

**PLUMAS LAFCo**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY April 11, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS - PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

520 Main Street  
QUINCY, CALIFORNIA

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Commissioners:

Kevin Goss, County Member, Chair  
Tom Cooley, City Member, Vice Chair  
Bill Powers, City Member  
Sherrie Thrall, County Member  
Matthew Haesche, Public Member  
Terry Swofford, Public Member Alt.  
Jeff Engel, County Member Alt.  
Pat Morton, City Member Alt.

Staff:

Jennifer Stephenson, Executive Officer  
John Benoit, Deputy Executive Officer  
Cheryl Kolb, Clerk  
P. Scott Browne, Counsel

**MEETING - CONVENES AT 10:00 A.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

**Roll Call.**

**Present: Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member, Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, City Member Bill Powers\*, Public Member Matthew Haesche.**

**Also Present: City Member Alt. Pat Morton**

**Absent: Public Member Alt. Terry Swofford, County Member Alt. Jeff Engel.**

- **Bill Powers signed on via Zoom call between items 6 and 7.**

**2. Approval of Agenda (additions or deletions)**

***Motion:*** Approve agenda as provided, ***Action:*** Approve, ***Moved by*** Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member, ***Seconded by*** Public Member Matthew Haesche.

***Vote:*** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (***summary:*** Yes = 5).

***Yes:*** Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, City Member Alt. Pat Morton, Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, Public Member Matthew Haesche, Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.

**3. Correspondence:**

None

**4. CONSENT ITEM (S)**

a) *Approval of the March 14, 2022 LAFCo minutes*

***Motion:*** Approve March 14, 2022 Minutes as provided, ***Action:*** Approve, ***Moved by*** Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, ***Seconded by*** Vice Chair Tom Cooley.

***Vote:*** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (***summary:*** Yes = 5).

***Yes:*** Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, City Member Alt. Pat Morton, Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, Public Member Matthew Haesche, Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.

**5. Public Comment**

*Members of the public are invited to address the Commission on any matter of interest to the public that is not on the agenda for a period of time not exceeding 5 minutes. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Commission cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda but may add to a future agenda matters brought up under public comments for appropriate action at a future meeting.*

None

6. **Authorize payment of Claims for March 2022 and transfer to Reserve Fund**

- a) *Authorize payment of claims March 2022.*
- b) *Authorize transfer of \$10,000 to Reserve Fund.*

**Motion:** *Authorize payment of claims for March 2022 and authorize the transfer of \$10,000 to the Reserve Fund, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member, **Seconded by** Public Member Matthew Haesche.*

**Vote:** *Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).*

**Yes:** *Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, City Member Alt. Pat Morton, Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, Public Member Matthew Haesche, Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.*

## PUBLIC HEARINGS and ACTION ITEMS:

### 7. Review conditions regarding Resolutions 2021-0006 and 2021-0007

- a) Provide direction to continue or repeal authorization pursuant to AB 361 to hold remote teleconference meetings of Plumas LAFCo.  
AB 361 sunsets in January of 2024. Ability to hold remote teleconference meetings continued for now.

### 8. Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2022-2023 LAFCo Budget

- a) *Review Executive Officer's report.*
- b) *Provide direction to staff regarding Proposed Workplan.*  
*Tom Cooley asked about adding countywide fire services to the workplan.*
- c) *Receive update on determination of Commissioner employment status.*  
*Tom Cooley agrees with becoming employees; Sherrie Thrall asked if switching to employee status would have an impact on anything else such as social security, etc. Jennifer Stephenson has spoken with Nancy Selvage in HR and will follow up with her.*
- d) *Conduct public hearing and consider LAFCo Resolution 2022-0001 adopting a proposed LAFCo Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.*  
*No public comment.*  
**Motion:** Adopt Resolution 2022-0001 adopting the proposed LAFCo Budget, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** City Member Bill Powers, **Seconded by** Public Member Matthew Haesche.  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).  
**Yes:** Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, City Member Bill Powers, Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, Public Member Matthew Haesche, Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.
- e) *Consider Resolution 2022-0002 establishing Commission as employees.*  
*Tabled until June meeting.*
- f) *Consider Executive Officer contract amendment.*  
**Motion:** Approve Executive Officer contract amendment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member, **Seconded by** Co. Member Sherrie Thrall.  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).  
**Yes:** Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, City Member Bill Powers, Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, Public Member Matthew Haesche, Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.
- g) *Consider Resolution 2022-0003 to direct all interest earned to the Reserve Fund Account this fiscal year and all future years.*  
**Motion:** Adopt Resolution 2022-0003 to direct all interest earned to the Reserve Fund Account this fiscal year and all future years, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Public Member Matthew Haesche, **Seconded by** Chair Kevin Goss, County Member.  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).  
**Yes:** Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, City Member Bill Powers, Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, Public Member Matthew Haesche, Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.

### 9. Cemetery SOI Report

- a) *Update on cemetery district reorganization discussions*
- b) *Receive correspondence from Meadow Valley Cemetery District*  
*John from the Meadow Valley Cemetery District spoke. He and all board members will be retiring at the end of this year. He says Quincy LaPorte is not interested in a merger at this time. Greg Hagwood also spoke about the issue.*

- c) *Receive Cemetery SOI Update*
- d) *Conduct public hearing and consider adoption of Resolution 2022-0004 amending the SOIs of Meadow Valley, Mohawk Valley, and Quincy LaPorte Cemetery Districts. No public comment.*

**Motion:** Adopt Resolution 2022-0004 amending the SOIs of Meadow Valley, Mohawk Valley, and Quincy LaPorte Cemetery Districts., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, **Seconded by** Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, City Member Bill Powers, Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, Public Member Matthew Haesche, Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.

- e) *Provide direction to staff regarding LAFCO initiation of consolidation for 1) Meadow Valley and Quincy LaPorte Cemetery Districts, 2) Mohawk Valley and Cromberg Cemetery Districts, and 3) Greenville and Crescent Mills Cemetery Districts. Commission unanimously agreed to direct staff to start process to consider initiating consolidation at the June meeting.*

#### 10. Discussion regarding potential cancellation of CalPERS contract

- a) *Discuss potential cancellation of CalPERS contract*
- b) *Provide direction to staff*  
*Commission directed to staff to obtain further information and bring back for further discussion.*

#### 11. Appoint Commissioners to Policies and Procedures Committee

- a) *Appoint two Commissioners to Policies and Procedures Committee*  
*Kevin Goss and Tom Cooley volunteered.*  
**Motion:** Appoint Kevin Goss and Tom Cooley as the Policies and Procedures Committee, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, **Seconded by** Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).  
**Yes:** Chair Kevin Goss, County Member, City Member Bill Powers, Co. Member Sherrie Thrall, Public Member Matthew Haesche, Vice Chair Tom Cooley, City Member.

#### 12. Discussion regarding status of Chester Public Utility District

- a) *Receive update regarding status of Chester Public Utility District and options to address*  
*Sherrie Thrall provided an update.*
- b) *Direct staff regarding desired next steps*  
*Jennifer Stephenson directed to hold off on doing anything further at this time pending further discussions and actions. Another update will be provided at the June meeting.*

#### 13. Executive Officer's Report

- a) *Form 700 was due April 1, 2022*
- b) *John Benoit retirement and removal as Deputy Executive Officer*
- c) *CALAFCO Leg Committee*
- d) *MSR status*
- e) *Applications*

f) *LESSG Report, Timeline, MSRs*

**14. Commissioner Reports**

*This item is placed on the agenda for Commissioners to discuss items and issues of concern to their constituency, LAFCo, and legislative matters.*

*None*

**15. Adjourn to next regular meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.**

**LAFCo's next regular meeting to take place 10:00 am on June 13, 2022**

The Commission may take action upon any item listed on the agenda. Unless otherwise noted, items may be taken up at any time during the meeting.

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