

PLUMAS LAFCO MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, August 10, 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:00 a.m.

Present: John Larrieu, Kevin Goss, Terry Swofford, Phil Oels, John Hafen
Also Present: Sherrie Thrall, Jeffrey Greening, John Benoit
Absent: Michelle Gault

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

- a. Terry Swofford nominated John Larrieu as Plumas LAFCo Chair for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. John Hafen seconded the nomination.
- b. Terry Swofford nominated Kevin Goss as Plumas LAFCo Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. John Hafen seconded the nomination.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as printed for August 10, 2015.

4. Correspondence

Benoit had not received any correspondence for discussion.

5. CONSENT ITEM(S)

- a. Vice-Chair Goss moved and Commissioner Oels seconded to approve the June 8, 2015 minutes as submitted. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

6. Public Comment

Chair Larrieu opened the meeting for public comment. No public comments offered. Public comment period closed.

7. Authorize payment of Claims for May, 2015 and ratify claims for April, 2015

- a. Commissioner Oels moved for the approval of the payment of July, 2015 claims and the ratification of June, 2015 claims. Vice-Chair Goss seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

8. Public Hearing for the Sphere of Influence update for the Crescent Mills FPD and for fire services provided by the Indian Valley CSD (Continued from February 9 and June 8, 2015).

John Benoit passed out three maps: Crescent Mills Fire Protection District showing the proposed Crescent Mills fire protection district and two for Indian Valley Community Services District showing the fire protection sphere and boundaries of the Indian Valley CSD. The second map showed the proposed consolidation of the two fire protection districts. John Hafen asked if LAFCo really wants to force the two districts to consolidate. Kevin Goss recommended advising the staff to get the conversation going. LAFCo wants the consolidation done, so this would be a clear signal. Benoit will do a sphere report with options and recommendations and then LAFCo can decide how to proceed. Terry Swofford motioned to direct Benoit to move ahead with the sphere report, Phil Oels seconded. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

9. Discussion regarding Healthcare districts in Plumas County: Commissioners Thrall and Greening – Continued

Sherrie Thrall met with Dr. Kepple, Dan Hayes, Linda Wagner and Jeff Greening last month. They've gathered lots of information and are starting to work with the various boards involved. One item of note is that the board members and management seems to be disconnected in a lot of situations. Seneca's financials were handed out to the LAFCo board. Thrall recommended looking at them as a snapshot of what they're dealing with. Thrall will continue working on this project. Hafen asked if there is anything to be done at this point. Thrall said nothing to be done at this point other than to let people know that there will be something that will need to be done in the future. Dr. Kepple spoke and agrees with the concerns that have been raised. His recommendation is to focus on providing basic services locally. Discussion was continued to the October 5th meeting.

10. Discussion regarding Consolidation of Cemetery Districts in Plumas County: Commissioner Hafen - Continued

John Hafen wanted to discuss this because the county Grand Jury had released their report. Benoit has an electronic copy which he will forward to the LAFCo board. Hafen asked if LAFCo has a response. Kevin Goss replied that we have 90 days to respond. Benoit says the report was received June 15th and LAFCo has until September 15th to respond. Hafen asked Kevin Goss if the Board of Supervisors were working out the consolidation with the various boards. Goss states that they're working on scheduling a meeting with the various boards.

Since his initial conversation with the boards, things have been shaping up. Indian Valley, Greenville and Taylorsville are all financially strapped. He agrees that combining resources for all the boards would be the most sensible action. Hafen pointed out that various CSD's are advertising for board members but none of the cemetery districts are advertising. Whose responsibility is it to find board members? Sherrie Thrall responded that if nobody runs for office for the cemetery board, then members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors only. John Larrieu pointed out that appointing board members was outside the scope of LAFCo's abilities. Goss states that what's needed is one good solid attempt at consolidation, but it would be best if the boards chose to do it on their own without LAFCo forcing them to do it. Discussion continued to the October 5th meeting.

11. Confirmation and affirmation of attendees representing Plumas LAFCo for the Calafco Annual Conference.

Benoit confirmed that Phil Oels, Kevin Goss and Terry Swofford will be attending the conference.

Executive Officer's Report

- a. Benoit is still working on the EQSD detachment. The Chandler Road exchange is still in the tax process.
- b. Hessel Annex is completed.
- c. Benoit included the cover sheet and a couple of pages of dialog about the Capistrano Taxpayers Assn. v. City of San Juan Capistrano dealing with water rates. There are a lot of questions still.
- d. The SB-88 budget trailer bill was signed against the objections of virtually everyone. The bill included conditions for regional water boards. This is the first time the state has stepped in and asked for mandatory consolidations.
- e. Benoit handed out a flyer on the "Best Practices for Board Members of Special Districts," to be held on October 5, 2015 from 1-3 p.m. at the Quincy Library. There is no cost to attend.
- f. Benoit wants to finish working on the Spheres of Influence for Hamilton Branch CSD and Walker Ranch. Benoit also mentioned doing the Water Sphere for Chester (the Fire Sphere has already been done).
- g. Indian Valley CSD will be having a meeting on August 12th.

12. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

There were no Commissioner Reports to discuss.

13. Adjourn to the next LAFCO meeting – October 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will take place on October 5, 2015. Chair Larrieu adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.