

# Cascades West Economic Development District Board

Thursday, January 7

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Halsey City Hall – 773 W 1<sup>st</sup> St., Halsey – Community Center

## AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order and Introductions                             | Chair   |
| 2. Agenda Review   | Chair   |
| 3. Approval of October 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1) | Chair   |
| 4. CWEDD Meeting Schedule Review and Discussion                | Charlie |
| 5. CEDS Implementation Discussion                              | Charlie |
| 6. Appointments to Working Groups                              | Charlie |
| 7. Other Business  | Chair   |
| 8. Reminder of Next Meeting and Location                       | Chair   |
| 9. Adjournment   | Chair   |

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**CASCADES WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (CWEDD)**

**October 22, 2015**

**Albany COG Office – 1400 Queen Ave SE**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Anne Schuster, Biff Traber, Bob Elliott, Faye Stewart, Rob Scoggin, and Sharon Konopa. **Members Present via Teleconference:** Caroline Bauman, Greg James, John Pascone, Marilee Woodrow and Sherry Duerst-Higgins. **Member Present via Video Conference:** Dann Cutter

**Staff Present:** Brenda Wilson, Steve Dignam, Fred Abousleman, Lydia George, Charlie Mitchell, and Emma Chavez

**1. Call to order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am. Introductions were conducted.

**2. Agenda Review**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**3. Review of October 5, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Greg James to approved the October 5, 2010 meeting minutes, seconded by Caroline Bauman. Motion carried.

**4. Consideration of Adopting by Resolution the 2015-2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**

As a requirement of the Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD) planning grant from the federal Economic Development Administration, a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) must be provided every five years. The CEDS guides regional significant economic development projects and activities over the next five years.

For the current update of 2015-2020, Oregon Cascades West COG (OCWCOG) contracted with the University of Oregon (UO) Community Service Center and the Community Planning Workshop to the develop the CEDS with COG staff oversight. Through this nine month process the following were conducted; stakeholder interviews, focus groups, formal meetings, and surveys. A thirty day public comment period took place in August and September.

The CEDS consists of the following six goals:

1. Create partnerships needed for regional collaboration
2. Advance economic activities that increase access to, and provide a range of employment opportunities
3. Build on region's entrepreneurial culture and assets through collaborative means

## **Attachment 1**

4. Identify and leverage internal and external funding sources to fund project that increase the resilience (diversity and redundancy) of infrastructure systems throughout the district
5. Partner to connect workforce training, education, and entrance opportunities with workforce demand
6. Enhance visibility of community assets and accessibility of basic services in rural areas

The CEDS calls for the formation of four working groups in the first year, and for the CWEDD Board to meet two to three times a year. Staff suggests for the CWEDD Board meetings to rotate in location to facilitate attendance for coast and Lane members. Also in year one, a CWEDD website should be developed and implemented, and by year two and beyond, active work in all areas should be taking place. New factors to the CEDS also include alignment with RAIN, identifying resources and working under a district structure.

Consensus from the CWEDD Board to approve the 2015-2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as presented.

### **5. Other Business**

Members discussed the next meeting of the CWEDD and agreed that January of 2016 is a good target date. Agenda items may include; formation of working groups, resources to carry CEDS tasks, and UO Community Service Center assistance.

### **6. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 am.