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Memorandum Date: December 18, 2006  
Order Date: January 3, 2007

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works  
**PRESENTED BY:** Orin Schumacher, Vegetation Management Coordinator  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VMAC)

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**I. MOTION**

Move approval of the Order appointing two members to each serve a four-year term beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2010, on the Vegetation Management Advisory Committee (VMAC).

**II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

The Board is being asked to approve the recommendation of the interview panel and appoint two members to fill two (2) current vacancies on the Committee.

**III. BACKGROUND / IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION**

**A. Board Action and Other History**

The term expirations of Karen Bodner, Paul Clements, and Ross Penhallegon on 12/31/06 created three (3) vacancies on the Committee. A Notice of Vacancy was advertised from 9/8/06 to 10/9/06 in accordance with County policy, and a total of eight (8) applications were received. At the November 29, 2006 Board meeting, Ross Penhallegon was appointed by the Board to fill one of the three vacancies, and the Board further directed staff to schedule interviews of the remaining applicants to fill the two remaining vacancies. Commissioners Dwyer and Stewart along with Chris Melotti, a current VMAC member, formed the interview panel. Applicants were interviewed on December 18, 2006, and the panel has put forth its recommendation to appoint James LaRue and Kai Williams to fill the two vacant positions.

<b>Membership Positions:</b>	<u>9</u>
<b>Total Applications Received:</b>	<u>8</u>
<b>Commissioner Rep Mandated:</b>	<u>None</u>

<b>Current Vacancies:</b>	<u>2</u>
<b>Term Commitment:</b>	<u>4 Years</u>

**Expired Terms:** Karen Bodner  
Paul Clements

**Staff Liaison:** Orin Schumacher, Vegetation Management Coordinator  
Lane County Public Works – Engineering (682-6908)

**COMMITTEE CHARGE:** Acts as a forum for public input into the County's Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Program. Reviews vegetation management needs and related issues and makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. Works with Public Works staff to establish vegetation management priorities in keeping with available management activities beyond the scope of routine maintenance. Reviews the Program standards and policies, including long-range planning for future Program needs and prepares recommendations for Board action as necessary. Serves as liaison group in representing the vegetation management concerns of the community to the Board and representing Board decisions to the community.

**B. Policy Issues**

The VMAC was originally intended to be a body representing a broad spectrum of opinions and needs related to vegetation management along County roadsides. Since the Committee's inception, the Board of Commissioners has regularly reiterated its desire to retain a "balanced" membership. "Balance" has been at various times characterized as balance in gender, geographic representation, and/or education/professional background. The one constant, though, was a desire on the Board's part to retain a balance on the Committee with respect to members' philosophy toward the use of chemicals as a vegetation control method. When making its most recent appointments several months ago, the Board again reiterated its desire to maintain balance on the Committee.

Articulation of what constitutes "balance" on the Committee, and the mix of new members that will best further the goal of balance, is a policy choice to be made by the Board.

**C. Board Goals**

The County Strategic Plan, Part IV states in part that "Lane County Government exists to ensure the safety and well being of the people who live, work and visit our communities." Appointment of citizens to the VMAC is part of the County's effort to fulfill the stated goal of "providing opportunities for citizen participation in decision-making, voting, volunteerism and civic and community involvement."

**D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations**

There is no overriding financial or resource issue associated with these appointments. Members of the Committee are unpaid volunteers, although those who reside a significant distance from the monthly meeting locations are eligible for mileage reimbursement.

**E. Analysis**

The interview panel interviewed:

<b>Applicants:</b>	<u>Fuehring, Dan</u>	<u>Wroncy, Jan</u>
	<u>LaRue, James</u>	<u>Stein, Dan</u>
	<u>Williams, Kai</u>	

Following deliberation, the interview panel recommended James LaRue and Kai Williams to the Board as their choices respectively, to fill the two current vacancies.

**F. Alternatives/Options**

1. Accept the recommendation of the interview panel that Kai Williams and James LaRue to each serve on the Committee from 1/1/07 – 12/31/10.
2. Appoint one or more of the other applicants to the vacant positions.
3. Reject all applicants and direct staff to re-advertise the position.

**V. TIMING / IMPLEMENTATION**

Appointees will be informed of the Board's decision and invited to attend the VMAC's next regularly scheduled meeting on January 10, 2007.

**VI. RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint the two new members that will best provide the balance sought by the Board.

**VII. FOLLOW-UP**

Staff will prepare new member packets, which will be distributed at the first official meeting of their terms on January 10, 2007.

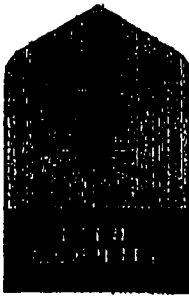
**VIII. ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Applications  
Attachment B: Membership Roster  
Board Order

**VMAC APPLICATIONS  
SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION  
(For Vacancies Beginning 1/1/07)  
Revised December 18, 2006**

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**ORIGINAL**



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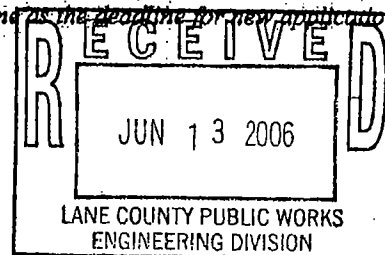
APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: DAN FUEHRING, EUGENE	DATE: 6/13/2006
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: VMAC	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant — Re-submit <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

9/15/06

1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.)  
SEE ATTACHED
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)
5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or age in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort?
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?
7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)  
☒ No ☐ Yes Specify:
8. How did you learn about this vacancy? ☐ Newspaper ☒ Word of mouth ☐ Other:
9. In which County Commissioner District do you reside? please check one:  
☐ Unsur ☐ West Lane County ☐ Springfield ☒ South Eugene ☐ North Eugene ☐ East Lane County

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- \* Unless waived by the Board.



**ORIGINAL**

**Dan Fuehring**  
**Citizen Advisory Committee Application**

1. In my employment as Safety Specialist for Eugene Public schools, I have had a role in evaluating landscape management practices, evaluating the appropriateness of proposed pesticides for use, and communicating with other staff, parents, and public about these issues

I have also served on the 4J School Closure Committee, as well as the Strategic Facilities Planning Advisory Committee of Eugene Schools.

2. County staff need to be able to do their jobs as efficiently as possible. The public needs to know that they are not being put at risk by practices and procedures used by County staff. In the end, there will be dissatisfied parties among both public and staff, but with enough input, information, and consideration, the committee should be able to develop workable practices with address most of the concerns raised.
3. I feel that the present committee has done a very admirable job in developing the road side vegetation management program, and I would like to participate in the evaluation of this program, and in the recommendation of possible changes that may need to be made.

I have a deep and abiding belief in the wisdom and efficacy of Integrated Pest Management models.

4. I have chaired the Landscape Management Advisory Committee for Eugene Schools. The LMAC was a committee made up of disparate elements in the community with the task of developing policies around outdoor pesticides and herbicides which would address, as much as possible concerns from a broad spectrum of opinion found in this community.

I have chaired a number of public hearings, and I have been the main contact, for the district, for members of the public to express concerns.

5. I am not a member of a minority group, but I do have a hearing deficiency. This does not effect my participation in meetings, however it increases my sensitivity for others with various disabilities, and "differences."
6. I am not currently sitting on any advisory boards.

**Dan Fuehring**  
**Application for Vegetation Management Committee**

**Questionnaire:**

1. When the weight of scientific evidence indicates that it can be done without damage to the environment, people, or wildlife, and when other methods are determined to be unfeasible.
2. I would list financial cost third, behind safety (weight of scientific evidence, strong procedures) and property rights.
3. The negative would be the current cost of controlling roadside vegetation. The positive would be that the "jury" is still out, and the County will eventually arrive at a very refined, strong policy on roadside vegetation.
4. The control of roadside vegetation is extremely important because the County has a huge investment in its roads, and has the charge to maintain them at a safe level. There are fire issues, as well as "quality of life" issues for drivers using these roads.
5. Mechanical, Chemical, and the Biological/Cultural. I have limited understanding about how biological and cultural methods apply to County roadsides, but I am open to learning/experimentation.
6. Safety, Safety, and Safety. If chemicals are used, they need to have the lowest possible impact, approaching zero. The roads themselves also need to be maintained, and not allowing the vegetation along the roadsides to get out of control is a large piece of this.
7. I think that in some cases, herbicides CAN be used with safety. I do not know enough, yet about whether they SHOULD be used in all cases, but I also do not foreclose using chemicals, if I am satisfied that they can be used under safe conditions.



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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: <u>JAMES L. LA RUE</u>	DATE: <u>9-19-06</u>
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: <u>VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.) B.S. HORTICULTURE, OWNER NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CO. 42 YEARS, OWNER WHOLESALE NURSERY 6 YEARS, PEST DEALER/MANAGER LICENSE, PEST SAFETY-APPLC COURSES
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make? I HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISSUES AND METHODS OF VEGETATION MANAGEMENT. CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDE HELPING FORMULATE SOUND PROCEDURES FOR IVM AND THE ABILITY TO CLEARLY COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC.
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.
  - ABILITY TO BALANCE COST VS EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS METHODS
  - PROPER EDUCATION OF PEOPLE WHO APPLY CHEMS OR OTHERWISE WORK IN WEED CONTROL
  - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF EACH METHOD OF VEGETATION CONTROL CONTEMPLA
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.) CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH BOTH EUGENE AND SALEM FARMERS MARKETS. CHAIRMAN FOR CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE FOR WASH. ST NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOC. TAUGHT MASTER GARDNER CLASSES.
5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or age in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort? I HAVE TRAVELED THROUGHT THE WORLD AND AM FAMILIAR WITH MANY DIVERSE CULTURES. I HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND HOW OTHER PEOPLE LIVE. I CURRENTLY HAVE A LATINO LIVING IN MY HOME.
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?  
NONE IN OREGON - NUMEROUS IN PAST IN WASHINGTON
7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)

☒ No ☐ Yes Specify:

8. How did you learn about this vacancy? ☐ Newspaper ☒ Word of mouth ☐ Other:

9. In which County Commissioner District do you reside? please check one:

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Department of Public Works  
Vegetation Division

Applicant Name:

Jim LaRue

#### Vegetation Management Advisory Committee

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#### Supplemental Questionnaire:

1. What would you consider as the wise use of herbicides for roadside vegetation management?

WISE USE OF HERBICIDES COULD BE APPLIED TO AREAS WHERE OTHER METHODS ARE NOT EFFECTIVE OR TOO COST PROHIBITIVE - AS LONG AS THE HERBICIDE IS PROPERLY APPLIED.

2. How would you rank the financial cost of vegetation management activities, when selecting a method(s) of management?

IN TIMES OF TIGHT BUDGETS IT IS VITAL TO SELECT ECONOMICAL METHODS OF VEGETATION CONTROL. REGARDLESS OF WHICH METHOD IS SELECTED - IS IT PROPERLY CARRIED OUT AND IS IT EFFICIENTLY MANAGED?

3. What do you consider as the most negative and positive components, or tools of the current Lane County Integrated Vegetation management policy?

AS I HAVE NOT YET SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE, I DO NOT HAVE A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR CURRENT POLICY. I FEEL IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR ME TO COMMENT ON THE POLICY WITHOUT STUDYING IT FIRST.

4. Do you consider efforts to control noxious weeds in Lane County rights-of-way as important, or insignificant?

ELIMINATION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS ALONG RIGHTS-OF-WAY IS VERY IMPORTANT. THESE WEEDS CAN EASILY SPREAD TO FARM LANDS AND IN SOME INSTANCES OBSCURE SIGHT LINES FROM SIDE ROADS AND PRIVATE DRIVES.

5. Listed below are the management tools that Lane County currently has the ability to utilize. In what order of priority would you place these tools as options for roadside vegetation management? (Please rank 1 thru 4, with 1 being your first choice)

1 a. Mechanical methods

4 b. Biological methods

2 c. Cultural methods

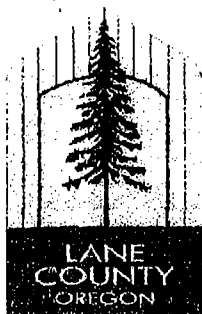
3 d. Chemical methods

6. What do you consider the most important factor when making recommendation(s) regarding roadside vegetation management within Lane County rights-of-way?

THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IS SAFETY - SAFETY TO THE CITIZENS OF LANE COUNTY, SAFETY TO THE APPLICATORS, AND SAFETY TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

7. Do you believe that herbicides should be used as a tool in roadside vegetation management?

YES - IN CERTAIN INSTANCES WHERE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN WEEDS IN CERTAIN AREAS IS VITAL AND OTHER METHODS ARE TOO EXPENSIVE OR NOT EFFECTIVE, THEN HERBICIDES MAY BE NECESSARY.



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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: <i>Dan Stein Eugene, OR</i>	DATE: <i>10/9/06</i>
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: <i>Vegetation Mgmt Advisory Committee</i>	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

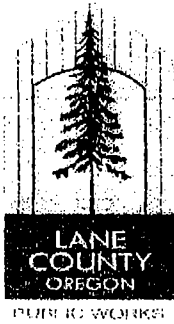
1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.) *MS in Agriculture  
10 years experience with IPM*
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?  
*I want to see vegetation mgmt done properly within an IPM context*
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.  
  - Use of herbicides as a last resort.
  - Protection of watersheds.
  - Traffic safety.
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.) *None.*
5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or age in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort?  
*I am respectful to people of all kinds.*
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?  
*NO*
7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)  
☐ No ☒ Yes Specify:
8. How did you learn about this vacancy? ☐ Newspaper ☒ Word of mouth ☐ Other:
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Applicant Name: DAN STEIN

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Vegetation Division

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Supplemental Questionnaire:

1. What would you consider as the wise use of herbicides for roadside vegetation management?

*Herbicides should be used as a last resort when safety + noxious weed control cannot be economically maintained otherwise.*

2. How would you rank the financial cost of vegetation management activities, when selecting a method(s) of management?

*It is essential to consider it, but decisions should not be made solely on cost.*

3. What do you consider as the most negative and positive components, or tools of the current Lane County Integrated Vegetation management policy?

*I am not familiar enough with it to say.*

4. Do you consider efforts to control noxious weeds in Lane County rights-of-way as important, or insignificant?

*Very important.*

5. Listed below are the management tools that Lane County currently has the ability to utilize. In what order of priority would you place those tools as options for roadside vegetation management? (Please rank 1 thru 4, with 1 being your first choice)

② a. Mechanical methods

~~2~~? b. Biological methods

① c. Cultural methods

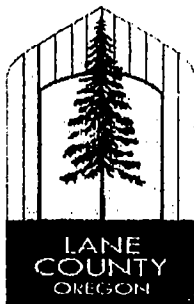
③ d. Chemical methods

6. What do you consider the most important factor when making recommendation(s) regarding roadside vegetation management within Lane County rights-of-way?

*Traffic safety.*

7. Do you believe that herbicides should be used as a tool in roadside vegetation management?

*~~There is~~ Yes.*



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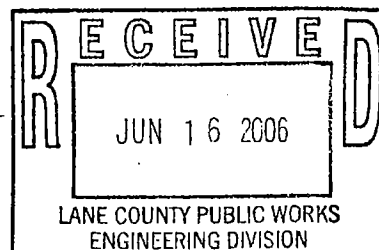
APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: <i>Kai Williams Eugene</i>	DATE: <i>6-1-06</i>
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: <i>Vegetation Management Advisory Committee</i>	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant - <i>Re-Submit 9/15/06</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

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*two terms intensive field training in Natural Resource Management - 1 in NW + 1 in Australia  
extensive knowledge of native and invasive plants*
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?  
*I have a strong interest in natural resource management. This will help me  
exercise my skills and learn more.*
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.  
*Control of invasive species, appropriate pesticide application, public education  
and awareness into vegetation management practices, roadside plantings appropriate to microclimate*
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.) *None in this area [Lane County].  
Worked on team in British Columbia to recommend uses for a community forest.*
5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or age in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort? *Ability to work with and respect others regardless of age, culture, abilities,  
gender, etc. Ability to understand cultural needs in land use.*
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?  
*No*
7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)  
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1. What would you consider as wise use of herbicides for roadside vegetation management?

*Wise use of herbicides is to use the least amount of herbicides possible and to use the most innocuous herbicides available.*

2. How would you rank the financial cost of vegetation management activities, when selecting a method(s) of management?

*Environmental health is a more important factor in choosing a management style than financial cost. It is important to stay within budget, but the cost to human health needs to be factored in.*

3. What do you consider as the most negative and positive components, or tools of the current Lane County Integrated Vegetation management policy?

*I have not yet read the complete Lane County management policy. From what I have read and know from others I consider that the policy looks at vegetation on an ecosystem or community level to be the most positive component. At this time I cannot state my opinion on the most negative tool or component to the policy.*

4. Do you consider efforts to control noxious weeds in Lane County rights-of-way as important, or insignificant?

*I consider controlling noxious weeds important, but at this time I cannot rank its value next to other priorities of the Lane County Integrated Vegetation management policy.*

5. Ranking of methods

1. c. cultural methods
2. b. biological methods
3. a. mechanical methods
4. d. chemical methods

6. What do you consider the most important factor when making recommendations(s) regarding roadside vegetation management within Lane County rights-of-way?

*I consider human and environmental health to be the most important factors to consider in making recommendations.*

7. Do you believe that herbicides should be used as a tool in roadside vegetation management?

*I believe herbicides should be used in specific circumstances as a last resort.*



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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: <i>JAN WRONCY, BLACHLY</i>	DATE: <i>OCT. 9, 2006</i>
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: <i>VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (VMAC)</i>	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

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*PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET*

2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?

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6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?

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**Jan Wroncy's**  
**Application for Vegetation Management Advisory Committee Member**

**1. Experience:**

I have previously served 2 consecutive terms on the VMAC committee (8 years from 1990-1999). Additionally, I have conducted Organic farming for well over 25 years here in Lane County. Previously I worked in various scientific research positions at Scripps Institute of Oceanography, the University of California at San Diego (UCSD), and at the University of Oregon.

At Scripps Institute of Oceanography I assisted Dr. T. J. Chow with Lead Pollution Research which showed that the lead in the atmosphere was coming from lead additive in gasoline, and eventually led to the ban on leaded gasoline. At UCSD, I assisted Dr. Gustaf Arrhenius with research on meteorites. I moved to Oregon in 1967 to work with Dr. Gordon Gole setting up the laboratory to analyze the lunar samples. Later I took a research position with Dr. George Carroll assisting with analysis of samples for the study of Nitrogen Cycling in the Old Growth Douglas Fir Canopy in the Andrews Experimental Forest in Blue River, Oregon.

I have continued to do independent research in various scientific fields, and in medical studies.

**2. Specific Contribution:**

I would like to rejoin the VMAC committee to offer my expertise in finding viable non-chemical alternatives for vegetation management, and to help assure that the Spray-at-Last-Resort Policy is successful.

**3. Community Concerns:**

I believe that I can help explain the concerns of organic farmers, environmentally concerned citizens, and chemically sensitive individuals, and that I can suggest ways to address those concerns in meaningful ways to Lane County Public Works for vegetation management programs.

**4. Involvement with relevant community groups:**

I have previously served on the Board of Directors of Oregon Tilth, as well as on several committees for Oregon Tilth, a certifier of organic farms.

**5. Contributions to diverse cultures and non-discrimination:**

I would be communicating concerns of women, and chemically sensitive individuals which would help provide balance to the VMAC committee, and preserve the commitment of the Board to reflect diverse cultures and to prevent discrimination.

10-9-06

*Jan Wroncy*



Applicant Name: JAN WRONCY

Lane County  
Department of Public Works  
Vegetation Division

Vegetation Management Advisory Committee

The Vegetation Management Advisory Committee was designed to be an advisory committee, both to the Board of Commissioners and County staff involved in vegetation management. The Committee was intended to represent a broad base of opinion and interests regarding all aspects of vegetation management, including the use of herbicides as a management tool. In an effort to evaluate the current and future balance of the Committee, with regard to these many issues, the Board has directed staff to complete a questionnaire to evaluate the breadth of representation, and viewpoints of those on the Committee. Board members have further suggested that all future applicants will have this questionnaire included as part of the application process, in order to assist in maintaining both geographical and ideological balance on the Committee.

Supplemental Questionnaire:

1. What would you consider as the wise use of herbicides for roadside vegetation management?

*SEE ATTACHED SHEET*

2. How would you rank the financial cost of vegetation management activities, when selecting a method(s) of management?

*SEE ATTACHED SHEET*

3. What do you consider as the most negative and positive components, or tools of the current Lane County Integrated Vegetation management policy?

*SEE ATTACHED SHEET*

4. Do you consider efforts to control noxious weeds in Lane County rights-of-way as important, or insignificant?

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

5. Listed below are the management tools that Lane County currently has the ability to utilize. In what order of priority would you place those tools as options for roadside vegetation management? (Please rank 1 thru 4, with 1 being your first choice)

a. Mechanical methods 1

b. Biological methods 3

c. Cultural methods 2

d. Chemical methods 4

6. What do you consider the most important factor when making recommendation(s) regarding roadside vegetation management within Lane County rights-of-way?

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

7. Do you believe that herbicides should be used as a tool in roadside vegetation management?

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

Attachment to VMAC Questionare for Jan Wroncy:

1. After carefully evaluating the environmental risks and health risks of herbicides, I personally can not imagine any wise use of herbicides for roadside vegetation management on public roadways, however, because I am offering my services, and expertise to Lane County in an effort to propose, research, and evaluate alternative non-chemical means to manage vegetation, and because the VMAC committee does not require consensus to carry out its duties, I feel I can still be a valuable member on this committee.
2. I would rank the financial cost as important; but not as important as safety, health and the environment costs.
3. The most positive component of the current IVM policy is mechanical, manual, cultural, and biological maintenance of sight distance; the most negative is use of chemicals which spread into the environment.
4. Control of noxious weeds in Lane County rights-of-way is important, especially when done using non-chemical means and in coordination with adjacent property owners.
5.
  - a. mechanical methods = #1
  - b. biological methods = #3
  - c. cultural methods = #2
  - d. chemical methods = #4
6. Safety and health of people using and adjacent to the road
7. Same as #1 above

*Jan Wroncy*

**Vegetation Management Advisory Committee  
Membership Roster 2006  
(Reflects Year-End Vacancies)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Term Start Date</b>	<b>Current Term Expiration Date</b>	<b>Previous Term(s) Served</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Residence Location in Lane County</b>
Graham, Peter	01/01/05	12/31/08	NA	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting 9/13/06	East
Koivula, Michael Co-Chair	01/01/05	12/31/08	01/01/01- 12/31/04	Active	Springfield
Melotti, Chris	01/01/05	12/31/08	01/01/01- 12/31/04	Active	Springfield
Moser, Douglass	01/01/05	12/31/08	NA	Active	East
Nelson, Jan	01/01/05	12/31/08	NA	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting 9/13/06	East
Penhallegon, Ross	01/01/07	12/31/10	11/9/05-12/31/06	Active	Springfield
Sundquist, John	01/01/07	12/31/10	03/96-12/31/96 01/97-12/31/00 09/06-12/31/06	Active	East
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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. ( IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING  
( TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE VEGETATION  
( MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VMAC)

**WHEREAS**, two (2) vacancies exist on the Vegetation Management Advisory Committee due to the departure of Karen Bodner and Paul Clements, which both memberships terminate on 12/31/06; and

**WHEREAS**, appointing replacements to serve the remaining terms of these vacancies is in the best interests of the citizens of Lane County; and

**WHEREAS**, the vacancies were duly advertised on one (1) occasion and out of eight applicants total, five were interviewed by an interview panel consisting of two members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners and a Vegetation Management Advisory Committee member ; and

**WHEREAS**, the interview panel interviewed each of the five applicants and has recommended two of those applicants as their choices for the committee; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**ORDERED**, that the following named persons be appointed, as indicated below, to the Vegetation Management Advisory Committee.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM</u>
<u>James LaRue</u>	<u>1/01/07 – 12/31/10</u>
<u>Kai Williams</u>	<u>1/01/07 – 12/31/10</u>

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 12-22-06 lane county  
[Signature]  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL