



AGENDA COVER MEMORANDUM

Memorandum Date: September 1, 2020

Order Date: September 15th, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Dan Hurley, Public Works Director
Mark Nystrom, Climate Strategist

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/ IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING A
REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO THE CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I. MOTION

Move to appoint Commissioner _____ to the Climate Advisory Committee:

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a Commissioner to the newly formed Climate Advisory Committee.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

In February 2020 the Lane County Board of Commissioners passed resolution 20-02-04-04 that order included the following action:

Establish a Climate Advisory Committee to provide recommendations and advise the Board of Commissioners on the County's ongoing climate action work.

On June 16th, 2020 the Board passed Order 20-06-16-11 which approved the bylaws and application form for establishing the Lane County Climate Advisory Committee (CAC). These bylaws were added to Lane Manual by Order 20-08-18-07.

The bylaws state that the CAC will have one Commissioner as a voting member.

B. Policy Issues

Policy related to environmental impacts and best practices have, for the most part, been internal to Lane County as an organization and have been addressed as administrative functions. Individual divisions have pursued projects independent of overarching guidance or a specific climate policy. Previous actions have included best practices such as increasing the recovery of recycling, composting or energy recovery and replacing fossil fuel use for County fleet through the use of renewable fuels and electric vehicles.

Order and Resolution 20-02-04-04 initiated development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP) and establishment of a Climate Advisory Committee. In order to be responsive to the community's needs and understanding in the development of Phase 2 of the Climate Action Plan staff have developed bylaws for the Climate Advisory Committee (CAC).

The CAC will be charged to assist the County in developing the CAP and implementing actions to meet Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions targets. This work will include:

- Advising the Board on all matters relating to Climate Action Plan development and implementation.
- Coordinating with other community groups throughout Lane County.
- Proactive communication to Initiative Sponsors to improve the coordination of work efforts, align resources, and connect interested parties with technical advisors.
- Community outreach and marketing of CAP Community Mitigation and Adaptation Actions to community members and neighborhood associations to encourage efforts to complete additional actions.
- A CAC Annual Report to the Board of Commissioners that includes CAP Initiatives that were submitted and completed, as well as progress made on Community Actions outlined in the CAP.
- Proactive research on funding opportunities for climate related activities.

C. Board Goals

It has long been consistent with Board goals that the organization operate in accordance with environmental best management practices while supporting economic development. The County's 2018-2021 Strategic Plan included the following Key Strategic Initiative under the *Vibrant Communities* Strategic Priority:

Pursue programs and practices that reduce impacts to and leverage the natural environment to enhance livability and economic development.

On December 17th, the Board approved the revised 2018-2021 Lane County Strategic Plan. With this approval, the Board added Key Strategic Initiatives under the *Vibrant*

Communities priority related to Economic Development and the Climate Action Plan:

2.a. Invest in a resilient, diverse, and sustainable regional economy.

2.b. Protect and enhance our natural and built environments.

Key Activity Area 2.b.1: Develop and implement a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Lane County.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

None

E. Health Implications

Receiving input from a variety of sources regarding the potential health impact of climate change will help Lane County staff understand future policy needs. National research and local experience have shown that the impacts of climate change tend to disproportionately impact marginalized communities, such as communities of color, the elderly, low-income communities, and people experiencing disabilities. The CAC is interested in having diverse representation that includes people of different racial and/or ethnic backgrounds, identities, abilities, and perspectives.

By speaking directly with members of the community who can share their lived experience, it is expected that the Board of Commissioners will be able to make better informed decisions about climate adaptation and resilience policies. For example, low income communities may not have access to home air-conditioning and air filtration. As the climate continues to warm, models predict not only higher temperatures but an increase in the number and severity of forest fires which will bring more smoke to low lying communities around Lane County. Community input will help the County make decisions where clean air and cooling centers would be best placed.

F. Analysis

Having a Commissioner as a member of the Climate Advisory Committee will enhance communication between the CAC and the Board of County Commissioners. The CAC will benefit from the insights of the Commissioner participating in the planned work.

G. Alternatives/Options

1. Accept the motion and appoint a Commissioner to the Climate Advisory Committee.
2. Do not accept the motion and provide staff with further direction.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of option 1.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval of the Board Order, staff will communicate with the appointed Commissioner.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

None.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO:

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OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE CLIMATE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners on August 18, 2020 approved amending Lane Manual Chapter 3 to create the Climate Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Lane Manual 3.635 states the composition of the Climate Advisory Committee will include one County Commissioner appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Lane Manual 3.635 states that the County Commissioner will be appointed by the Lane County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this matter having fully considered by the Lane County Board of County Commissioners

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. The Lane County Board of Commissioners will be formally represented on the Lane County Climate Advisory Committee until changed by order of this Board:

2. Future representatives from the Board of Commissioners to the Climate Advisory Committee will be selected by nominations made by individual commissioners at the meeting and voted upon by the Board.
3. Board of County Commissioners by nomination by individual commissioners and voted annually in January of each year.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Heather Buch, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date _____

LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL