



## Board Meeting

Thursday, February 08, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

### Oregon Cascades West – Albany Office

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## AGENDA

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| 1. | 9:00 | Call to Order & Agenda Review  | Chair,<br>Commissioner<br>Buch           |
| 2. | 9:05 | Roll Call  | Staff,<br>Justin Peterson                |
| 3. | 9:10 | Public Comment   | Chair                                    |
| 4. | 9:15 | CWEDD Board Membership (Handout) & Election of Officers (Attachments A and B)<br>See attached bylaws for discussion of membership and election of officers.<br><br><b>ACTION:</b> Election of Officers                         | Staff, Justin<br>Peterson                |
| 5. | 9:20 | CWEDD Executive Committee Appointment(s)<br>New CWEDD Executive Appointments may be required based on the Officer appointments.  | Staff, Justin<br>Peterson                |
| 6. | 9:25 | Minutes of September 07, 2023, Meeting (Attachment C)<br><br><b>ACTION:</b> Approval of Minutes  | Chair                                    |
| 7. | 9:30 | Lane Workforce Partnership - Critical Jobs Sector Award from the Department of Labor<br><i>-Lane Workforce Partnership was awarded a Critical Jobs Sector Grant from the Department of Labor for the hospitality industry.</i> | Guest,<br>Jesse Quinn and<br>Cindy Perry |

*-Update and Ways to support*

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| 8.  | 10:00 | <b>Regional Economic Update</b><br><i>Patrick O'Connor is the Regional Economist for Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Linn and Benton Counties. Patrick will provide an update on the economic conditions in the region.</i>  | <b>Guest Patrick O'Connor</b> |
| 9.  | 10:30 | <b>CEDS 2025-2030 Update Conversation</b><br><i>Strategic Conversation about the CEDS update. Process and focus. Organization and the implementation of the CEDS</i>  | <b>Staff, Justin Peterson</b> |
| 10. | 10:45 | <b>Discussion: CEDS Working Groups (Open time for any updates)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Broadband Action Team (BAT)</i></li><li>• <i>Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC)</i></li><li>• <i>Early Childhood Education</i></li><li>• <i>Rural Economic Alliance (REAL)</i></li><li>• <i>Lane Economic Committee (LEC)</i></li><li>• <i>Blue Economy Update from EDALC</i></li><li>• <i>Other workgroup updates?</i></li></ul> | <b>Staff, Justin Peterson</b> |
| 11. | 10:50 | <b>Other Business (if time allows)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Executive Committee Updates</i></li><li>• <i>Regionally Significant Updates</i></li><li>• <i>CWEDD Regional Project list (Attachment D)</i></li></ul>   | <b>Chair/Staff</b>            |
| 12. | 11:00 | <b>Adjournment</b><br><i>Next Meeting: Scheduled for May 09, 2024.</i>  | <b>Chair</b>                  |

## Attendance (For Quorum Purposes)

<b>OCWCOG Members</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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	Planning Director	CTSI	
Sophie Adams	ED Coordinator	City of Albany	
<b>Lane Members</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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.

## **CASCADES WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

### **BYLAWS**

#### **I. PURPOSE AND DUTIES**

The purpose of the Cascades West Economic Development District Governing Board (District Board) is to serve as the governing body of the Cascades West Economic Development District (District), which is an Economic Development District Organization recognized by the federal U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. Purpose and duties of the District are enumerated in its Articles of Agreement.

#### **II. MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, VACANCIES, AND REMOVAL**

- (A) The District shall be governed by a District Board of twenty (20) members, appointed as specified in the District's Articles of Agreement.
- (B) Each District Board member serving as a representative of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Executive Committee or the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) Executive Board shall serve on the Cascades West Economic Development District Governing Board as long as their Council of Governments term lasts. Each District Board member who is a county representative shall be reaffirmed or reappointed, annually.
- (C) County District Board Members are subject to removal if they miss two (2) consecutive District Board meetings. In such an event, the Council of Governments which originally appointed the representative may remove that member from the District Board. The district Governing Board may request the removal, but shall not have the power of removal.
- (D) In order to be eligible for various types of federal Economic Development Administration assistance, including public works and loan guarantee programs, areas must actively participate in the Economic Development District's planning process. County government participation provides for inclusion of its incorporated area. Active participation is defined as being a member of the Council of Governments:

#### **III. ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES**

- (A) The District Board shall meet at least once a year. At least one (1) month notice shall be given to the membership for a regular meeting. Regular meetings shall be held in Benton, Lincoln, Lane, or Linn Counties.

- (B) Additional meetings in person, or electronically, may be called by the Chair with the concurrence of two (2) additional members, or by a majority of the full membership of the District Board.
- (C) Meetings may be held by telephone or other means of electronic communication, and the District Board members may participate in any meeting by telephone or other means of electronic communication with advance notice of 48 hours given to staff. Such telephonic or electronic participation may only occur if the meeting is called to order at a location where all District Board members and any member of the general public can attend, understand, and either hear or read the comments of all members participating in the meeting.
- (D) Each member shall be entitled to one vote on matters before the District Board.
- (E) A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the membership of the District Board.
- (F) Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, a simple majority of the members present and voting shall be sufficient to decide a question before the District Board.
- (G) Unless otherwise specified, Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the proceedings of the meetings of the Board.

#### **IV. OFFICERS**

- (A) The officers of the District Board shall consist of a Chair and Vice-Chair elected from among the representatives and by the duly appointed representatives on the District Board for one-year terms after March 1st. Officers may be re-elected for up to three consecutive terms.
- (B) A vacancy in the office of Chair of the District shall be filled by the Vice-Chair for the unexpired term. In such an event, a new Vice-Chair shall be elected, at the next regular or special meeting of the District Board and they shall serve the balance of their term of that office.
- (C) Duties of the Chair: The Chair shall have general supervisory and direction powers of the District, shall preside at all District meetings, and shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of all committees of the District. The Chair is the sole official spokesperson of the governing body on all matters of policy and position, unless this responsibility is delegated in writing or electronically, to another member of the governing body, or a member of a board or committee appointed by the governing body.

- (D) Duties of the Vice-Chair: In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall execute all the powers of the Chair.

The Chair and Vice-Chair shall not be residents of the same Council of Governments Region.

## **V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- (A) An annual organizational meeting shall be held by the District Board no later than June 30th of each year during which officers for the coming year will be elected at that meeting
- (B) Nominations may be made from the floor and candidates receiving a simple majority vote of those members present at the annual organizational meeting shall be declared elected.

## **VI. COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD**

- (A) A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee for the District will be appointed by the Boards of the Councils of Governments. Federal requirements and balancing membership between the two Council of Governments areas will be considered in appointing the Strategy Committee.
- (B) Executive Committee
1. Composition: An executive committee shall consist of one representative from each County, and one at large member for a total of five. The board chair, and board vice chair, shall serve as the chair and vice chair respectively, of the executive committee. The representatives of each County shall be selected annually by the CWEDD board.
  2. Duties: The duties of the executive committee will include, but will not be limited to, acting on behalf of the CWEDD board between meetings. Taking action in situations determined by the Chair to be urgent. Be responsible for routine housekeeping duties, such as determining the content of agendas. Taking needed timely action on issues within the context of decisions or positions previously taken by the CWEDD board. However, the executive committee shall refrain from action on items that can wait for a regular CWEDD board meeting, and refrain from making decisions regarding project priorities.
  3. Chair and Vice-Chair: The chair and vice-chair of the board shall serve as the chair and vice chair of the executive committee and will have similar roles and authority as the chair and vice-chair of the board.
  4. Meetings and Quorum: A quorum shall be four of five members present. Alternates may serve on the executive committee if the representative is not able to attend a meeting and if the representative so decides. The Executive Committee shall meet as called by the Chair or CWEDD Staff. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be conducted in compliance with the Oregon Public Meetings Law as described in ORS 192.610 through ORS 192.690.
  5. Decisions and Recommendations: Decisions and recommendations of the Executive Committee will be communicated to the CWEDD board. When possible that communication shall be in writing via a memorandum.
- (C) In order to carry out work of the District Board, committees may be created by a majority vote of the District Board. The purpose and scope of activity of each committee shall be outlined in writing.
- (D) The Chair may appoint committee chairs and members.

## VII. STAFF AND FINANCES

- (A) The OCWCOG shall provide staff and administrative services for the Cascades West Economic Development District. The Executive Director of OCWCOG shall be the Executive Director of the Cascades West Economic Development District.
- (B) At the direction of the District Board, the Executive Director is empowered to pursue and enter into such contracts, grants, and agreements as to carry out the planning functions of the district consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- (C) The District shall be funded by grants, gifts, contracts, and contributions. All revenue shall be deposited with the OCWCOG for use in conducting the Cascades West Economic Development District work program. Cascades West Economic Development District funds so deposited shall be accounted for in a manner that maintains this identity separate from other revenues of OCWCOG; however, they shall be integrated into the OCWCOG normal accounting system and audited as a part of the OCWCOG's annual audit. OCWCOG will provide an annual account summary at the same meeting in which the Chair and Vice Chair will be elected.
- (D) Expenditures shall be authorized, approved and completed as if they were OCWCOG expenditures. The Cascades West Economic Development District shall be assessed its share of OCWCOG indirect costs in the same manner as other programs of OCWCOG.

## VIII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Bylaws shall be adopted by the Councils of Governments which are parties to the Articles of Agreement establishing the Cascades West Economic Development District. The District Board shall not amend its own bylaws, but may propose amendments for the consideration of the Councils of Governments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these Bylaws to be adopted by motion of their respective governing bodies, signed by the Chief Executive Officer and duly attested to by the respective clerk, recorder, or secretary.

OREGON CASCADES WEST  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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Date

LANE COUNCIL OF COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS



November 10, 2021

Date

ATTEST:

## CWEDD Board Chairmanship History

*\*No noted Chair and Vice Chair prior to 2016.*

<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Chair – Mayor Sharon Konopa Vice Chair – Susy Lacer	Chair – Mayor Sharon Konopa Vice Chair – Susy Lacer
<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Chair – Councilor Dann Cutter Vice Chair – Rob Scoggin	Chair – Mayor Dann Cutter Vice Chair – Rob Scoggin
<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Chair – Commissioner Pat Malone Vice Chair – Greg James	Chair – Heather Buch Vice Chair – Jim Lepin
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**CWEDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES****Thursday, September 07, 2023****9:00 am – 11:00 am****Hybrid at Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) OR****Virtual Via Microsoft Teams Technologies****DRAFT MINUTES**

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**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
1. Call to Order & Agenda Review	Chair Commissioner Heather Buch called the September 07, 2023, CWEDD Board meeting to order at 9:05 am.  There were no changes to the agenda.	<b>The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by the Chair, Commissioner Heather Buch</b>
2. Welcome and Roll Call	Staff Justin Peterson conducted roll call of the CWEDD Board of Commissioner members.	<b>Roll Call was conducted by OCWCOG staff Justin Peterson</b>
3. Public Comment	There were no public comments made to the CWEDD Board of Directors.	<b>There were no public comments.</b>
4. Minutes of February 09, 2023, Meeting (Attachment A)  <b>Action: Approval of Minutes</b>	Matt Michel moved to approve the minutes for the February 09, 2023, CWEDD Board Meeting. Paul Schuytema seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	<b>City Manager Matt Michel moved to approve the minutes for the February 09, 2023, CWEDD Board Meeting. Paul Schuytema seconded. The motion carried unanimously.</b>
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.	

	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Chair Buch asked for clarification that these projects are applications and are not fully approved yet in the process.</p> <p>Means shared how the projects will be prioritized with around \$240million to spend with more than \$500million in requests.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	
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	<p>income for the region.</p> <p>Matt Michel asked about the investment these companies are making.</p> <p>Means confirmed that it is both equipment and construction based. With a single piece of equipment being around 500million dollars.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Means addressed anticipated challenges such as the construction workforce, the semi-conductor workforce, the housing market, and childcare needs.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Means shared that the awards will be made public at some point, with a possibility being later this month.</p> <p>Means added that the legislature was very generous with an R&amp;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.</p> <p>Sandra Easdale asked about the parameters around grants or loans,</p>	
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Jude Anderson asked about the childcare provision on site, or nearby industrial parks.</p> <p>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.</p>	
6. Broadband Presentations	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Beyer shared that Benton County has 1700 BSL's that need to be serviced with 3 or 4 grant builds that are applicable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	
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	<p>Match.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Chair Commissioner Heather Buch asked if there are any concerns about not being further along.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Brenda Wilson added that these are excellent questions and the thing</p>	
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	<p>that is an advantage for Lane County is that staff have been working in the broadband field for a long time.</p> <p>Additionally, Lane County was required to sign up for fields of data that they would be responsible for so looking to the future, Lane also requested for Klamath, Coos, and Douglas counties as well in case there are bigger projects coming up in the future with more funding available.</p> <p>Wisth added that Lane County has already established strong relationships with their ISP's which gives them a leg up moving forward.</p> <p>Michel asked about federal and state funding, and if there are extra advantages for public or private vendors.</p> <p>Wisth answered that it depends on a lot of the maps and the underserved and there is a big piece regarding match percentages.</p> <p>Beyer added that one thing of caution would be established providers who need to build out their network could be the first priority with a note not to "overbuild".</p>	
7. CWEDD Regional Project List (Attachment B)	<p>Peterson shared the draft regional project list will be on the CWEDD website and that the list will be hopefully updated on a regular basis. The goal is to connect these projects back to the CEDS and there will also be a link to all of the projects as well and these will also be used to report back to the EDA.</p> <p>This is a running list of projects. If there are any additional projects to add, contact staff to get those updated.</p> <p>Peterson also proposed to have a regional priority project list to support as a region and collaboratively move forward.</p>	



	<p>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.</p> <p>Michel shared that this is a great tracking and inspirational tool as well.</p>	
<p>8. Discussion: CEDS Working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadband Action Team (BAT)</li> <li>• Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC)</li> <li>• Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Rural Economic Alliance (REAL)</li> <li>• Lane Economic Committee (LEC)</li> <li>• Blue Economy Update from EDALC</li> <li>• Other workgroup updates?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cascades West Regional Consortium</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This group meets every two months.</p> <p><b>Early Childhood Education</b></p> <p>Staff Anne Whittington shared for Early Childcare Education Oregon workforce partnership has led a discussion statewide and our leaders have joined in as well.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Rural Economic Alliance (REAL)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Lane Economic Committee</b></p> <p>Sandra Easdale shared the following LEC updates – from the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Laura Engstrom, Regional Development Officer for Business Oregon covered the programs Biz Orgon Offers, and shared</p>	

	<p>that work is being done in the region and the set up of their own agency.</p> <p>From the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, Brain Rooney, Renal Economist, discussed regional economic trends, forecasts, and data sources for topics including employment, unemployment, population, and housing affordability.</p> <p>From the May 8<sup>th</sup> 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.</p> <p>From the July 10<sup>th</sup> 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.</p> <p>From the August 14<sup>th</sup> 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.</p> <p><b>Blue Economy</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>9. Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee Updates</li> </ul>	<p>There were no updates from the CWEDD Executive Committee or staff.</p> <p>Matt Michel shared the OR26 expansion project with ODOT starting in</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Updates</li> <li>• Jurisdictional Updates</li> </ul>	<p>the Veneta area widening the roads, and making a multi-use path extension. Additionally, Veneta has been growing with 400 housing units expected to be built within the next year.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Cochran shared a map covering eligible areas for the EDA Recompete Program. The application deadline for these is October 5<sup>th</sup> and is a two-phase grant.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Schuytema noted that the next meeting will be in Lincoln County as well.</p>	
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Commissioner Heather Buch at 11:00 am</b></p>

CWEDD Region - Economic Development Projects				
Project Name/ Description	Primary Funder/ Amount / Year Awarded	Partners	Priority Area(s)	Link
Regional or Statewide				
Mass Timber Coalition - Build Back Better	EDA Build Back Better / \$41.4 million / 2022	EDA, OR Department of Forestry, UO, OSU, Port of Portland, DLCD, Biz OR	All 5 Priority Areas	<a href="#">Home   Oregon Mass Timber Coalition</a>
Oregon Workforce Partnership -Post Release Job training, services for reentry population	US Department of Labor / \$3.9 million / 2023	US Department of Labor, Oregon Workforce Partnership	4. Workforce support	<a href="#">US Department of Labor awards \$49.4M to 17 organizations in 15 states to provide pre-, post-release job training, services for reentry population   U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)</a>
Lane, Lincoln, Benton USDA Reconnect	USDA Reconnect / 24.9 million Grant /2023	Benton, Lincoln, Lane, OCWCOG, Pioneer	1. Regional Collabroation, 3. Infrastructure Resilience, 5. Rual Vitality	<a href="#">Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$700 Million to Connect People in Remote and Rural Areas to High-Speed Internet   USDA</a>
Coastal Region Hospitality Industry Sector Partnership - Lane Workforce Partnership.	US Department of Labor / \$446,878 Award / 2023	Lane Workforce Partnership, NW Oregon Works, Southern Oregon WIB	4. Workforce support	<a href="#">Biden-Harris administration awards \$16M to improve job quality, expand access to good jobs in critical sectors, including care, climate resilience, hospitality   U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)</a>
Lane County				

Cottage Grove - Main Street Revitalization -includes street repaving, frontage improvements, and new water and storm sewer utilities.	EDA PWEAA/ \$5 million / 2022	EDA, Cottage Grove, LCOG	1. Regional Collaboration, 2. Business Development, 5. Rural Vitality	<a href="#">EDA Main Street Revitalization Project   Cottage Grove Oregon</a>
City of Eugene Susan Arlie Park Trails and Mountain Bike Facilities	EDA ARPA Travel Tourism and Outdoor Rec / \$1.2 million / 2022	EDA, City of Eugene, LCOG	1. Regional Collaboration	<a href="#">Phase I of Suzanne Arlie Park development is underway!   Suzanne Arlie Park   Engage Eugene (eugene-or.gov)</a>
Stratacache - Oregon Senate Bill 4 Funding	\$4 4/ 19 million/ 2023	Eugene	2. Business Development	
Broadband - LCOG - Regional Broadband Strategy and Funding Response	LCOG Funds / \$250,000 / 2022	LCOG, City and County Partners	1. Regional Collaboration, 3. Infrastructure	
South Lane County Health Clinic	USDA / \$1 million / 2023	Lane County, LCC, Cottage Grove	1. Regional Collaboration, 4. Workforce Support, 5. Rural Vitality	
<b>Linn, Benton, and Lincoln</b>				
Broadband - OCWCOG - Feasibility Study	EDA / \$300,000 / 2022	EDA, OCWCOG, City and County Partners	1. Regional Collaboration, 3. Infrastructure Resilience	
Oregon Ocean Innovation Hub (O2HI) - Oregon Blue Economy	Business Oregon / 600k / 2022	Lincoln County, OSU, Biz Oregon, ODOE, EDA, USDA-RD	1. Regional Collaboration, 2. Business Support, 4. Workforce Support, 5. Rural Vitality	<a href="#">Business Oregon : Emerging Industries : Reports, Publications, and Plans : State of Oregon</a>
Millersburg Intermodal Center	Business Oregon / 25 million / 2017	Linn County, AMEDC, ODOT, Biz OR, DLCD, DEQ	1. Regional Collaboration, 2. Business Support, 3. Infrastructure Resilience	<a href="#">Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center   Home (mvic-intermodal.com)</a>

Linn and Benton EPA Brownfield Coalition Grant	EPA / \$1 million/ 2023	DevNW, Tangent, Lebanon, Albany, OCWCOG	1. Regional Collaboration, 2. Business Development, 5. Rural Vitality
South Corvallis Food Hub	ARPA / \$550,000 / 2021	Corvallis, OSU	1. Regional Collaboration, 2. Business Support, 4. Workforce Support
Multi-purpose grant - Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians - Toledo Mill Property	EPA/ \$800k / 2023	EPA, City of Toledo, DEQ, Biz Oregon	2. Business Development, 5. Rural Vitality
Hewlett- Packard - Oregon Senate Bill 4 Funding	\$4 4/ 9.5 million/ 2023	Corvallis, Biz Oregon	2. Business Development
Amorphyx - Oregon Senate Bill 4 Funding	\$4 4/ \$250,000/ 2023	Corvallis, Biz Oregon	2. Business Development
Corvallis Microfluidics Tech Hub	EDA/ Pending / 2023	EDA, Biz Oregon, OSU, Corvallis	2. Business Development