



AGENDA CONSENT CALENDAR MEMO

Memorandum Date: April 24, 2025

Order Date: May 13, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Dan Hurley, Parks Division Manager

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/ In the Matter of Confirming the Appointment of Douglas Wagner to the Parks Advisory Committee

I. MOTION

Move to adopt the Board Order confirming the appointment of Douglas Wagner to a term on the Parks Advisory Committee.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to appoint Douglas Wagner to the Parks Advisory Committee for an at-large position.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

There is no previous Board Action with regards to Mr. Wagner. On 1/5/2021, the Board confirmed the reappointment of Greg Hyde to serve on the Parks Advisory Committee as the at-large representative, BO# 21-01-05-14. Mr. Hyde's second term on the Parks Advisory Committee expired on 1/31/2024. On 4/14/2025, the Parks Advisory Committee met and voted to recommend the appointment of Mr. Wagner to the vacant position.

B. Policy Issues

Douglas (Ry) Wagner submitted a complete application to Lane County on 12/3/24. After careful review, the Parks Advisory Committee is recommending the appointment of Mr. Wagner to serve on the Parks Advisory Committee to represent the at-large position. Mr. Wagner's term will begin on 5/13/2025 and expire on 5/13/2029.

C. Board Goals

A full and diverse PAC membership helps the Board achieve “Strategic Priority #2: Vibrant Communities” by providing the Board with timely and helpful recommendations regarding park operations and by collaborating and enhancing communication with external partners.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

None

E. Health Implications

None.

F. Analysis

Lane Manual 3.085.020 establishes the Parks Advisory Committee and states:

“[The Parks Advisory Committee (PAC)] advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs of County residents and visitors regarding County Park facilities. [They] recommend priorities for projects, including financial and operational development and acquisition. [Additionally, the PAC provides] recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and future park needs. [The PAC] serves as a liaison group representing the concern of the community regarding parks.”

Membership consists of five members appointed by individual Commissioners and two at-large members appointed by the Board.

G. Alternatives/Options

1. Approve Board Order appointing Douglas Wagner to a 4-year term on the Parks Advisory Committee.
2. Direct staff to revise Board Order to identify a different appointee.
3. Do not adopt Board Order and provide staff with further direction.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends approval of the attached Board Order appointing Douglas Wagner to serve a term on the Parks Advisory Committee.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

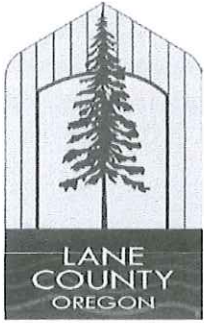
Upon approval of the Board Order, Parks staff will notify Mr. Wagner of his appointment to the Parks Advisory Committee. If appointed, his term will begin May 13, 2025.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

None.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

1. Redacted Application from Ry Wagner, submitted 12/3/2024
2. Board Order



Lane County CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

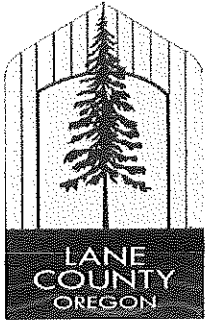
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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: Douglas (Ry) Wagner		DATE: 12-3-2024
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Parks Advisory Committee		PLEASE CHECK ONE: ☒ New Applicant ☐ Reappointment

- * 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).
- From "coast to crest", I have enjoyed Lane County parks for over 25 years. This includes camping, hiking, and equestrian activities. I have a formal training in Botany (BS degree from Michigan State University) and in education (Ph.D. from University of Washington). I was a faculty member of the Department of Biology at the University of Oregon for over a decade and
- * 2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?
- I now have more time to contribute to the community and have been exploring ways to do so. Over the past year I have taken a strong interest in our county parks system and the development of that for both near-term and long-term use opportunities. I will bring to the Parks Advisory Committee a balance of perspectives as someone who is a regular visitor to our parks, someone with a scientific understanding of ecosystems, and someone with business acumen. I have
- * 3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.
- I believe the community will benefit from more communication about our parks and plans for our parks for the future. I was recently at an event for a local community organization that supports Lane County Parks, and it was clear that individuals in attendance were confused as to management (and even ownership) of the park they were referencing in their questions. Public
- * 4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)
- My community involvement has been limited by my previous work requirements, which demanded a great deal of international travel. During this time, I have been an advisor to the United Nations in a program to help farmers in Africa develop sustainable farming practices, and with a venture capital group, Unreasonable Group, which is focused on helping communities and
- * 5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, religion, language, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expressions, veteran's status, or political beliefs in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort?

My professional life has allowed me to work with people of all socio-economic groups across more than 30 countries, and to build relationships across various cultures and organizations. It has been a privilege to learn from these experiences the challenges that so many disadvantaged individuals face every day. These learnings are now part of my everyday approach to life, and to

* SEE ATTACHED FOR COMPLETE DOCUMENT



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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:

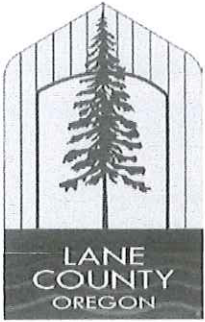
9. In which County Commissioner District do you reside? Please check one:

☐ Unsure	☐ West Lane County	☐ Springfield
☐ South Eugene	☐ North Eugene	☒ East Lane County

The Board of Commissioners has adopted the following policy on reappointments:*

- a. Members of County advisory groups will serve a maximum of two consecutive terms when term lengths are three or more years in length.*
- b. The deadline for incumbent applications will be the same as the deadline for new applications.*

** Unless waived by the Board.*



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Please Print

Name: Wagner

(Last)

Douglas (Ry)

(First)

Preferred Salutation: ☐ Mr. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mx. ☒ Dr. ☐ Other: _____

Address: _____

(Street)

Pleasant Hill

(City)

97455

(Zip)

Home Phone: _____ How Long Have You Lived in Lane County? 28 Years 0 Months

Occupation: Business Development Place of Employment: DRW Consulting, LLC

Business Address: Pleasant Hill, Oregon

Business Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: drwagner01@msn.com

Fax: _____

NOTE: Information in this box consisting of home addresses and phone numbers may be exempt from disclosure per ORS 192.502(3).

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Lane County is required under state and federal guidelines to identify applicants by ethnicity, race, gender and age. Supplying this information will also assist Lane County in evaluating its Diversity Implementation Plan to achieve more diversity on its advisory committees. Providing this information will not adversely affect your opportunity to serve on this committee or board and this information is processed separately from the application. Completion of this section is entirely voluntary and remains confidential.

Please check all boxes that apply:

Gender:

☒ Male

☐ Female

☐ Trans-Male

☐ Trans-Female

☐ Gender Non-Conforming

☐ Non-Binary

☐ Other

Ethnicity:

☐ Hispanic/Chicanx/Latinx

☒ Non-Hispanic/Chicanx/Latinx

Race:

☐ Asian American

☐ American Indian/Alaska Native

☐ African American

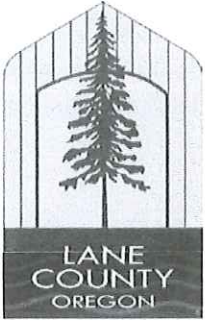
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

☒ White

☐ Disability: *Type: _____

*This information is used to ensure there is reasonable accommodation and representation on advisory boards.

Is your age over 40? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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Lane County does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, religion, language, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expressions, veteran's status, or political beliefs.

Signature of Applicant Douglas Ry Wagner  Date: 12-3-2024

Except as noted above, all information provided as part of this application is a public record subject to disclosure.

**Please Return to: Lane County Administration
Public Service Building
125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401**

NOTE: If you are not selected at this time, your application will be kept on file for 12 months from the date it was received and will be reconsidered as vacancies occur.

**Douglas (Ry) Wagner
Parks Advisory Committee Application
December 3, 2024**

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).

From "coast to crest", I have enjoyed Lane County parks for over 25 years. This includes camping, hiking, and equestrian activities. I have a formal training in Botany (BS degree from Michigan State University) and in education (Ph.D. from University of Washington). I was a faculty member of the Department of Biology at the University of Oregon for over a decade and researched and taught life sciences to a wide range of students, including those focused on ecology and biological diversity. More recently my professional experience has been in business development, fund raising and fiscal management. In addition, I have worked to create accessible environments and experiences for family members with special requirements and thus have a strong interest in developing diversity for our community's outdoor experiences.

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

I now have more time to contribute to the community and have been exploring ways to do so. Over the past year I have taken a strong interest in our county parks system and the development of that for both near-term and long-term use opportunities. I will bring to the Parks Advisory Committee a balance of perspectives as someone who is a regular visitor to our parks, someone with a scientific understanding of ecosystems, and someone with business acumen - I have managed businesses across many countries - that can balance priorities to achieve the best possible outcome for the visitors to our parks and for the County.

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

I believe the community will benefit from more communication about our parks and plans for our parks for the future. I was recently at an event for a local community organization that supports Lane County Parks, and it was clear that individuals in attendance were confused as to management (and even ownership) of the park they were referencing in their questions. Public input and engagement is key to building bridges with the community that needs improvement. In addition, I would like to see more active community engagement in supporting our parks with their involvement and funding and would like to support efforts to bring more sources of such support beyond what Lane County is currently doing.

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

My community involvement has been limited by my previous work requirements, which demanded a great deal of international travel. During this time I have been an advisor to the United Nations in a program to help farmers in Africa develop sustainable farming practices, and with a venture capital group, Unreasonable Group, which is focused on helping communities and businesses develop in a way that supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Most of my local community activities have been limited to fundraising, though recently I have been active in helping community groups organize.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO:

IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMING THE
APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS
WAGNER TO THE PARKS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, At-large representative Greg Hyde's term ended on 12/31/24; and

WHEREAS, Lane Manual 3.070.010 (B5) provides the Board of County Commissioners with the authority to appoint nonmandated committee members; and

WHEREAS, the necessary procedures of Lane Manual 3.070.010 (B) have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Advisory Committee has unanimously moved to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Douglas Wagner to the Parks Advisory Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** that the public record reflect that the following individual has been appointed to the Parks Advisory Committee for the term indicated:

Appointee	Representing	Term Begins	Term Ends
Douglas Wagner	At-Large	5/13/2025	5/13/2029

ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2025.

David Loveall, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners