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Memorandum Date: March 11, 2009
Order Date:

TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
PRESENTED BY: Orin Schumacher, Vegetation Management Coordinator
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING 3 MEMBERS TO THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VMAC)

I. MOTION

Move approval of the Order appointing three (3) members to each serve a four-year term beginning January 11, 2009 and ending December 31, 2012, 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 3 members to fill three (3) current vacancies on the Committee.

III. BACKGROUND / IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The Vegetation Management Advisory Committee (VMAC) has been operating since the Fall of 2007 with one vacancy, leaving eight positions filled and one vacant with the unfortunate passing of Douglas Mosier. This position had been left vacant based upon discussions at the Board level of looking to reduce County Committee's to a standard level of seven (7) members per committee Countywide. County staff and Commissioners corresponded regarding this matter, and to date no formal resolution has been made regarding the membership numbers for the Vegetation Management Advisory Committee, along with other Committee's serving the Board.

The recent term expirations of Chris Melotti, Mike Koivula and Jan Nelson on 11/15/09, along with the resignation of Peter graham have left the Committee with five (5) vacancies. A Notice of Vacancy was advertised twice from 11/8/08 to 1/7/09 in accordance with County policy, and a total of four (4) applications were received for five (5) vacancies on the Committee. At the January 21, 2009 VMAC meeting the four applicants were discussed, and the Committee has put forth its recommendation to appoint Jan Wroncy, Jan Nelson and Marilyn Lowe to fill three of the current five (5) vacant positions.

Membership Positions:	<u>9</u>	Current Vacancies:	<u>5</u>
Total Applications Received:	<u>4</u>	Term Commitment:	<u>4 Years</u>
Commissioner Rep Mandated:	<u>None</u>		
Expired Terms:	Chris Mellotti	Jan Nelson	
	Mike Koivula		
Resigned	Peter Graham		
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 funds. Evaluates 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. Lane County Department of Public Works is operating under an indefinite moratorium on the use of herbicides for roadside vegetation management. In turn the issue of balance on this issue may have been reduced, but it is still an issue of importance to specific committee members, and VMAC has formed a sub-committee called the "Illegal roadside spray committee" to act as a forum for herbicide issues within Lane County. 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 Committee discussed and voted on the applicants listed below:

Applicants:	Wroncy, Jan	Bowers, Lynn
	Nelson, Jan	
	Lowe, Marilyn	

Following deliberation, the Committee recommended Jan Wroncy, Jan Nelson and Marilyn Lowe to the Board as their choices respectively, to fill the three current vacancies.

F. Alternatives/Options

1. Amend Lane Manual to reduce the Committee size from nine (9) to seven (7) members and appoint the Committee recommended members, Jan Wroncy, Jan Nelson and Marilyn Lowe to fill three (3) vacancies.
2. Accept the recommendation of the interview panel that Jan Wroncy, Jan Nelson and Marilyn Lowe each serve on the Committee from 3/11/09 – 12/31/12, and direct staff to re-advertise to fill the remaining two (2) vacancies on the Committee.
3. Reject all applicants and direct staff to re-advertise the position.
4. Evaluate the continued need for the Committee and direct staff action as needed.

V. TIMING / IMPLEMENTATION

Appointees will be informed of the Board's decision and invited to attend the VMAC's next regularly scheduled meeting on March 11, 2009.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

Decide on a choice that best serves the needs of the Board.

VII. FOLLOW-UP

Staff will prepare new member packets, which will be distributed at the first official meeting

of their terms on March 11, 2009.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Applications
Membership Roster
Board Order

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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: <i>Jan Nelson</i>	DATE: <i>12-04-08</i>
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: <i>VMAC</i>	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input checked="" 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.)
member of Lane Co. Public Health Adv. Comm (formerly) current member of VMAC
 2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?
to continue advising PW & the BCC regarding new information & any roadside problems
 3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.
to protect public health & our environment and to publish new info for public education
 4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)
see question #1
 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 1 of only 2 women, i am only 1 of 2 farmers i am also the eldest member on VMAC
 6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?
VMAC until 12-30-08
 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:
not at all
 9. In which County Commissioner District do you reside? please check one:
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Name: Nelson
(Last)

Jan
(First)

Address: _____

(City, _____)

(Zip) _____

Home Phone: _____

How Long Have You Lived in Lane County? 2 1/2 Years 6 Months

Occupation: farmer / forester

Place of Employment: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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Signature of Applicant _____

Date: 12-04-08

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Public Service Building
125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401**

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Lane County
Department of Public Works
Vegetation Division

Applicant Name: Ken Nelson

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?

herbicide use is unwise

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

important

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

*positive - good veg. mgmt practices are
timely + careful mowing w/o toxic herbicides.
negative - as with many county programs,
lack of money*

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

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)

a. Mechanical methods

2

b. Biological methods

3

c. Cultural methods

1

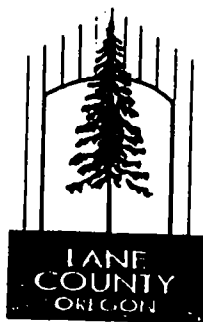
d. Chemical methods

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

open-mindedness & flexibility & innovation
to new ideas, research & experimental practices

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

no



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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: <i>Lynn Bowers Eugene</i>	DATE: <i>12.8.08</i>
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: <i>Vegetation Management</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.) *research on chemical sensitivity & forest management*
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make? *good listener, keen bullshit meter, brief comments*
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.
worker safety & public health
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)
president - Forestland Dwellers
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?
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:
9. In which County Commissioner District do you reside? please check one:
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Name: Scuife ymn
(Last) (First)

Address: _____
(Street) _____ (City) _____ (Zip) _____

Home Phone: [REDACTED] How Long Have You Lived in Lane County? 34 Years 0 Months

Occupation: dis signat Place of Employment: _____

Business Address: _____ **Business Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Fax: _____

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Signature of Applicant Jym Bowles

Date: 12.8.08

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Applicant Name: Sumi T. Bunker

Lane County
Department of Public Works
Vegetation Division

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?

I consider this question moot given the Board's no-spray policy

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

very important

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

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)

a. Mechanical methods 2

b. Biological methods 3

c. Cultural methods 1

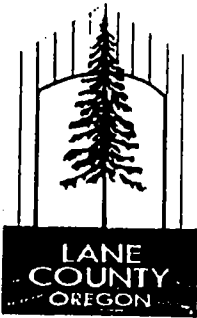
d. ~~Chemical methods~~

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

worker safety & public health

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

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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: Marilyn Lowe	DATE: 11/25/08
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Vegetation Management	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

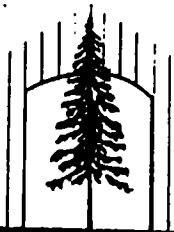
1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.) *I have been interested in pesticides & their affects since 1981, when I co-founded Citizens for Safe Control of Gypsy Moths in Salem. I keep current on pesticide issues locally and globally. I collaborate with others for effective problem*
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make? *Solving. I believe I am a knowledgeable citizen regarding pesticide use and issues. I am progressive thinking, bring a sense of humor to every situation, and strive to work within the budget*
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.
Safe roadside vegetation management; exploring new and/or different roadside vegetation management techniques; not backsliding into routine pesticide use; staying within the budget.
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.) *LRAPA - Citizens' Advisory Committee - current member; Precinct Committee Person; member, Eugene Association of Substitute Teachers; Soccer mom*
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 come from a diverse background and have been active socially and politically in equal rights movements. I am an advocate for equal rights under the law.*
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?
LRAPA - Citizens' Advisory Committee
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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Name: Love Marilyn

(Last) (First) (Middle)
Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] How Long Have You Lived in Lane County? 11 Years 8 Months

Occupation: teacher Place of Employment: [REDACTED]

Business Address: [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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By signing this
application, I certify that the
information provided is true and
correct to the best of my knowledge.
I understand that providing false
information is a criminal offense.
I understand that this information
may be made public.

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Signature of Applicant Marilyn Love

Date: 11/25/08

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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: <u>JAN WRONCH</u> <u>BLANCHY</u>	DATE: <u>12-19-08</u>
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: <u>VMAAC</u>	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input checked="" 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.)

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?

ATTACHED SHEET

3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.

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4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)

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

NO

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☒ No ☐ Yes Specify:

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

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

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Name: WRONCY JAN

Address:

(Street)

(City)

Home Phone:

How Long Have You Lived in Lane County? 4 Years MonthsOccupation: ORGANIC FARMER

Place of Employment:

Business Address:

Business Phone:

E-Mail Address:

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Signature of Applicant

Jan WroncyDate: 12-19-08

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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 1991-1999). 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 Goles 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 the current moratorium on use of herbicides, or the Spray-at-Last-Resort Policy if it is reinstated, 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.



Lane County
Department of Public Works
Vegetation Division

Applicant Name: JAN WRONCY

Vegetation Management Advisory Committee

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

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

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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

b. Biological methods

c. Cultural methods

d. Chemical methods

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

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 Questionnaire for Jan Wroncy

Submitted on November 3, 2008 and again on December 19, 2008

1. Currently Lane County has imposed a moratorium on herbicide use on County roadsides. I have long felt that after carefully evaluating the environmental risks and health risks of herbicides, I personally could not imagine any wise use of herbicides for roadside vegetation management on public roadways. Currently, the emphasis on committee member expertise should be to research, propose, and evaluate alternative non-chemical means to manage vegetation. Therefore, I am offering my services, and expertise to Lane County in an effort to assure that Lane County vegetation management is successful while using mechanical, biological, cultural, and manual means only.
2. I would rank the financial cost as important; but not as important as safety, health and the environmental costs.
3. The most positive component of the current IVM policy is mechanical, manual, cultural, and biological maintenance of sight distance; the most negative has been the 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

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.

(IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING THREE NEW
(MEMBERS TO THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
(ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VMAC)

WHEREAS, three (3) vacancies exist on the Vegetation Management Advisory Committee due to the term expirations of Chris Melotti, Mike Koivula and Jan Nelson, and the resignation of Peter Graham on 11/15/2008

WHEREAS, appointing replacements for three of the vacancies would satisfy previous Board direction to reduce the size of Advisory Committee's County wide.

WHEREAS, the vacancies were duly advertised on two (2) occasions and a total of four (4) applications were received.

WHEREAS, the Committee deliberated and voted on all four of the applicants and has recommended three of those applicants as their choices for the committee; **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

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

APPOINTEE

Jan Nelson
Jan Wroncy
Marilyn Lowe

FOUR YEAR TERMS

January 11th 2009 - December 31, 2012
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DATED this _____ day of _____, 2009

Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 3-4-09 lane county

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL