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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 19, 2004
TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Lane Workforce Partnership
FROM: Chuck Forster, Executive Director
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LANE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. MOTION

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II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires the establishment of local workforce investment boards (comprised of a majority from business). The Lane Workforce Partnership is the workforce investment board for Lane County. The reassignment of the Employment Department's representative on the board has created a vacancy on the board. As non business members are appointed by the Lane County Board of Commissioners, appointment of a replacement is requested.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

The Lane Workforce Partnership is the local workforce board for Lane County under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. In order to receive federal job training funds for youth, adults and dislocated workers, workforce boards must include representation of six groups:

- § Business
- § Education

- \$ Labor organizations
- \$ Community-based organizations
- \$ Economic development agencies
- \$ Representatives of each of the one-stop partners

Program services are provided through The Workforce Network (Lane County's local one-stop). An initiative of the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors, The Workforce Network is an alliance of workforce organizations which include:

- \$ Department of Human Services
- \$ Employment Department
- \$ Lane Community College
- \$ Lane Workforce Partnership
- \$ Vocational Rehabilitation Services

B. Analysis

Anne Swensen with the Employment Department filled a one-stop mandated partner position on the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors. Recently, Ms. Swensen took another position with the Employment Department and resigned from the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors. The Employment Department has requested to replace Ms. Swensen with Jim Pfarrer. Mr. Pfarrer is the Eugene Field Office Manager of the Eugene Employment Department office. He is knowledgeable of agency programs and workforce issues in Lane County. With the appointment of Mr. Pfarrer, the one-stop partner requirements under the Workforce Investment Act will be fulfilled.

C. Alternatives/Options

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires that local workforce investment boards be established to set policy, develop a budget for purposes of carrying out the duties of the local board and provide oversight over the Workforce Investment Act one stop delivery system (adult, dislocated worker and youth programs). To do this, a board must, at a minimum, include members representing business (a majority from business), elected officials, education, community-based organizations, labor, economic development and a representative from each of the one stop partners. One stop partners include a representative from Department of Human Resources, Employment Department, Vocational Rehabilitation, education (Lane Community College) and the Lane Workforce Partnership as the one stop operator.

Non business representatives on the Lane Workforce Partnership's board of directors are approved by the Lane County Board of Commissioners. To not approve the appointment of Jim Pfarrer to the board of directors would place the Lane Workforce Partnership in non compliance of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

D. Recommendations

To appoint Jim Pfarrer to the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors for a three year term beginning June 2, 2004 through December 31, 2007.

E. Timing

The appointment would be effective the date of signature of the board order.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

The appointment of Mr. Pfarrer would become effective upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

V. ATTACHMENTS

1. Board Order

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

}IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING
}A MEMBER TO THE LANE
}WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP
}BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ORDER NO.

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act requires the establishment of a local workforce investment board in order to receive federal funds to serve youth, adults and dislocated workers in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the membership shall be consistent with Title I, sec 177 (b) of the Workforce Investment Act and shall be appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) from each area; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors; and

WHEREAS, this matter having been fully considered by the Lane County Board of Commissioners, it is hereby

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the following named person be appointed to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors for a three year term beginning June 2, 2004 through December 31, 2007.

Jim Pfarrer
Eugene Field Office Manager
Employment Department

Dated this _____ day of May 2004.

Bobby Green, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 5/21/04 Lane County
Terese J. White
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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