BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2011

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
County of Lake County
State of Oregon

SPECIAL SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present: Chair Dan Shoun, Vice Chair Bradley J. Winters and Commissioner Ken Kestner. Also present: Karen Smith for Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted.

10:30 a.m. – Governor’s Regional Solution Team, Annette Liebe

Mrs. Liebe introduced herself as the Governor’s Office Regional Coordinator for Central Oregon. Other individuals present included: Sara Griffiths with South Central Economic Development, Butch Hanson ODOT, Mark Bailey Department of Environmental Quality, Larry Holzgang Business Oregon, Tim Lindsey Department of Consumer Business and Jon Jinning Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Mrs. Liebe distributed information entitled “Regional Solutions Centers & Teams Outcome Based Implementation May 2011” and provided a brief summary on the background of the Governor’s Regional Solution Team. Mrs. Liebe indicated that there were plans to appoint an advisory committee and asked the Board to appoint one member to this committee.

The purpose of these Teams was for rebuilding a strong economy for the State of Oregon. This would require collaboration and integration beyond current practices. The overall goal was to leverage all public, private and philanthropic resources available to deliver on projects considered to be regional priorities.

The Advisory Committee for Lake County was to include both Klamath and Lake Counties and would aid in determining regional priorities for the Regional Solutions Team. It was to serve as a bridge to both financial and technical assistance resources in order to achieve those priorities. Mrs. Liebe confirmed that the Governor had selected Jane O’Keeffe to serve as the Governor’s Convener for this regions team. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Winters expressed concern that this team would be duplicating the efforts made by SCOEDD regarding projects in Klamath and Lake Counties. Mrs. Liebe explained that this was not the intent. The Advisory Committee was expected to include individuals with knowledge of these types of duplications and have understanding of regional priorities. Discussion continued.
Commissioner Winters inquired about the funding of travel expenses involved with this Advisory Committee. Mrs. Liebe confirmed that there would not be any funding for travel.

Mrs. Liebe continued by outlining the intended representatives for the Advisory Committee. She also discussed the “Sustainable Community Objectives” adopted by the Oregon State Legislature as part of the Oregon Revised Statutes. These objectives included: economy, community and Environment and were set to be used by the Teams as a guide in leveraging investments and achieving multiple objectives. Discussion followed on the objectives.

Commissioner Kestner indicated that this Board would act on the request made by Liebe to appoint one Commissioner to the Regional Solution Team.

Mr. Jinings addressed the Board to provide an update on the Solar Rule Making Project that was in the works and to discuss the measures being considered by the LCDC for adoption. Mr. Jinings stated that the outreach was expected to be completed this month and would continue outlining their objective.

Commissioner Shoun inquired about the rules that were in place during the time Element Power had gone through the conditional use permit process. Discussion followed.

Mr. Lindsey confirmed that the implementation had taken hold for House Bill 3462 (dealing with the expansion of opportunities for residential inspectors to conduct limited commercial inspections). This training process was occurring with some solar and plumbing inspections expected to come from this House Bill.

Mr. Lindsey added that the e-permitting staff had begun to work with Lake County staff to make this type of permitting available to contractors in our area. Discussion followed on the format and software involved with e-permitting.

Mr. Holzgang addressed the Board by stating that the economy was still struggling and outlined steps being taken by his department to provide additional resources to aid in retaining small businesses and in the recruitment of new companies. Mr. Holzgang went on to discuss Senate Bill 219 that was directed at retaining businesses currently in Oregon.

Mr. Bailey discussed the Air Quality Standards in Lake County. Mr. Bailey confirmed that the air quality continued to be an issue and needed to be reviewed and also mentioned the work done with SCOEDD on the wood stove project.

Commissioner Shoun inquired about the issue of lowering standards and asked what this was based on. He mentioned wild fire issues and the inversion layer that could not be controlled. Mr. Bailey stated that the EPA was looking at lowering the standard further but was allowing discounting of the wild fire issue.
Discussion followed on the need for controlling smoke whether it was from wild fire event or normal pollution and the management of public lands.

Mrs. Griffith discussed the need to have a better overall goal and plan to be in place in regards to the wood stove program in Lake County. Mr. Bailey confirmed that the focus at this time was in Klamath County because of their non-containment area in order to avoid having the EPA step in. Discussion followed on EPA guidelines and the wood stove program requirements.

Mr. Hansen confirmed that that there was to be a South Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation meeting in Klamath Falls August 18, 2011 and provided an overview of that meeting and Senate Bill 264.

Mr. Hansen also discussed the Trip Check feature located on the ODOT website. This feature was looking at being expanded to include more local information such as road construction. Mr. Hanson added a brief summary of items being addressed in regards to the Jobs and Transportation Act. Road projects being considered were discussed, as were management changes happening at the local level. Discussion followed on request being made for boundary changes.

Commissioner Winters stated that the County needed help. He explained that with the recent pipeline that had gone through the south end of the County and the geothermal projects for the schools and hospital, having these available to improve air quality and to attract more businesses. Commissioner Winters wanted to see the Regional Solutions Team aid in getting these projects in place. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Winters also extended an invitation to have the Governor visit Lake County and discussed the importance and priority of this Board for job retention.

Commissioner Kestner asked that when the Regional Solutions Team discussed Lake County that they take into consideration what was best for the entire county. He also expressed the need for bringing the County up to date on cell phone coverage. Discussion followed on electricity and cell phone coverage on Hart Mountain.

Commission Shoun appreciated the updates that had been received and addressed the potential of having a distribution center in Lake County. He felt this would be a positive move for Lake County and the trucking industry.

Commissioner Winters confirmed that Lake County had been working with SCOEDD regarding a Mental Health facility (Community Development Block Grant) but that there was a need for additional resources to aid in that process. Discussion followed.

The Board extended their appreciation to the individuals in attendance for the information provided.
Other Business:

Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the June 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Commissioner Shoun abstained. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the June 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Commissioner Shoun abstained. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the June 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the June 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the June 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the August 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Commissioner Shoun abstained. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the August 25, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Commissioner Shoun abstained. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the September 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the September 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the October 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the October 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Kestner second. Motion carried.

Board Letter to BLM State Director Ed Shepard

This letter was in response to a letter received from the Bureau of Land Management regarding BLM Instruction Memorandum No. 2011-147, Identifying “Crown Jewel” areas for designation as wildernesses.

By consensus, the Lake County Board of Commissioners agreed to sign letter to BLM State Director Ed Shepard as presented.
There being nothing further to come before the Board, the Lake County Board of Commissioners Special Session adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

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Dan Shoun  Bradley J. Winters  Ken Kestner
Chairman  Vice Chairman  Commissioner