

**MINUTES**  
**LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Florence Event Center**  
**715 Quince Street, Florence**

**June 26, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

**Present**

Councilor Chris Pryor (Eugene)	Commissioner Mel Menegat (EWEB)
Mayor Phil Brubaker (Florence)	Director Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library District)
Commissioner John Buchanan (Port of Siuslaw)	Commissioner Faye Stewart (Lane County)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Director Jim Torrey (School District 4J)
Acting Mayor Bob Hooker (Creswell)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)
Director Susie Johnston (LCC)	

**Absent**

City of Cottage Grove Representative	School District 19 (Springfield) Representative
City of Dunes City Representative	School District 52 (Bethel) Representative
City of Junction City Representative	School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative
City of Lowell Representative	Lane ESD Representative
City of Springfield Representative	EPUD Representative
City of Veneta Representative	Siuslaw Fire District Representative
City of Westfir Representative	Western Ambulance District Representative
Lane Library Representative	Willamalane Park District Representative

**NONVOTING MEMBER**

Mike Dubick (Lane Transit District)

**STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

None

**GUESTS**

Karl Morgenstern, Brad Taylor

**LCOG STAFF**

Steve Dignam, Denise Kalakay, George Kloeppe, Jamon Kent, Kay Metzger, Ann Mortenson, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool

**1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Vice Chairperson Chris Pryor 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 Kloepfel stated that a quorum was not present.

Vice Chairperson Pryor noted that a quorum was not yet present and the agenda would be revised to defer action items until a quorum was present.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **2. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kloepfel referred to agenda support material entitled “Report of the Executive Committee” and noted that it included summaries of meetings held on May 8 and June 12, 2008.

#### **3. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mr. Kloepfel 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. Kloepfel referred to agenda support material entitled “Comments from the Executive Director” and reviewed information it contained about the Board schedule for the remainder of the year, the resignation of Dan Lindstrom as LCOG’s minutes recorder, the passing of former Creswell Mayor and LCOG Board member Eddie McClusky, and the Graffiti Reporting application.

Commissioner Faye Stewart arrived and quorum was reached.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice Chairperson Pryor noted that the Consent Agenda included acceptance of the minutes of the April 24 meeting of the Board, confirmation of appointments to the Nominating Committee, and confirmation of appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Council.

***Mayor Don Hampton moved, seconded by Director Jim Torrey, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.***

**6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**7. GOVERNMENT SERVICES ITEMS**

**A. MPO Applications to ODOT Transportation Operations Innovation and Demonstration Program**

Mr. Vanderpool referred to agenda support material stating that the program provides funding for projects that help travelers make intelligent choices. He clarified that this funding is separate from that used for road development and maintenance.

Mr. Vanderpool provided an overview of each of the four projects which are designed to reduce congestion and/or improve freight mobility on the Oregon State Highway System: installation of cameras and sensors; improved internet access for citizens; improved GPS system for transit; improved docking and data information. Mr. Vanderpool answered questions about the program stating that the State will receive \$30 million and these four projects are seeking \$8 million.

Mr. Vanderpool stated that the applications are due June 30, and an endorsement is needed to apply. The Oregon Transportation Commission will make the final decision.

*Mayor Judy Volta moved, seconded by Director Susie Johnston, to authorize Vice Chairperson Pryor to sign the application endorsements for the four projects in the ODOT Transportation Operations Innovation and Demonstration Program. Motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.*

**B. Eugene Land Use Development Code**

Mr. Dignam referred to agenda support material regarding proposed amendments to the Eugene Land Use Development Code. He highlighted the section regarding the Transit Oriented Development Overlay Zone stating that amendments to the requirements and calculations of the Floor Area Ratio were endorsed by the Lane Economic Committee in order to maintain the goal of compact urban development.

Members discussed the amendments and evaluated whether this action would set a precedence for further LCOG decisions.

Vice Chairperson Pryor stated he would endorse the amendments but would abstain from voting due to his seat on the Eugene Council.

*Director Jim Torrey moved, seconded by Commissioner Mel Menegat, to adopt Resolution 2008-04 supporting City of Eugene's Ordinance to amend sections of the development code. Motion was adopted, 11:0, with Councilor Pryor abstaining.*

**8. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES ITEMS**

None

**9. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ITEM**

**A. FY 2008-09 Work Program and Budget**

Mr. Kloeppe referred to a document entitled “Lane Council of Governments 2008-2009 – Work Program and Budget.” He stated that it has been approved by the Budget Committee which recommended it for Board adoption.

Discussion was held regarding whether Lane County’s \$42,000 reduction in dues should be reflected in the document. Mr. Kloeppe responded that this amount would be reflected in the revised budget in April.

Vice Chairperson Pryor opened the Public Hearing on the Budget. He determined there was no one present wishing to present testimony regarding the Budget and closed the Public Hearing.

*Mayor Don Hampton moved, second by Commissioner Faye Stewart, to adopt Resolution 2008-3 “Adopting the FY 2008-2009 Budget.” The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.*

**MEMBER AGENCY CHECK-IN**

**10. A. Member Agency Check-In**

Mayor Brubaker announced that the program which coordinates police services among coastal jurisdictions is working. He explained the program increases the general fund revenue by 5 percent and provides good services to the Confederated Tribes.

Director Mike Dubick stated that the Lane Transit District (LTD) Board has begun the process of cutting up to 15 percent of its services based on the rising cost of diesel. He explained that the RideSource program is a state mandate which LTD subsidizes. Mr. Dubick stated that ridership fares cover only 15 percent of a ride’s cost. He announced that LTD will hold town hall meetings throughout the budget process and will solicit feedback from elected officials.

Commissioner Stewart stated that the Board of County Commissioners reviewed the coordinated population forecast issue and voted to apply \$200,000 from County reserves to cover the cost of contracting Portland State University to perform the projections.

Director Susie Johnston announced that Lane Community College has an \$83 million bond measure on the November ballot. She explained this bond measure is to cover capital expenses for facilities upgrades and remodeling projects.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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#### **A. Collective Bargaining Report**

Mr. Kloeppel announced that an agreement has been reached with both the LCOG Employees Association and SEIU and highlighted the changes listed in the agenda support material handed out at the beginning of the meeting.

#### **B. Older Americans Act Contract Services FY2008-09**

Senior and Disabled Services Director Kay Metzger referred to the agenda support material adding that the total annual cost for hot meals is \$181,000 and frozen meals is \$31,000.

#### **C. Meals on Wheels Contribution Guideline**

Ms. Metzger announced that the Meals on Wheels program has made a change in its contribution guidelines by increasing the suggested donation by 20 cents. She explained that the increase puts the donation at 50 percent of the actual cost to deliver a meal.

#### **D. Park Place Building Project**

Associate Director Bob Swank announced that demolition has begun on the fourth floor of the Park Place building. He stated that the guaranteed maximum price should be submitted within two weeks and that the anticipated moving date is November 1.

#### **E. Regional Interoperable Communications Project**

Mr. Vanderpool referred to Item 12F in the packet. He mentioned that the state's cooperation, along with funding and expertise, helped to make implementation of the project successful.

#### **F. Status of County Funding, Public Safety Services**

Commissioner Stewart distributed copies of a summary of the FY08-09 Lane County Adopted Budget. He pointed out some of the changes to the budget included eliminating 120 positions and cutting association dues by 50 percent. Director Torrey encouraged Chief Buchanan to inform the commissioners of the forementioned communications project as a successful example of intergovernmental cooperation.

#### **G. Real Choices Systems Change Grant to State and SDS**

Ms. Metzger announced that S&DS will be applying for a \$1.6 million grant designed to provide options for patients upon discharge from acute care. She explained that it will assist patients and their families in navigating through all the options and programs available to them. She stated that the grant recipients will be announced in September.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **12. Regional Water Quality and Quantity Issues**

Brad Taylor and Karl Morgenstern of EWEB, and Denise Kalakay from LCOG, presented information regarding the region's water supply, its quality, and a description of current projects in the area.

Mr. Taylor spoke to the municipal water supply issue. He stated that the program's focus is to plan for and provide a supply of water with a 50-year timeline. Mr. Taylor said the program includes 14 jurisdictions where the group creates incentives for partnerships to manage future challenges, balance competing values and needs, enhance cost-effectiveness of public infrastructure, and develop system linkages to prepare for emergencies.

Mr. Morgenstern explained some of the common threats to our drinking water, i.e. spills and releases, development, and septic systems. He stated that by using GIS, the group can map densities and clusters where threats are more likely to occur.

Ms. Kalakay outlined 5 current projects in which Lane Council of Governments has participated: Groundwater Management Area (GWMA) - addressing a high nitrate problem; Willamette Basin (TMDL) – determining the amount of pollution a water body can sustain; Drinking Water Source Protection; Farm Chemical Collection Events; and the Benton County Water Project.

Board members posed questions to the presenters regarding the potential of EWEB becoming a regional water provider; MWMC discussions around water re-use; the newly formed Row River Water District; Oregon Water Resources Department's push for a Statewide plan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

*(Recorded by Ann Mortenson)*