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TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners  
PRESENTED BY: Milo Mecham, Lane Council of Governments  
PRESENTED ON: December 3, 2003  
Agenda Item Title: Order/ In the Matter of Appointing the Lane County Representatives on the Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn Regional Investment Board for the 2003-2005 Biennium

**I. MOTION**

IT IS MOVED THAT THE ORDER BE APPROVED APPOINTING THE LANE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BENTON, LANE, LINCOLN, LINN REGIONAL INVESTMENT BOARD

**II. ISSUE**

The Agreement among the Four Counties in the BL3 RIB specifies that each County will have five members on the RIB. The agreement specifies that of the five, one shall be a Commissioner, one shall be from a city, and one shall be from the private sector. There are no other requirements in the agreement, except that the other members be appointed to reflect regional diversity.

The law creating the Regional Investment Boards, ORS 285B, specifies the need for rural representation, and calls for diverse representation, mentioning representation of ports, special districts, Indian tribes and others.

The current Lane County delegation consists of:

- Commissioner Don Hampton
- Commissioner Anna Morrison (alternate)
- Hal Reed, Retired business person
- Mike Galvin, Retired business person
- James Ramsayer, Just retired from managing Blatchley Lane Electric Coop

The position reserved for a representative from a Lane County city, which has in the past been selected by the LCOG Board, is currently vacant because former Oakridge Mayor Don Hampton is now Commissioner Don Hampton.

In the original formation of the BL3 RIB, the Board advertised for applications and then interviewed several candidates for the public representative positions before making its selection.

Since that time, the occasional vacancies have been filled by the recruitment of interested persons and their appointment.

### **III. DISCUSSION**

Hal Reed, Mike Galvin and James Ramsayer have all expressed a willingness to continue serving on the RIB Board if the Commissioners should desire that. Renewing their service will preserve continuity on the RIB.

Mike Galvin, a retired business person, lives in Fall Creek. Jim Ramsayer, now retired, was the general manager of the Blatchley-Lane Electric Coop. Hal Reed, a retired business person, resides in Eugene.

The economic development corporations for Lincoln County, Benton County and the Albany-Millersburg portion of Linn County all hold an *ex-officio* appointment to the BL3 RIB and participate fully in RIB deliberations. In the past Lane Metro Partnership (Lee Beyer) was a full voting member of the Lane County delegation to the RIB.

Lane Metro Partnership has expressed an interest in participating in the RIB process. While Jack Roberts is unsure of his ability to attend the RIB meetings, which are planned to be monthly next year, Lane Metro thinks their participation in the RIB is important, so they propose that Glenda Poling, Lane Metro Partnership Development Director, be named as an *ex-officio* member of the RIB.

Staff wanted to recommend that Glenda Poling be designated as an alternate to the public members and otherwise as an *ex officio* member of the RIB. This would help keep the Lane County delegation available, and will allow Lane Metro Partnership the greatest opportunity to participate in the BL3 RIB process. Unfortunately, I was informed by other BL3 staff that this matter had been discussed in the past, and the counties had agreed that there would be no alternates for the non-commissioner members.

### **IV. OPTIONS**

The Board may approve the recommended slate of public representatives to the BL3 RIB.

The Board may modify the membership of the recommended slate of BL3 RIB representatives.

The Board may choose to reject the recommended slate and proceed with an alternate method to select its BL3 RIB representatives. This might mean that Lane County would not have its full complement of RIB membership early in the coming year. If the RIB is successful in receiving applications for funding early, that may mean that Lane County would not have an equal voice in decisions on distribution of the RIB funds.

### **V. IMPLEMENTATION / FOLLOW UP**

Staff will notify the representatives selected by the Board of their selection, will confirm contact information and make certain that they receive notices of all RIB activities after January 1. Staff will provide the RIB members support during the RIB processes over the biennium.

**IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY OREGON**

**ORDER No.** ) **IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING**  
) **THE LANE COUNTY**  
) **REPRESENTATIVES ON THE**  
) **BENTON, LANE, LINCOLN, LINN**  
) **REGIONAL INVESTMENT BOARD**  
) **FOR THE FY 2003-2005 BIENNIUM**  
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WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has formed a Regional Investment Board as a partnership between Lane County and Benton, Lincoln and Linn Counties, and

WHEREAS, the agreement among the four Counties comprising the Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn Regional Investment Board specifies that each County shall have five (5) representatives on the Regional Board; and

WHEREAS, the agreement among the Counties further provides that of the five representatives, one would be a County Commissioner, one would be a City representative, one would be a private representative, and that the remaining members would be selected without a specific category being identified beyond the furtherance of the joint efforts to meet the representation requirements of ORS 285B.242, which calls for representation of various local interests including representatives of rural interests, significant representation from the private sector, and representatives of cities, counties, ports, special districts and Indian tribes.

WHEREAS Lane County has been ably served in the last biennium by its selected representatives on the Regional Investment Board, who brought a wide perspective to the Regional Investment Board, but whose term expires at the end of 2003; and

WHEREAS, The Lane County Board of Commissioners wishes to continue to receive the same type of valuable representation that the County has received in the last biennium;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners Commissioner representative on the Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn Regional Investment Board will be selected and assigned in accordance with the Board's regular annual assignment process; and it is further

ORDERED that the Lane Council of Governments be requested to designate a City representative to the Regional Investment Board; and it is further

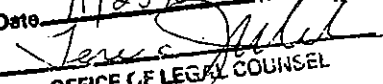
ORDERED that Mike Galvin, Jim Ramsayer and Hal Reed be appointed as private sector representatives to the Regional Investment Board, with terms to run until December 31, 2005; and it is further

ORDERED that Glenda Poling, Development Director of the Lane Metro Partnership, be appointed as an *ex officio* member of the BL3 RIB.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2003.

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Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 11/25/03 Lane County  
  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL