Plumas LAFCo

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Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2023 10:00 AM
520 Main Street Quincy, CA 95971
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1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by County Member - Chair Kevin Goss.

   A. Pledge of Allegiance
      Lead by Public Member Matthew Haesche

   B. Roll Call

      Present: City Member Bill Powers, City Member - Vice Chair Jim Murphy, County Member - Chair Kevin Goss, County Member Tom McGowan, Public Member Matthew Haesche, City Member Alternate Pat Morton

      Absent: County Member Alternate Jeff Engel, Public Member Alternate Phil Oels

      Staff Present: Jennifer Stephenson and Cheryl Kolb. P. Scott Browne called in via Zoom.

2. **Public Comments**

   Jennifer Stephenson read the revised Rules & Procedures effective today. No public comment.

3. **Consent Agenda**

   A. Payment of Claims for October 2023 and November 2023

   B. Approval of Minutes for October 16, 2023

   Public Member Matthew Haesche motioned to approve. A second was made by City Member Bill Powers.

   The roll call vote:

   Aye **City Member Bill Powers** Aye **City Member - Vice Chair Jim Murphy**
   Aye **County Member - Chair Kevin Goss** Aye **County Member Tom McGowan**
   Aye **Public Member Matthew Haesche**

4. **Correspondence**

   A. Public Records Request from LAFCO Legal Counsel to Grizzly Lake CSD

Discussed under item 10.

B. Letter from Beckwourth Fire Protection District Re: Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District

Discussed under item 8.

5. **Presentation of CALAFCO Award to Tom Cooley**

Kevin Goss received the award at the CALAFCo conference on behalf of Tom Cooley. The award was given to the City of Portola for display.

6. **Consideration of File 2022-0001: Consolidation of Quincy LaPorte Cemetery District and Meadow Valley Cemetery District**

A. Receive and review Staff Report

B. Conduct Public Hearing

No comments.

C. Consider approval of Resolution 2023-07 and Notice of Exemption

City Member Bill Powers motioned to approve. A second was made by Public Member Matthew Haesche.

The roll call vote:

Aye **City Member Bill Powers** _Aye_ **City Member - Vice Chair Jim Murphy**
Aye **County Member - Chair Kevin Goss** _Aye_ **County Member Tom McGowan**
Aye **Public Member Matthew Haesche**

7. **Consider Letter of Invitation to Special Districts to Join LAFCO**

A. Discussion regarding process to seat special districts on Plumas LAFCO

If the independent special districts agree to join the LAFCo Commission then the number of Commissioners increases to seven, with the additional two being seated from the special districts and an additional Alternate being named for the special districts.

B. Consider letter of invitation to each of the districts to initiate the district election

Public comment by Daniel Smith. None online.

A letter will be sent to each independent special district to invite them to be part of the LAFCo Commission. A draft Resolution will accompany the letter. If the special districts agree to join, then at least 51% of the independent special districts must return a signed Resolution before April 1, 2024 in order for the election process to begin. The election process would be run by Jennifer Stephenson.

County Member Tom McGowan motioned to approve. A second was made by City Member Bill Powers.

The motion passed with the following vote:
_4_ **In Favor** _1_ **Opposed**
__ **Abstained** __ **Absent**

8. **Status of Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District and Options**

   A. Receive staff report

   B. Review letters from Beckwourth Fire District

      Public comment received from Ed Ward, Debra Lucero, Daniel Smith, Steve Munson, Angie Sutliffe and Kenny Osburn.

   C. Discuss options and provide direction to staff

      No action at this time; Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District is slated to meet this month and will hopefully come to an agreement on providing services. Jennifer Stephenson directed to table until February, 2024 to give them time to act.

9. **Status of Chester Public Utility District and Options**

   Adam Cox, General Manager from CPUD provided an update.

   Public comment received from Rich McLaughlin and Debra Lucero.

10. **Status of Grizzly Lake Community Services District and Options**

    A. Receive staff report

    B. Review legal counsel letter to GLCSD

    C. Discuss options and provide direction to staff

       Pat Guillory, General Manager of GLCSD provided comments. No online comments.

       A second letter prepared by Scott Browne's office will be sent to GLCSD requesting final documents.

11. **Set Regular Meeting Schedule for 2024** Public Member Matthew Haesche motioned to approve. A second was made by County Member Tom McGowan.

    The motion passed with the following vote:
    _5_ **In Favor** _0_ **Opposed**
    __ **Abstained** __ **Absent**

12. **Executive Officer Report**

    A. CALAFCO Conference Report

B. CALAFCO 2024 Staff Workshop

Workshop slated for April 24-26 in Pleasanton.

C. CalPERS Status

D. Indian Valley Reorganization

Crescent Mills FPD and Indian Valley CSD consolidation is in the works.

E. Countywide Fire MSR

F. Public comment will no longer be received via Zoom beginning February 12, 2024.

Typo - took effect on December 11, 2023.

13. **Commissioner Reports**

None.

14. **Closed Session**

A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)

No reportable action.

15. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.