



Executive Committee

Thursday, August 27, 2026

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

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AGENDA

- 1) 11:00 Call to Order & Agenda Review Chair Paul Schuytema
- 2) 11:02 Roll Call Matt Lehman, Staff
- 3) 11:05 Public Comment Chair Paul Schuytema
- 4) 11:08 May 28, 2026, Minutes Approval Chair Paul Schuytema
([Attachment A pg. 03](#))
ACTION: Approval of Minutes
- 5) 11:10 September 10, 2026, CWEDD Board Draft Chair Paul Schuytema
Meeting Agenda ([Attachment B pg. 07](#))
Draft agenda for review.
Action: Approval of Agenda
- 6) 11:15 2026 CWEDD Ignite Economic Vitality Summit Chair Paul Schuytema
November 3, 2026, 8:30 am to 2 pm, Linn County Expo
Update and draft plans
Action: Discussion
- 7) 11:55 Other Business Chair Paul Schuytema and All
 - Executive Committee Member Updates
 - CWEDD Letters of Support Protocol Change
- 8) 12:00 Adjournment Chair Paul Schuytema
The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2026.



CWEDD Executive Committee Roster 2026	
Greg Ervin	City of Collage Grove, City Councilor
Christopher Jacobs	City of Corvallis, Economic Development Manager
Christopher McMorran	City of Philomath, Mayor
Paul Schuytema	EDALC, Lincoln County, Executive Director
Ron Whitlatch	City of Lebanon, City Manager

QUORUM REQUIREMENT: “A quorum shall be three of five members present. Alternates may serve on the Executive Committee if the representative is not able to attend a meeting and if the representative decides. The Executive Committee shall be conducted in compliance with the Oregon Public Meetings Laws as described in ORS 192.610 through ORS 192.690.” (CWEDD Bylaws Section VI B.4).



CWEDD EXECUTIVE MEETING**Thursday, May 28, 2026****11:00am - 12:00pm**

Microsoft Team's Meeting Remote Connection

Members: Paul Schuytema (Executive Director – CWEDD), Nancy Wyse (Benton County Commissioner), Ron Whitlatch (City of Lebanon), Councilor Greg Ervin (City of Cottage Grove)

Staff: CED Director Matt Lehman, CAMPO Planner Corum Ketchum, Executive Assistant Ashlyn Muzechenko, Administrative Assistant Travis Overvig

Guests: Sandra Easdale

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
1. Call to Order & Agenda Review	The Chair, Paul Schuytema, called the May CWEDD Executive Committee meeting to order 11:00am. There were no additions or other changes to the agenda.	The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by The Chair Paul Schuytema
2. Roll Call	Susan Patterson (Staff) conducted roll call for the members and staff in attendance.	Roll call was conducted.
3. Public Comments	No public comment.	No public comment.
4. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2026 (Attachment A) <i>Action: Approval of Minutes</i>	Greg Ervin (City of Cottage Grove) moved to approve the CWEDD Executive Committee minutes of March 19, 2026. Nancy Wyse (?) seconded. No discussion. Motion carried - No votes against. Minutes approved unanimously. Ron Whitlatch voted for favor. Paul Schuytema voted in favor. Greg Ervin voted for favor. Nancy Wyse voted in favor.	Past Minutes approved unanimously by CWEDD Executive Committee
5. June 11, 2026, CWEDD Draft Meeting agenda (Attachment B) <i>Action: Approval of Agenda</i>	Susan Patterson (Staff) shared changes to the OCWCOG Board: - OCWCOG Board has recently appointed Jan Kaplan (City of Newport) and Christopher McMorran (City of Philomath). - Representative from Lane County needed for CWEDD Executive Committee. Goal is to have new member for the June 11th Board meeting.	Agenda approved via unanimous votes by the Executive Committee. Discussion on agenda items for Fall meeting.

6. CWEDD Regional Meeting Discussion (Fall 2026) Action: <i>Approval of June Meeting Agenda</i>	Paul Schuytema discussed the upcoming June meeting in Newport. - Highlighted items listed on the agenda for the upcoming June meeting: - Lincoln County Economic Report - Georgia-Pacific Toledo – Regional Economic Impact - Lincoln City EPA Community-Wide Assessment - Discussion: CEDS Working Groups - Port Dock 5 “Shop the Dock” Tour - Greg Ervin moved to approval June meeting agenda. Nancy Wyse seconded. No discussion. Motion carried - No votes against. June agenda was approved unanimously. - Ron Whitlatch voted in favor - Paul Schuytema voted in favor - Greg Ervin voted in favor - Commissioner Nancy Wyse voted in favor Paul Schuytema led discussion amongst CWEDD Executive Committee to determine Logistics, Structure, and Theme for Fall 2026 CWEDD Regional Meeting. - Planning focused on what results CWEDD has for the upcoming meeting to assist in relaying to those invited and will assist with developing an agenda. - Susan Patterson (Staff) shared her plans to invite Senator Kropp as a keynote speaker to present and provide updates on the Governor’s Prosperity Plan. Date for meeting needed. - Paul Schuytema requested Executive Committee to review their calendars for available dates Tuesday-Thursday throughout September – mid-November, so that date selected does not conflict with other events that could stop people from attending. - Paul Schuytema shared that the state just came out with their latest Economic Forecast which could be a good item for the agenda. Agenda goals should be to focus on 1-2 priority areas. - Greg Ervin (Cottage Grove) shared importance for having a	
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	clear priority on how to coordinate efforts to improve economic conditions of Oregon. Discussed identifying regulatory bottlenecks that are restricting economic development in our region: land use, forest management, wetlands, etc. • Ron Whitlatch and Nancy Wyse agreed with Greg on identifying these bottlenecks and to present them to the legislator. Goals must focus on not duplicating efforts. • Paul Schuytema touched on Oregon's struggles with being business competitive and how to coordinate with other regional EDDs to have unified goals on economic development.	
7. Strategic Discussion on CWEDD Board Goals (Attachment C) Action: Information and Discussion	Susan Patterson (Staff) shared that she is looking for funds/grants to help support local CEDs projects • FEMA grants available to fund Economic and Disaster planning due by July 23 • USDA funding available (\$50,000 or less) for strategic planning projects due by June 15 • EDA has a planning grant (\$150,000) with a 50% match with no deadline. • Susan asked which projects to identify so that she can do grant writing and submit them. Paul asked how to best balance resourcing for grant writing. Susan explained identifying which grants to pursue will assist in planning. Paul asked for Susan to present 1-2 grant opportunities with achievable deadlines at the upcoming meeting. • Greg Ervin asked what Susan will need from CWEDD to assist in the grant writing process.	
8. Other Business: • CWEDD Annual Report • Executive Committee Member Updates Action: Information Only	Other Business: There were no other business shared with the group in attendance. CWEDD Annual Report: Nothing to report. Executive Committee Member Updates: Paul shared that the lease on the NOAA Marine Operations Center Pacific fleet based in Newport will be ending soon. NOAA released a request for information on	Executive Committee Members presented Other Business updates

	interests to take the fleet away from Newport. Updates provided on the Eugene Airport.	
9. Adjournment	The next CWEDD Executive Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2026.	The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am by The Chair Paul Schuytema.



Board Meeting

September 10, 2026
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Benton County Administrative Offices
[4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR 97333](#)
(Kalapuya Room)

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AGENDA

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| 1. | 9:00 | Call to Order & Agenda Review
<i>Welcome to Benton County!</i> | Chair Paul Schuytema |
| 2. | 9:05 | Roll Call | Staff, Travis Overvig |
| 3. | 9:08 | Public Comment | Chair Paul Schuytema |
| 4. | 9:10 | Minutes of June 11, 2026, Meeting (Attachment A)

ACTION: Approval of Minutes | Chair Paul Schuytema |
| 5. | 9:15 | 2026 CWEDD <i>Ignite Economic Vitality</i> Summit Update
November 3, 2026, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

ACTION: Discussion | Staff, Susan Patterson |
| 6. | 9:25 | CWEDD Letters of Support: Protocol Change
Due to public meeting laws, letters of support will now be approved by the chair or vice-chair. | Staff, Susan Patterson |
| 7. | 9:30 | ACTION: Information | |

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| 8. | 9:35 | 2025-2030 CEDS Priorities and Regionally Significant Projects An ad hoc work group met to create a short list of projects that will be used for a group prioritization activity at the November 3 rd Summit, Board planning, and grant funding.

ACTION: Discussion | Chair Paul Schuytema, Greg Price, and Councilor Greg Ervin |
| 9. | 10:00 | Eugene Airport Update and Expansion (description forthcoming)

ACTION: Information | Kari Westlund Eugene Airport |
| 10. | 10:30 | Corvallis/Benton County Economic Development Presentation (description forthcoming)

Action: Information | Christopher Jacobs, Corvallis Benton County Economic Development Manager |
| 11. | 10:50 | Discussion: CEDS Working Groups (Open time for any questions) (Attachment D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cascades West Innovation Hub</i> • <i>Broadband Action Team (BAT)</i> • <i>Blue Economy Update from EDALC</i> • <i>Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC)</i> • <i>Early Childhood Education (on pause)</i> • <i>Rural Economic Alliance (REAL)</i> • <i>Lane Economic Committee (LEC)</i> • <i>Other workgroup updates?</i> | Chair Paul Schuytema/Staff, Susan Patterson |
| 12. | 10:55 | Other Business (time permitting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regionally Significant Updates – by County (Examples – a large manufacturing company announced a new site, other board meetings you attend)</i> • <i>CWEDD Board Meeting December 10, 2026 Topics (e.g., Summit Follow Up, HAPO Speaker)</i> | Chair Paul Schuytema |
| 12. | 11:00 | Adjournment
<i>Next Meeting: December 10, 2026 in Linn County.</i> | Chair Paul Schuytema |
| 13. | 11:30 | Offsite Optional and No Host Lunch, Location TBA | Chair Paul Schuytema |

**CWEDD Board of Directors Meeting
June 11, 2026**

OCWCOG Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Christopher McMorran	Mayor	City of Philomath	
Jan Kaplan	Mayor	City of Newport	
Alex Johnson II	Mayor	City of Albany	
Heather DeSart	Executive Director	NW Oregon Works	
Greg Price	Director	Oregon Coast Community College, SBDC	
Christie Dudenhofer	Executive Director of Semiconductor ED	Oregon State University	
Paul Schuytema	Executive Director	EDALC	
Chris Workman	City Manager	City of Philomath	
Ron Whitlatch	City Manager	City of Lebanon	
John Pascone	President	LEDG	
Pam Barlow-Lind	Planning Director	CTSI	
Christopher Jacobs	Economic Dev Director	Benton County	
Lane Members	Title	Jurisdiction	Attendance
Chris Wig	Board Member	Willamalane Parks and Rec District	
Patti Chappel	Board Member	Eugene People's Utility District	
Randy Groves	City Councilor	City of Eugene	
Robbie McCoy	Mayor	City of Veneta	
Steve Racca	Board Member	Fern Ridge Library District	
Pete Knox	Board Member	Lane Transit District	
Greg Ervin	Council Member	City of Cottage Grove	
Matt Michel	City Manager	City of Veneta	

Quorum Requirement: CWEDD business may be conducted provided a quorum of members attends. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the membership of the District Board. The CWEDD members may participate by telephone or other means of electronic communication, provided the meeting is called to order at a meeting place where the public can attend, hear, understand and/or read the comments of the members participating by telephone or electronic means and the members so participating can fully hear, understand, and/or read the comments of the other members participating in the meeting.