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PURPOSE: Recommendation to fill vacant Railroad Committee positions

BACKGROUND:

Currently Mr. Mike Ervin from Les Schwab Distribution (LS) represents the shipping position on the City of Prineville Railway (COPR) Committee. Mr. Ervin held this position for more than a decade and was instrumental in helping with negotiations to entice LS back to the COP in 2006 and help with a lease agreement that allow LS to utilize the warehouses. Recently Mr. Ervin has retired from LS but would like to continue his work with the COPR. Mr. Ervin's retirement leaves the position of Shipping Representative open. LS continues to be the largest shipper on the COPR and the relationship staff and the committee has with LS is unprecedented. Therefore, the committee feels Mr. Ervin's replacement at LS, Mr. Larry Gerke, would be a good addition to the group. Mr. Gerke has over 20 years of experience in transportation and logistics.

RECOMMENDATION:

Madam Mayor,

The committee would like your consideration to appoint Mr. Larry Gerke from LS to fill the open position of shipper representative. In addition, the group would like to recommend Mr. Mike Ervin to continue his service and fill one of the three open community positions.

Thank You for your consideration.
City of Prineville Railroad Committee

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