

PLUMAS LAFCO MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, August 11, 2014
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:01 a.m.

Present: John Larrieu*, Terry Swofford, Kevin Goss, Phil Oels, John Hafen
Also Present: Sherrie Thrall, Pat Morton*, John Benoit
Absent: (Public Member Alternate seat currently vacant)

* John Larrieu and Pat Morton arrived at approximately 10:02, after the roll call had been taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

John Benoit asked to move agenda item #20, Consider changing next regular meeting from October 13th to October 6th up as item #8. Agenda approved with change.

3. Correspondence

Benoit had no correspondence to address at this time.

4. Election of LAFCo Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Vice-Chair Swofford nominated Commissioner Goss as Vice-Chair for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. Commissioner Oels seconded. Vice-Chair Swofford nominated Chair Larrieu to continue as Chair for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. Commissioner Goss seconded. Unanimous approval; motions carried.

5. CONSENT ITEM(S)

a. Commissioner Goss moved and Vice-Chair Swofford seconded to approve the June 9, 2014 minutes as submitted. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

6. Public Comment

Chair Larrieu opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment; public comment period was closed.

7. Authorize payment of Claims for July, 2014 and ratify claims for June, 2014

a. Commissioner Oels moved for the approval for the payment of July, 2014

claims and the ratification of June, 2014 claims. Vice-Chair Swofford seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

8. (Formerly item 20 on the agenda) Consider changing next regular meeting from October 13th to October 6th.

Benoit requested a change in the meeting date due to the availability of Scott Browne, LAFCo attorney. Vice-Chair Swofford motioned to approve the change of meeting date to October 6, 2014. Commissioner Oels seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – Sphere of Influence Updates

9. Public Hearing regarding Sphere of Influence Updates for the fire and emergency medical services provided by the Greenhorn Creek Community Services District, the La Porte Fire Protection District, the Long Valley Community Services District, the Meadow Valley Fire Protection District and the Quincy Fire Protection District.

Benoit states that this report was originally seven fire districts; two of them have been removed from this report; Indian Valley and Crescent Mills, to be discussed at a later time. Benoit received a few comments, namely from Greenhorn Creek. Benoit also worked on maps based on the existing Spheres and developed the Sphere maps in the packets handed out to the LAFCo board. Commissioner Oels asked if LaPorte received any property taxes out of Little Grass Valley. Benoit replied they do not. Commissioner Oels asked if they would receive property taxes out of Little Grass Valley if they were annexed. Benoit replied that they would.

10. Provide direction to Staff regarding holding a meeting in Indian Valley regarding Fire and EMS Services Sphere of Influence for the Crescent Mills FPD and the Indian Valley FPD.

Benoit explained that Indian Valley FPD is a part of the Indian Vaulley Community Services District. Benoit would like to set up a meeting with the two commissioners that live in Indian Valley, along with the board of the CSD, etc., to come back with a proposed Sphere of Influence. LAFCo board approved and directed Benoit to set up the meeting.

11. Fowler Annexation of 135.8 acres to the Hamilton Branch Community Services District.

Benoit reminded the Board that LAFCo has the authority to approve an annexation without a public hearing when there is 100% landowner consent and 100% district consent. The intent of the Fowler annexation is to provide water to the shop and the house. The property is already located within the SOI for Hamilton Branch CSD. About 10 years ago, the former owner paid the LAFCo

fees for the annexation, but the annexation was not completed. Benoit recommends approval of the annexation. Sherrie Thrall asked if they didn't want to negotiate a tax exchange. Benoit replied they did not. John Hafen asked if there would be any limitations on connections. Benoit states that it would be up to the district and the county. Mike Roarty from Hamilton Branch CSD states that they've placed limits on what the owner can do in the future. Commissioner Goss motioned to approve the Fowler Annexation of 135.8 acres to the Hamilton Branch Community Services District. Commissioner Hafen seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

12. Consider appointment of a Public Member Alternate to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term ending May, 2018.

Three applicants were present: Mike Callaghan, Guy McNett and Jeffrey Greening. Benoit states that all three applicants are highly qualified. Alternate Sherrie Thrall asked if LAFCo could form a sub-committee to interview all three applicants and then make a recommendation to the board at the next meeting. Both Thrall and Alternate Pat Morton agreed to serve on the sub-committee and return to the board at the October meeting with their recommendation. Vice-Chair Swofford motioned to approve the formation of the sub-committee. Commissioner Goss seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

13. Continued Ongoing Discussion regarding Service Review Content, the LAFCo Act and Plumas LAFCo policies.

Benoit asked if the Board had any questions for Scott Brown, to prepare them in advance and get them to Benoit so he may forward them on to Mr. Brown. This way Mr. Brown will be prepared to answer those questions at the October meeting. Commissioner Hafen asked when the CSDA will have their special training meeting. Settlemyre will be a guest speaker for it. Discussion continued to October's meeting.

14. Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Review.

Benoit says the Conflict of Interest Code is required to be reviewed every two years. Benoit has reviewed the Plumas LAFCo Conflict of Interest Code and saw no changes to be made. Commissioner Hafen motioned to approve the Conflict of Interest Code as it currently stands. Commissioner Goss seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

15. Calafco Achievement Awards Nominations

No nominations made.

16. Nominations for Calafco Board of Directors

None made.

17. Authorize Commissioners and Staff to attend the Calafco Annual Conference in Ontario on October 15-17.

Benoit says we have the budgeted funds to send one commissioner to the conference. Commissioner Hafen offered to go. Chair Larrieu offered to go if nobody else wanted to attend. Commissioner Goss agreed to sending Chair Larrieu.

18. Appoint Voting Member and Alternate Voting Member to vote on behalf of Plumas LAFCo at the 2014 Annual CALAFCo Conference in Ontario.

Chair Larrieu will be the voting member, with John Benoit as the alternate.

19. Executive Officer's Report

- a. Benoit has received a proposal for the LaPorte FPD annexation, which will have to go through the process.
- b. Documents will be coming to the board in September or October for the Service Reviews.

Benoit brought up the groundwater issue, which is not on the agenda. He says there are two bills: 1) Assemblyman Dickinson and 2) Senator Pavley. Dickinson's bill is patterned after the Aquos white paper on their website. Pavley's bill is based on the California Water Foundation's white paper. One of the bills would require the county LAFCo's to become involved to establish a countywide water agency. There is a flood control district here in Plumas County, which means they may be required to take on the countywide water agency as well.

20. Commissioner Reports - Discussion.

Alternate Sherrie Thrall states that she and Commissioner Goss are working together to address the flood control and groundwater issues.

21. Adjourn to the next LAFCO meeting – October 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will take place on October 6, 2014. Chair Larrieu adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.