

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2023 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Gladys Valley Marine Studies Building Hatfield Marine Science Center

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AGENDA

1.	9:00	Call to Order & Agenda Review	Chair, Commissioner Buch
2.	9:05	Roll Call	Staff, Justin Peterson
3.	9:10	Public Comment	Chair
4.	9:15	Minutes of September 7, 2023, Meeting (Attachment A)	Chair
		ACTION: Approval of Minutes	
5.	9:20	Small Business Development Center - OCCC -Childcare accelerator program (recently launched) -Restaurant Management Course (recently launched)	Guest, Dave Price
6.	10:00	Blue Economy Oregon Innovation Hub (O2IH) This is a collaborative project determined to enrich and increase Oregon's Blue Economy.	Vice Chair, Paul Schuytema
7.	10:20	Hatfield Marine Science Center - iLab The Hatfield Marine Science Center is located in Newport and services OSU's marine laboratories. Today's presentation will discuss the work being done.	Guest, Drummond Wengrove

8. 10:40 Discussion: CEDS Working Groups (Open time for any Staff. **Justin Peterson** updates) Broadband Action Team (BAT) • Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC) • Early Childhood Education • Rural Economic Alliance (REAL) • Lane Economic Committee (LEC) Blue Economy Update from EDALC - see above Other workgroup updates? 9. 10:50 Other Business (if time allows) Chair/Staff Executive Committee Updates Staff Updates – CED Director Position is Posted Regionally Significant Jurisdiction Updates CWEDD Regional Project list (Attachment B) 10. 11:00 **Adjournment** Chair Next Meeting: CWEDD BOARD MEETING TBD. Tentatively scheduled for February 08, 2024. 11. 11:05 Tour - Hatfield Guest. Scheduled tour of Hatfield iLab **Drummond**



Wengrove

Attendance (For Quorum Purposes)

OCWCOG Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Nancy Wyse	Commissioner	Benton County	
Claire Hall	Commissioner	Lincoln County	
Alex Johnson II	Mayor	City of Albany	
Sherrie Sprenger	Commissioner	Linn County	
Chas Jones	Mayor	City of Philomath	
Rick Booth	Mayor	City of Waldport	
Paul Schuytema	Executive Director	EDALC	
Chris Workman	City Manager	City of Philomath	
Kelly Hart	CED Director	City of Lebanon	
John Pascone	President	LEDG	
Pam Barlow-Lind	Tribal Planner	CTSI	
Sophie Adams	ED Coordinator	City of Albany	
Lane Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Greg James	Board Member	WillamaLane Parks and Rec	
Bryan Cutchen	Mayor	City of Oakridge	
Randy Groves	City Councilor	City of Eugene	
Heather Buch	Commissioner	Lane County	
Patti Chappel	President	Emerald People's Utility Dist.	
Kori Rodley	City Councilor	City of Springfield	
Greg Ervin	Council Member	City of Cottage Grove	
Matt Michel	City Manager	City of Veneta	

Quorum Requirement: CWEDD business may be conducted provided a quorum of members attends. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the membership of the District Board. The CWEDD members may participate by telephone or other means of electronic communication, provided the meeting is called to order at a meeting place where the public can attend, hear, understand and/or read the comments of the members participating by telephone or electronic means and the members so participating can fully hear, understand, and/or read the comments of the other members participating in the meeting.



CWEDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 07, 2023

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Hybrid at Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) <u>OR</u>

Virtual Via Microsoft Teams Technologies

DRAFT MINUTES

OCWCOG Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Nancy Wyse	Commissioner	Benton County	Yes
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Sherrie Sprenger	Commissioner	Linn County	No
Rick Booth	City Councilor	City of Waldport	No
Paul Shuytema	Executive Director	EDALC	Yes
Chris Workman	City Manager	City of Philomath	Yes
Kelly Hart	CED Director	City of Lebanon	No
John Pascone	President	LEDG	Yes
Pam Barlow-Lind	Tribal Planner	CTSI	Yes
Sophie Adams	Economic Development Coordinator	City of Albany	Yes
Lane Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Greg James	Board Member	WillamaLane	No
Bryan Cutchen	Mayor	City of Oakridge	Yes
Randy Groves	City Councilor	City of Eugene	Yes
Heather Buch	Commissioner	Lane County	Yes
Patti Chappel	President	Emerald People's Utility District	No
Kori Rodley	City Councilor	City of Springfield	Yes
Greg Ervin	City Councilor	City of Cottage Grove	No
Matt Michel	City Manager	City of Veneta	Yes

Staff: CED Planner Justin Peterson, Administrative Assistant Ashlyn Muzechenko, Operations Supervisor Emma Chavez-Sosa, OCWCOG Loan Officer Didi Aho, EDA Planner Anne Whittington, LCOG Loan Program Manager Sandra Easdale, and LCOG Executive Director Brenda Wilson.

Guests: Jenna Cusimano, Sarah Means, Courtney Flathers, Wesley John Cochran, Mike Eyster, Anne Fifield, Brittny Beyer, Michael Wisth, Jacob Callister, and Jude Anderson.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
Call to Order & Agenda Review	Chair Commissioner Heather Buch called the September 07, 2023, CWEDD Board meeting to order at 9:05 am.	The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by the Chair, Commissioner
	There were no changes to the agenda.	Heather Buch
2. Welcome and Roll Call	Staff Justin Peterson conducted roll call of the CWEDD Board of Commissioner members.	Roll Call was conducted by OCWCOG staff Justin Peterson
3. Public Comment	There were no public comments made to the CWEDD Board of Directors.	There were no public comments.
4. Minutes of February 09, 2023, Meeting (Attachment A) Action: Approval of Minutes	Matt Michel moved to approve the minutes for the February 09, 2023, CWEDD Board Meeting. Paul Schuytema seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	City Manager Matt Michel moved to approve the minutes for the February 09, 2023, CWEDD Board Meeting. Paul Schuytema seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Semi-Conductor Presentation	Sarah Means shared that there will be some information that cannot be disclosed on these topics but there will be a high-level update with an overview of the program regarding the Semi-Conductors. Means shared that during the last legislative session Senate Bill 4 is the follow up to the federal CHIPS and science act. This is now referred to as the Oregon CHIPS ACT is \$190million in funding to help leverage federal funds throughout the state. These are awards that are intended to be incentives for the federal program. It is a requirement of the federal funds that companies have a covered incentive from the state.	

Oregon Chips is trying to get funding to as many businesses as possible. In early April after the governor signed the act, the group asked for statements of interests, which provided information to go back to the legislature to note that there would need to be more money available to benefit all of those who will apply for the federal money. There will be around \$240million but \$50million of it will not be available until February 2024

Means shared the timeline for this project. There were 16 Oregon applications with great geographic locations with a diversity of the supply chain. There are projects in Lane, Benton, and Linn counties.

Chair Buch asked for clarification that these projects are applications and are not fully approved yet in the process.

Means shared how the projects will be prioritized with around \$240milion to spend with more than \$500million in requests.

This process will be direction from the governor that with the criteria being from the federal government. The goal is the promotion and expansion of this long-term viability in Oregon. The level of investment is significant, and this is a huge win for the state from a revenue standpoint. Another goal is that these projects focus on the diversification of the workplace.

Also, another factor is community engagement. As part of this work, there is a semi-conductor advisory panel on how the projects themselves will be scored by their holders. Score these from an investment portfolio approach.

Additionally, the return on investment is a requirement of Senate Bill 4. One is revenue generation and for every million dollars, and if 5 years or less on contract, then \$125,000 is required to be returned. If more than 5 years, then 150% return of revenue. Another path is job creation with 65% permanent full-time positions that meet the median

income for the region.

Matt Michel asked about the investment these companies are making.

Means confirmed that it is both equipment and construction based. With a single piece of equipment being around 500million dollars.

For projected impacts, in the revenue report forecast from last week, with thousands of jobs and tens of billions of dollars in investments for the semi-conductors in Oregon.

Means addressed anticipated challenges such as the construction workforce, the semi-conductor workforce, the housing market, and childcare needs.

Moving forward, the first round of awards has been issued very quietly, with the largest employer in Oregon (INTEL) receiving an award as it was more than \$50million dollars. All of the notices for intent to award will be submitted within the next two weeks, with checks to hit company's late fall or winter.

Means shared that the awards will be made public at some point, with a possibility being later this month.

Means added that the legislature was very generous with an R&D tax credit capped at \$250million dollars. There is direct investment out of community-based organizations out of the Portland area. For the future ready Oregon, which came out of Governor Brown's administration that invests in workforce development with new stand ups in manufacturing industries. OSU is also working on the collaborative innovations supercomputer that will be housed there that was donated by a previous OSU Grad. OSU will receive 73million dollars.

Sandra Easdale asked about the parameters around grants or loans,

	Means answered that there is a choice internally and all awards will be grants with claw back decisions. Which makes it less challenging for business Oregon who is managing these ongoing contracts for the next 5+ years.	
	Jude Anderson asked about the childcare provision on site, or nearby industrial parks.	
	Means noted that this is a federal government provision, and it was asked of the company to provide information on their childcare needs and there was interesting data received. Additionally, the sense is there isn't a preference one way or another, but there must be a plan to accommodate the childcare needs of their employees.	
6. Broadband Presentations	Britany Beyer, the lead for OCWCOG work on broadband with	
	Solarity, shared that Solarity was chosen to lead the work on	
	broadband and gave a background on the firm itself.	
	Beyer shared the timeline for this work starting in September of 2023.	
	These groups were assigned to create a current state assessment and broadband strategy for the state.	
	Part of the contract contains writing two grants, one of which has already been submitted. Broadband is a once of a lifetime moment to invest in broadband structures, Oregon will be receiving \$68million for the BEAD program with another \$165million for infrastructure from the state and federal governments. This is a great moment for our local jurisdiction to get into the habit of being at the table for broadband.	
	Beyer shared a high-level overview regarding the federally funded projects which contains programs throughout the FCC called the "Connect America" which happened in Benton, Lincoln, and Linn	
	Counties. The average speeds are 10 megabits down and 1 megabit up. Additionally, the alternative Connect America Model had the same speeds with a little more based in Lincoln and Benton counties.	

There is a program that is being used widely in those three counties from USDA which is the reconnect program which is a series of grants and loans to do this type of work. With strong coalition with areas that had "A-CAM" work done and now have fiber to the home with effectively closing the gap. Most of the awards are very new, with one in Linn County just breaking ground now.

Through the rapid design studies Solarity analyzed information that is available to everyone with the FCC coming out with a new mapping process which shows Broadband Service Locations (BSL's) with 8,764 identified in the three counties. The accepted minimum will be 120 megabits. These locations are done by census blocks that sometimes may only have two locations in the census block. Understanding how to use it can be utilized for organizations who do long term planning.

Beyer shared that Benton County has 1700 BSL's that need to be serviced with 3 or 4 grant builds that are applicable.

Beyer noted for Lincoln County there are 3 builds that are applicable. There are 1547 BSL's here, and the recommended collaboration is with Siletz Tribes as they are doing their own broadband strategic work.

Beyer shared for Linn County there are 5,481 BSL's with needs to upgrade what was done with the connect America fund. There are 6 builds that are applicable here. The approach here needs to be really targeted and work with the local jurisdictions to update the fixed wireless to fiber.

Solarity noted that there is a recommended model for the COG to follow along with a broadband action team structure to follow as well. The importance is there is a level of education done in order to have good conversations with the provider partners for incoming grants. Most of these have a match process with 15-35% required for IN-KIND

Match.

Beyer shared that there is a digital equity act that non-profit organizations and governmental staff working on the local level are being lifted up in this process as well.

The rapid design software can be used for 1+year(s) and it is in the process of being handed over to the county members and it is understood that the grant cycles are opening in 2024 but not right now. Which means planning and prioritization still needs to be done.

Beyer suggested that GIS staff members should also become familiar with this process and Oregon's broadband office is going to be one of the bigger keys to work within this grant process. Additionally, the BEAD program focuses on serving the underserved populations.

Michael Wisth shared that Lane County has been working with Cobb/Fendley and broke their sections into two components. Currently they are working on revisiting the original scope with Cobb/Fendley to wrap up the broadband planning project. Staff were also able to work with the FCC as well.

Wisth noted that Lane County is looking to incorporate a rapid design study as well as it seemed to be successful for Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties just north of them.

Chair Commissioner Heather Buch asked if there are any concerns about not being further along.

Wisth noted that there will be no problems with remaining competitive. For the planning process itself will be completed shortly and the expected funding cycles to be coming out in winter or spring of 2024.

Brenda Wilson added that these are excellent questions and the thing

that is an advantage for Lane County is that staff have been working in the broadband field for a long time.	
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	Staff noted that later this week this will be updated to the EDD website	
	and links to this list will be sent out directly to staff as well before the end of the week.	
	Michel shared that this is a great tracking and inspirational tool as well.	
8. Discussion: CEDS	Cascades West Regional Consortium	
Working Groups • Broadband Action Team (BAT) • Cascades West	Peterson shared for the CWRC, it is a wetland focused group with Linn and Benton counties and the last meeting covered topics of potential impacts of the Sackett vs the EPA case later this year.	
Regional Consortium (CWRC) • Early Childhood Education • Rural Economic	Wetlands have impacted housing and industrial permitting processes across the state and there would be less wetland regulations under the federal jurisdictions, however it won't change the state's number of wetlands.	
Alliance (REAL)	This group meets every two months.	
Lane Economic Committee (LEC)	Early Childhood Education	
Blue Economy Úpdate from EDALCOther workgroup	Staff Anne Whittington shared for Early Childcare Education Oregon workforce partnership has led a discussion statewide and our leaders have joined in as well.	
updates?	Brenda shared that the president of the lane community college shared that there are conversations starting with childcare needs on the coast and as the discussion unfolds, she can bring back information to this group.	
	Rural Economic Alliance (REAL)	
	Chris Workman shared that REAL is working on funding for the strategic plan. There are currently 8 communities in this group throughout Rural Linn and Benton Counties.	
	Lane Economic Committee	
	Sandra Easdale shared the following LEC updates – from the March 13 th meeting, Laura Engstrom, Regional Development Officer for Business Oregon covered the programs Biz Orgon Offers, and shared	

	that work is being done in the region and the set up of their own agency.	
	From the April 10 th meeting, Brain Rooney, Renal Economist, discussed regional economic trends, forecasts, and data sources for topics including employment, unemployment, population, and housing affordability.	
	From the May 8 th meeting Dr. AR Anshuman spoke about Launch Oregon that will create the opportunity to work with UO Innovators in various programs and colleges at the university. Launch Oregon will also provide initial research infrastructure and seed funding.	
	From the July 10 th Meeting Shareen Vogel, Regional CTE Program Coordinator Lane Education Service District spoke about CTE Programs that empower, prepare, and engage students to help connect them to their local communities and future possibilities.	
	From the August 14 th Meeting LEC heard from Lane Community College about their programs through which Lane County High School students can continue their career paths or adults can pursue career paths.	
	Blue Economy	
	Paul Schuytema shared that they finished up the second of three phases green research process. For green methanol and hydrogen bunkering in a way to power electric maritime engines.	
	Additionally, coast wide an assessment was sent out to stakeholder regarding coastal maritime grants regarding blue economy which is wrapping up this month. The goal is to use the data to see where the county is and how blue economy can assist. Additionally, the first grant was awarded to Yaquina Lab.	
9. Other Business: • Executive Committee	There were no updates from the CWEDD Executive Committee or staff.	
Updates	Matt Michel shared the OR26 expansion project with ODOT starting in	

10. Adjournment	Schuytema noted that the next meeting will be in Lincoln County as well. The next CWEDD Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 09, 2023, from 9:00am – 11:00am. The meeting will be held in Lincoln County with a hybrid option.	The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Commissioner Heather Buch at 11:00 am
	Cochran shared a map covering eligible areas for the EDA Recompete Program. The application deadline for these is October 5 th and is a two-phase grant. Wilson asked questions regarding where this grant program's information can be found, Conchran answered that the grant can be found on the EDA.gov website.	
	Additionally, Linn and Benton counties are aware of the fiscal year 2023 disaster supplemental grant to support disaster funding for the Seattle region and there is a need for applications regarding any presidentially declared disaster that occurred during calendar year 2021 -2022.	
	Wes Cochran from the EDA shared that there were 378 national applications received for the tech hubs. There were two applications that came out of Corvallis and OSU. The successful tech-hubs will be announced in winter 2023.	
Updates	units expected to be built within the next year. Commissioner Buch added that the Port of Coos Bay is applying for another mega-grant, but they aren't certain if that was received yet.	
Staff Updates Jurisdictional	the Veneta area widening the roads, and making a multi-use path extension. Additionally, Veneta has been growing with 400 housing	

CWEDD Region - Economic Development Projects						
	Primary Funder/					
	Amount / Year					
Project Name/ Description	Awarded	Partners	Priority Area(s)	Link		
	Re	gional or Statewide				
	EDA Build Back	EDA, OR Department of				
	Better / \$41.4	Forestry, UO, OSU, Port		Home Oregon Mass		
Mass Timber Coalition - Build Back Better	million / 2022	of Portland, DLCD, Biz OR	All 5 Prioirty Areas	Timber Coalition		
				US Department of Labor		
				awards \$49.4M to 17		
Oregon Workforce Partnership -Post	LIS Department of	US Department of Labor,		organizations in 15 states to provide pre-, post-		
Release Job training, services for reentry	Labor / \$3.9	Oregon Workforce		release job training,		
population	million / 2023	Partnership	4. Workforce support	services for reentry		
population	1111110117 2023	Tartifersinp	Collabroation, 3.	Announces Nearly \$700		
	USDA Reconnect /		Infrastructure	Million to Connect People		
	24.9 million Grant	Benton, Lincoln, Lane,	Resilience, 5. Rual	in Remote and Rural Areas		
Lane, Lincoln, Benton USDA Reconnect	/2023	OCWCOG, Pioneer	Vitality	to High-Speed Internet		
		Lane County				
			1. Regional			
Cottage Grove - Main Street Revitalization			Collaboration, 2.			
-includes street repaving, frontage			Business	EDA Main Street		
improvements, and new water and storm		EDA, Cottage Grove,	•	Revitalization Project		
sewer utilities.	million / 2022	LCOG	Vitality	Cottage Grove Oregon		
				Phase I of Suzanne Arlie		
	EDA ARPA Travel			Park development is		
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City of Eugene Susan Arlie Park Trails and	Outdoor Rec /	EDA, City of Eugene,	1. Regional	Park Engage Eugene		
Mountain Bike Facilities	\$1.2 million / 2022	LCOG	Collaboration	(eugene-or.gov)		
Stratacacha Orogan Sanata Bill 4 Funding	S4 4/ 19 million/	Fugano	2. Business			
Stratacache - Oregon Senate Bill 4 Funding	2023	Eugene	Development			

			1. Regional	
Broadband - LCOG - Regional Broadband	LCOG Funds /	LCOG, City and County	Collabroation, 3.	
	•	Partners	Infrastructure	
Strategy and Funding Response	\$250,000 / 2022	Partners		
			1. Regional	
			Collaboration, 4.	
	USDA / \$1 million	Lane County, LCC,	Workforce Support, 5.	
South Lane County Health Clinic	/ 2023	Cottage Grove	Rural Vitality	
		, Benton, and Lincoln		
	EDA / \$300,000 /	EDA, OCWCOG, City and	1. Regional	
Broadband - OCWCOG - Feasibility Study	2022	County Partners	Collabroation, 3.	
		Lincoln County, OSU, Biz	1. Regional	Business Oregon : Emerging
Oregon Ocean Innovation Hub (O2HI) -	Business Oregon /	Oregon, ODOE, EDA,	Collaboration, 2.	<u>Industries : Reports,</u>
Oregon Blue Economy	600k / 2022	USDA-RD	Business Support, 4.	Publications, and Plans:
-		Linn County, AMEDC,	1. Regional	Mid-Willamette Valley
	Business Oregon /	ODOT, Biz OR, DLCD,	Collaboration, 2.	Intermodal Center Home
Millersburg Intermodal Center	25 million / 2017	DEQ	Business Support, 3.	(mvic-intermodal.com)
	·	DevNW, Tangent,	1. Regional	
Linn and Benton EPA Brownfield Coalition	EPA / \$1 million/	Lebanon, Albany,	Collaboration, 5. Rural	
Grant	2023	OCWCOG	Vitality	
S.u			1. Regional	
			Collaboration, 2.	
	ARPA / \$550,000 /		Business Support, 4.	
South Corvallis Food Hub	2021	Corvallis, OSU	Workforce Support	
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			2. Business	
Multi-purpose grant - Confederated Tribes		EPA, City of Toledo, DEQ,		
of Siletz Indians - Toledo Mill Property	EPA/ \$800k / 2023	Biz Oregon	Vitality	
Hewlett- Packard - Oregon Senate Bill 4	S4 4/ 9.5 million/		2. Business	
Funding	2023	Corvallis, Biz Oregon	Development	
	C4 4/ ¢250 000/		2 Dusiness	
A second Control Bill 4 Feeding	S4 4/ \$250,000/	Constituting Constitution	2. Business	
Amorphyx - Oregon Senate Bill 4 Funding	2023	Corvallis, Biz Oregon	Development	
	EDA/ Pending /	EDA, Biz Oregon, OSU,	2. Business	
Corvallis Microfluidics Tech Hub	2023	Corvallis	Development	
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