves included in the County’s FY 2008-09 Budget. Questions were asked and answered. The subject will be revisited in an informational report to the Board on June 26.

Appointments to Senior Services Advisory Council

Kay Metzger highlighted the recommendations of the SDS Nominating Committee and the Senior Services Advisory Council for the appointment and reappointment of Advisory Council members. The Committee, without formal action, endorsed the recommendations of the SSAC and its Nominating Committee. The appointments/re-appointments will be offered to the Board of Directors for final action on June 26 (Consent Agenda).

Executive Director Performance Review, Mid-Cycle Check-In

Greg James drew the Committee’s attention to George Kloeppe’s May 8 memorandum (presented to the Committee the previous month) in which the progress toward the identified “areas of emphasis” and goals from 2007 was reviewed. Committee members commented on their perceptions of the Director’s performance over that previous 12 months. By consensus, the Committee concluded that the memo represented a good summary.

Audit Committee

Greg James noted that the agency's auditors were beginning their work on the FY 2007-08 fiscal year. He indicated that the Audit Committee would be expected to meet twice during the process—first, at the beginning of the audit and then at the end, prior to the auditor's report to the Executive Committee. Greg James stated that he was willing to continue to serve as a member. Al King volunteered to also serve.

Nominating Committee

George Kloeppe reported that the Bylaws call for the appointment/confirmation of a three-member Nominating Committee in June, such Committee to return its nominations for Chair and Vice Chair to the Board in September. Greg James appointed Al King, Judy Volta and Don Hampton to serve as the Nominating Committee. That appointment would be scheduled for confirmation at the Board meeting on June 26 (Consent Agenda).

Senior and Disabled Services FY 2008-09 Contractual Services

Kay Metzger reported on the agencies and organizations with which LCOG would contract for services not delivered directly by S&DS staff. Included were contracts in support of:

Long Term Care Ombudsman, Senior Legal Services, Elder help Volunteer Program, Family Caregiver Support, In-Home Services, Money Management, Rural Escort, Metro Area Meals on Wheels, and Food Services (Senior Meals Program).

Park Place Building Renovation, Moving Plans

Associate Director Bob Swank outlined the work being done by the CM/GC contractor. A not-to-exceed cost for the renovation work is expected within the next week. Currently, he reported, the move was scheduled for the first of November. He noted that, while the renovation expense would be greater than originally expected, the project would still come in, as promised, with a cost saving to the agency as compared to an additional 10-year lease in the Wells Fargo Building.

Regional Interoperable Communications

Byron Vanderpool outlined the content of a memorandum updating regional radio projects.

Regional Trends—2008

George Kloeppe reminded the Committee of the June 2006 LCOG publication, “Regional Trends: Data for Sound Decision Making in Lane County.” He distributed a card announcing the availability of the follow-up Trends document, “Regional Trends: A Statistical Profile of Lane County.” The 2008 Trends report is now available online at www.lcog.org.