

Assessor candidate blasts worker treatment

By BECKY YOUNG
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Due to poor employee morale and "incorrect" organization, the county assessor's office is falling farther behind in its duties every day, candidate for county assessor, Bill Dwyer said Wednesday.

Dwyer, speaking at the Lane County Demo Forum, said, "It seems to be tough for some people in the office to get along with other people."

"People tend to be more productive when they feel stable in their positions." He says incumbent assessor Ken Bylund deals poorly with department employees, threatening them with termination for small mistakes.

"The turnover is phenomenal."

Dwyer said if he is elected to the non-partisan office, he will deal with people in a fair, compassionate and impartial manner.

He said employees are anxious for him to be elected. "They are waiting for the day, so

they can get out of this hell-hole."

He said he sees the office as a "mammoth challenge. It takes a tremendous spirit of cooperation. The key is having people happy."

Dwyer said he has broad based support. He cited his endorsement by the county AFL-CIO. "Bylund is a former labor organizer and can't even get the endorsement of the AFL-CIO. That's indicative of his lack of support."

The assessor should be an advocate for the taxpayers, Dwyer believes. He said he will work in the state legislature for property tax relief laws.

He said he is the only candidate for the office who has had field experience as a tax appraiser and that opponent William Bains has worked as an appraiser, but for a bank rather than the public.

He believes he has an in-depth insight into how the office works and the ability to explain it to the taxpayers.

He said the assessor's race has been characterized by backbiting rather than debate of the issues. "I'm not going to drop to a personal level. People are tired of all the bickering."

Before the Demo Forum, a campaign worker for Bylund passed out a statement signed by Bylund saying Dwyer "accumulated a poor reputation while working as an appraiser for the county."

"He constantly abused his car privileges, and engaged in Democratic party work at the county's expense. He became the lowest producing appraiser in the department and racked up one of the worst absenteeism records of any deputy in the department," the statement continued.

When asked to comment on the statement, Dwyer said he hadn't read it, but that it is an abuse to allow a campaign worker to come to an opponent's Demo Forum.

"This is Bylund's last-gasp dying breath," he said "I'm not going to comment."



Photo by Becky Young

'Bill Dwyer...turnover is phenomenal'

Group seeks signatures for utility reform

By KATHLEEN MONJE
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People for Public Power organized a state-wide movement in Eugene earlier this week in support of an initiative to make it easier for Oregon residents to form public utilities.

The initiative, formally known as the Oregon State Grange Public Power Initiative, can become a measure on the Nov. 12 state ballot only by the collection of 60,000 petition signatures, submitted by the first of July.

"This initiative will make it simpler for Oregon people to get approval for public utilities," says Bob Zagorin, an organizer of the new group. State law now requires that

proposals for public utility districts to be voted on in two consecutive elections.

The Oregon Grange Initiative would eliminate one of those elections, according to Zagorin.

The organizational meeting drew about 30 people, who elected a six-member steering committee to plan the signature-gathering campaign.

"Quite a cross-section of people attended," Zagorin says. "We had grange members from the farming communities and people from the anti-nuclear Trojan Decommissioning Alliance."

A representative from the privately-owned Pacific Power and Light Co. also came to the meeting, but left voluntarily

when the group asked everyone present to sign statements supporting public utilities, Zagorin says.

Lane County commissioner Jerry Rust and Cynthia Wooten of U.S. Representative Jim Weaver's office, attended and voiced support for the initiative.

"Congressman Weaver and I were extremely encouraged by the cooperation between grange members and the nuclear opponents," Wooten says. "He will do everything he can to help the measure once it's on the November ballot."

She says Weaver is also encouraging people to help reform the present law, not only by supporting the initiative, but also by helping to gather the needed signatures.

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Major Eugene Coffee Retailer Drastically Reduces Prices

The Coffee Corner, Ltd., presented the following retail price quotations beginning Tuesday, May 2nd.

These prices reflect the gradual decline in green coffee prices over the last two months.

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Celebes Kalossi	5.53	-.38	5.15	Kenyan	4.68	-.33	4.35
Colombian Dk. Roast	4.89	-.44	4.45	Kona	5.60	-.25	5.35
Colombian Decaf.	5.35	-.10	5.25	Mexican	4.55	-.25	4.30
Colombian Lt. Roast	4.62	-.32	4.30	Mocha Java	5.64	-.19	5.45
Corner House Blend	4.62	-.32	4.30	New Orleans Blend	4.24	-.34	3.90
Costa Rican	4.55	-.20	4.35	Nicaraguan	4.90	-.60	4.30
Espresso Roast	4.85	-.40	4.45	Peru	4.55	-.15	4.40
Ethiopian Mocha	5.11	-.16	4.95	Sumatran	5.08	-.08	5.00
Guatemalan	4.57	-.22	4.35	Turkish Blend	5.45	-.55	4.90
India Mysore	4.89	-.39	4.50	Vienna Blend	4.85	-.35	4.50
Irish Blend	4.75	-.40	4.35	Yunnan Chinese	5.39	-.29	5.10

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