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AGENDA DATE: 11/12/2003

TO: LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Bill Dwyer, Chair of the Economics Development Standing Committee

PRESENTED BY: Talal Al-Rahbi, C&ED Assistant and Peter Thurston C&ED Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM: ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE LANE MANUAL TO ADD A LAY CITIZEN TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE (LM-3.515)

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- I. MOTION: IT IS MOVED THAT THE ORDER BE ADOPTED IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE LANE MANUAL TO ADD A LAY CITIZEN TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE (LM 3.515)
- II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM Shall Lane County amend Chapter 3 of the Lane Manual to add a lay citizen to the Economic Development Standing Committee?
- III. DISCUSSION

A. Background.

The Economic Development Standing Committee (EDSC) was formed in the 1980's as a Board standing committee. Its purpose as described in Lane Manual Section (3.515) is to provide recommendations to the Board regarding Lane County's economic development policies and activities. The current membership of the committee is internal, consisting of two County commissioners, one elected Department Director (County Assessor), and one department manager (Lane Workforce Partnership).

The Economic Development Standing committee decided at its 9/18/03 meeting to recommend that the Board add a lay citizen as the fifth voting member of the committee, and to provide a citizen's perspective in county economic development programs and policies. County Counsel reviewed the recommendation and prepared the Order and specific changes that need to be made to Lane Manual to be consistent with amendment practices.

B. Analysis.

Adding a lay citizen member to the committee will provide a citizen perspective that is not connected to Lane County's on-going economic development activities. This will provide citizen input to a process that has been internal to this point in time. Also, adding a fifth member to the committee will help in the voting process. However, if a citizen member is added to this committee, it will transform it from a strictly internal County committee to a more regular advisory committee. The lay citizen position is defined as "not a vendor", as described in Lane Manual 3.506 (2) (d), which reads: "Conflicts of Interest. In furtherance of the laws relating to conflicts of interest, no vendor shall serve on any advisory committee or board that deals with or makes recommendations on or awards of contracts with the vendor. In this context, "vendor" means any individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation, private non-profit organization or private for-profit organization who seeks to obtain a contract with the County to provide a service or product on some type of regular basis, i.e., more



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Julia Dougan  
District Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
Eugene District Office  
PO Box 10226  
Eugene, Oregon 97440-2226

Dear Ms. Dougan:

This is in response to your letter dated October 6, 2003 notifying Lane County of the opportunity to become a cooperating agency in future BLM planning efforts. At this time, we would like to formally request that the Bureau of Land Management grant Lane County cooperating agency status for the purpose of participating in future land use and planning efforts. Our immediate interest is related to the revision of Western Oregon Resource Management Plans, which is an outcome of the proposed settlement agreement to the American Forest Resource Council vs. BLM litigation.

Lane County designates County Administrator Bill Van Vactor or his designee as the County representative. Future contact related to this effort can be sent to the attention of Bill Van Vactor.

Thank you for contacting the County with this information and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Peter Sorenson, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.

) IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTING  
) THAT LANE COUNTY BE GRANTED  
) COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS IN  
) FUTURE BUREAU OF LAND  
) MANAGEMENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, Lane County has received a letter from the Bureau of Land Management offering the opportunity to apply for cooperating agency status for BLM management planning activities;

WHEREAS, Lane County has an interest in participating in future BLM management planning activities that impact Lane County residents; and

WHEREAS, Lane County desires to partner with federal agencies to improve the lives of Lane County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has requested that Lane County designate a representative to participate in future management planning activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lane County authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter requesting cooperating agency status, and naming Bill Van Vactor or his designee as the representative for Lane County in future BLM management planning activities.

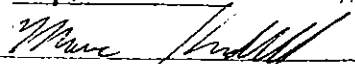
ADOPTED, this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2003

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Peter Sorenson, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 11-3-03 lane county,

  
COUNTY COUNSEL

The Board may choose to not request cooperating agency status from the BLM.

D. Implications The decision made in this Board Order does support the ongoing efforts to build relationships with federal land management agencies in Lane County and places County officials or staff at the table where decisions will be made.

E. Recommendations Move to adopt the order as drafted and support the attached letter requesting cooperating agency status for Lane County and designating ~~Bill Van Vector or his designee as County~~ representative for this purpose.

F. Timing The Board may expedite a request for cooperating agency status so that a decision by the BLM is reached prior to the next round of planning work, expected to begin in early 2004. Also, the Board may wish to consider a direction to departments to review their programs for relevant discussion items with the BLM.

#### IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP:

#### V. ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Proposed Board Order.
- B. Draft letter to the BLM requesting cooperating agency status from the BLM and designating a Lane County representative.