

MINUTES

Lane Economic Committee

Lane Council of Governments – 4th Floor Large Conference Room
99 E. Broadway, Suite 400 – Eugene

January 22, 2006 – 12:30 P.M.

PRESENT: John Tamulonis, Chair; Mike Blommé, Betsy Boyd (for Tim Black), DeAnn Cherbas, Mike Galvin, Robin Onaclea (for Chuck Forster), Jack Roberts (for Glenda Poling), Rob Scoggin, John Sullivan, Ellen Teninty, Jenny Ulum, Brett Yancy (for Jay Bozievich), *members*; Deb Schmidt, *ex officio member*; Lawrence Brice *alternate member*.

Steve Dignam (LCOG); Bob Warren (Oregon Economic & Community Development Department).

ABSENT: Tim Black, Denny Braud, Bill Fleenor, Lynnette Wikstrom, *members*; Jim Ramseyer, Kari Westlund, *ex officio members*;

GUESTS: David Klein

Mr. Tamulonis called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Lane Economic Committee (LEC) to order at 12:30 p.m. He invited those who were present to introduce themselves. He determined there was no one present wishing to make a Public Comment and that he and staff had not prepared comments and were shrewd enough not to say anything.

1. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Schmidt moved, seconded by Ms. Teninty, to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2006, meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously, 11:0, Ms. Boyd having not yet joined the meeting.

2. Membership Issues

Mr. Scoggin reported for the Membership Committee and reviewed Agenda Item support material regarding general recommendations – (1) remove term limits from LEC Bylaws, (2) establish an expectation that members attend 70 percent of meetings, (3) establish an expectation that members select alternate member to attend in their absence, and (4) establish a guideline that up to eight *ex officio* members may be appointed.

Mr. Scoggin moved, seconded by Ms. Cherbas, to request that the Board of County Commissioners approve amend the LEC Bylaws as proposed in Membership Committee Recommendation #1.

Ms. Ulum stated that she supported the concept of term-limits, but would vote for the proposed change because of the value of experience in economic development planning and with an expectation that members would choose alternates who would become knowledgeable participants.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

Mr. Tamulonis determined there was consensus to accept Membership Committee Recommendations #2, #3, and #4, with no separation of *ex officio* members into those nominated by Staff and those nominated by the Chair.

Mr. Scoggin reviewed recommended membership changes included in the Agenda support material, as follows:

- Glenda Poling – *Term expires 12/31/06. Appoint to a new term.*
- Tim Black – *Term expires 12/31/06. Appoint to a new term.*
- Mile Sullivan – *Term expires 12/31/06. Appoint Denny Braud to replace Mike. Denny to select Mike Sullivan as his alternate.*
- Hal Reed – *To resign seat. Appoint Mike Galvin to serve the remainder of Hal's term through December 2008. Mike to select Hal as his alternate.*
- Jim Ramseyer – *Term expires 12/31/06. Appoint Jay Bozievich to a new term. Jay to Select Brett Yancey, new applicant, as his alternate. Jim Ramseyer to become an ex officio member.*
- Philip Hudspeth – *Ex Officio seat terminated as Phillip has left the area.*
- John Sullivan – *John to select Lawrence Brice, new applicant, as his alternative.*
- Jenny Ulum – *Jenny to select Leah Carter, new applicant, as her alternate.*
- Mike Blommé – *Mike to select Don Lindsey, new applicant, as his alternate.*

Mr. Scoggin noted that it was expected that Members would choose their own Alternates and the proposals related to their appointment did not require the approval of the LEC.

Mr. Scoggin moved, seconded by Ms. Cherbas, to approve the recommendations of the Membership Committee, and request that the Board of County Commissioners to make the appointments as described. The motion was adopted unanimously 12:0

Mr. Sullivan reported for the Membership Committee that, in the face of continued protests by Mr. Tamulonis that his election to LEC Chairperson had not been for life, it was recommended that Mr. Scoggin be elected Chairperson.

Mr. Scoggin was elected LEC Chairperson for a two-year term by acclamation and a sigh of relief by Mr. Tamulonis.

Mr. Scoggin expressed appreciation to Mr. Tamulonis for his service as Chair.

Mr. Sullivan nominated Glenda Poling as vice-chairman.

Mr. Scoggin determined there was consensus to accept the recommendation.

3. LEC 2007 Workplan

Mr. Dignam referred to Agenda support material containing a draft 2007 LEC Workplan. He reviewed its proposals and support activities in categories, as follows:

1. Implement Needs and Issues ranking process in Lane County.
2. Provide review and comment to Lane County Strategic Investment Program regarding grant requests for economic development projects.
3. Provide support to LCOG's small business loan programs.
4. Participate in updates to Benton Lane Lincoln Linn (BL³) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
5. Provide input and guidance to BL³ Regional Investment Board.
6. Build a closer partnership between the Lane Economic Committee and the Lane County Economic Development Standing Committee.
7. Provide a forum for exchange of information regarding economic development opportunities and programs.

Members discussed the proposals at length, proposing changes and developing consensus regarding support activities.

Mr. Tamulonis moved, seconded by Mr. Galvin, to approve the Work Plan, as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0

Mr. Dignam stated that he would "flesh out" the activities, as altered, for further discussion at the next meeting.

4. Grant Application

Mr. Dignam reported that he was preparing a grant application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for \$500,000 to add to the resources of the LCOG small business loan revolving fund. He explained that new requirements required that 100 percent of funds received be locally matched. He said he might request assistance from LEC members to secure resources from non-public agencies.

Mr. Dignam reported that the next LEC meeting would be held on February 26, to avoid a conflict with the Presidents' Day federal holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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