

MINUTES

Lane Economic Committee

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

June 19, 2006 – 11:30 A.M.

PRESENT: John Tamulonis, Chair; Tim Black, Mike Blommé, Denny Braud, DeAnn Cherbass, Anna Morrison, Glenda Poling, Jim Ramseyer, Rob Scoggin, Lynnette Wikstrom, members; Deb Schmidt, Kari Westlund, *ex officio* members; Howard Schesser, Robin Onaclea, alternate members.

Steve Dignam, Colin Applegate-Crocker, Christine Puetz (LCOG).

ABSENT: Hal Reed, Chuck Forster, John Sullivan, Ellen Teninty, Jenny Ulum, members; Jay Bozievich, Philip Hudspeth, Mike Galvin, Ric Ingham, *ex officio* members;

GUESTS: Chuck Spies, Richard Meyers, Don Schuessler, Dale Ledyard, Gordon Zimmerman, Peter Thurston, and Mike McKenzie-Bahr.

Mr. Scoggin called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Lane Economic Committee (LEC) to order at 11:31 a.m. He invited those who were present to introduce themselves. He determined there was no one present wishing to address the Committee.

Mr. Dignam stated that today's meeting is catered by a different caterer and would like to hear any feedback regarding the fare.

Mr. Dignam announced that Bowtech, a bow manufacturer employing 150 people, has received funding through the Regional Investment Board. Bowtech hopes to increase the number of positions by 20.

1. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Morrison suggested that the minutes of the April 17 meeting be amended to show that the Regional Investment Board represents *four* counties. Mr. Scoggin determined there was no objection and the minutes were changed.

Mr. Scoggin moved, seconded by Ms. Poling, to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2006, meeting, as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously, 11:0.

2. State of Oregon “Statutory Review” of Economic Development

Mr. Tamulonis referred to the agenda item entitled “Lane Economic Committee Response to Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission 2005-07 Statutory Review” and asked committee members for feedback and recommended changes to the response.

Members discussed the report: It was recommended that LEC ensure that the statement submitted not conflict with the mission of lobbyists representing the same interests. There was some reluctance to make any changes without first checking in with all stakeholders. It was suggested

that since the deadline to submit feedback on the Review was June 30th, then the committee will pull out any questions where members disagree. It was suggested that the following questions' responses be changed to *no input*:

Q5, Q6, Q11b, Q19, and Q27a

Ms. Wikstrom moved, seconded by Ms. Poling, to adopt the response of 2005-07 Statutory Review as amended. The motion was adopted, 10:1, Ms. Morrison voting against.

3. Needs & Issues Inventory Project Updates

Representatives from six cities and LCOG presented their jurisdiction's current needs and opportunities to the Committee. (Estimated project costs appear in parentheses).

Chuck Spies, City Administrator for the City of Lowell:

Projects: Infrastructure and water treatment upgrade (\$1.5m)
 Extension of water line to reach elevation above 885 feet (\$1m)
 Industrial park development with the introduction of broadband. (Lowell would like to enter into a public/private partnership to serve as a funding mechanism.)
 Extension of water and sewer lines to the State Park line making it attractive for commercial and industrial development

It was suggested that a rowing association is interested in improving Dexter access in order to host a national-level competition.

Richard Meyers, City Manager for the City of Cottage Grove:

Projects: Nearing completion is the \$11m wastewater treatment plant. Cottage Grove has two plants – one 20 miles out of town and one within the City limits. The plant located out-of-town is in need of an upgrade (\$7-12+m for Phase I). The City is currently deciding whether to make the necessary upgrades; or, make improvements to the in-town plant and shut down the out-of-town plant.

Opportunities: Improvement to Row River Road
 Introduction of broadband

Don Schuessler, City Administrator for the City of Coburg:

Projects: Wastewater System (\$20m): Maximum grant amount from EDA is \$1m. Both Monaco and Marathon have 4,000 employees and have expressed interest in expanding their operations. Their decision is dependent upon the City having a wastewater system.

Source of Funds: EPA, USDA, and Rural Utilities

Gordon Zimmerman, City Manager for the City of Oakridge:

Projects: Water project (\$3.3m)
 Public works off Hwy 58 to Industrial Park
 Paving Kokanee Drive

Receiving a permit for the Industrial Park
New library through CDBG funds

Opportunities: Environmental Clean-up (\$50k)
Wi-Fi Cloud (\$250k)
300' Rebuild of Garden Street (\$400k)
Update of Wastewater Plant (\$75k)

Dale Ledyard, Representative for the City of Veneta:

Projects: Replacement of the Community Center – making upgrades for use as a firemen training facility (\$700k with an additional \$200k for site development)

John Tamulonis, Economic Development Director for the City of Springfield:

Projects: I-5 Interchange at Belt Line (\$12m)
Urban Renewal District in Glenwood (\$22m). Currently assessing relocation of existing companies along river; seeking a developer for the 48-acre area
New 'signature' bridge at I-5/Franklin - Interchange study (\$1m USDOT funds)

Steve Dignam, Loan Program Manager for LCOG:

Projects: Replenishing the Revolving Loan Fund from EDA (\$500k)

4. Needs and Issues Inventory Status Report

Colin Applegate-Crocker reported that 13 applications have been received. He stated the timeline for the process is that applications are due June 30, with presentations scheduled for July 17. Discussion was held regarding establishing a Needs & Issues subcommittee to review the process and finalize the evaluation criteria. The following members offered to serve: Lynnette Wikstrom, Rob Scoggin, DeAnn Cherbas, Mike Blomme, Glenda Poling, Steve Dignam, John Tamulonis. It was suggested that John Sullivan be contacted to see if he wished to serve on the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

(Recorded by Ann Mortenson)

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