

CALAVERAS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 20, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair, John Lavaroni who led the Commission in the pledge. In attendance were: Bert Sobon, Jack Lynch, Merita Callaway, Tony Tyrrell, John Lavaroni, Anita Paque, and Executive Officer, John Benoit and alternates Don Young and Paul Stein Absent: Darren Spellman.

Approval of Agenda: On a motion by Lynch and a 2nd by Tyrrell, the agenda was approved as presented. Passes on a 6-0-1 absent vote.

Minutes of April 25, 2013: On a motion by Paque, 2nd by Jack Lynch, the minutes of last months meeting were approved as presented. Passes 6-0-1 absent vote.

Public Comment: The following members of the public spoke to the Commissioners concerning the fire document compiled by Executive Director, John Benoit: Michael Del Orto, David Spitzer and Suzie Coe. All speakers felt the document was flawed and felt staff had slandered and damaged Mokelumne Hill Fire Department's reputation. The third draft was erroneous and inaccurate and contained slanderous remarks.

Consent Agenda: A total of \$5,777.51 monthly expenses was approved by the Commission. Motion by Callaway, 2nd by Tyrrell. Passes 6-0-1 absent vote.

Public Hearing: The consolidation of two fire departments was discussed, Jenny Lind Fire Protection District and Valley Springs Foothill Fire Protection District are planning on joining forces and blending the two departments into one which will be known as Calaveras Consolidated Fire Protection District. A power-point presentation followed explaining the process of consolidating. At Public Hearing the following people spoke to the subject of consolidation: John Raine, Roger Stugelmeyer, Alice Raine, Ray Starky, David Sant Chief Kim Olson and Jason Robitaille of the JLFPD. Strugelmeyer felt that the public should vote on consolidation. Others urged approval and believed consolidation was a logical and expedient way to run the fire district Public hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m. The Commissioners commented on the expense of running so many different districts and asked how Board members would be elected; felt the timing of the consolidation was good and anticipated full-time fire fighters at the stations. Merita Callaway made the motion to pass Resolution 2013-0004 consolidating the two districts into one/2nd by Tony Tyrrell. Roll call vote count: Passes 6-0-1 absent.

LAFCo final budget for Fiscal year 2013-2014.

Public Hearing; No comments were provided at the public hearing. Closed public hearing. Jack Lynch made a motion to adopt the Resolution 2013-0005/2nd by Tony Tyrrell. Passes on a 6-0-1 absent vote. Paul Stein, Tony Tyrrell, Darren Spellman, Jack Lynch, Anita Paque and Merita Callaway have agreed to attend the Calafco Conference which will take place August 28th, 29th and 30th, 2013.

Other Items:

“Tag Line” The idea for our Tag Line is: PROMOTE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT, PROTECT AGRICULTURE LAND and APPROVE LOCAL BOUNDRIES.

Jack Lynch made a motion to approve the tag line and TonyTyrrell seconded the motion.

Passes on a 5-1-1 absent Merita provided the negative vote saying it was too bureaucratic.

CALAFCO AWARDS NOMINATION: John suggested our MSR on Water and Wastewater is deserving of a merit at the Calafco Achievement Awards and so it was put into a motion by Anita Paque/2nd by Lynch and passed by the commission on a 6-0-1 absent vote.

Nomination of Calafco Board of Directors:

John will find out if incumbents are running again.

Executive Officer’s Report:

Fire Service Review Responses for May 27th was tabled.

LAFCo’s webpage has been simplified.

A closed session will be held next month re. the fire report for Moklumne Hill.

Commissioner’s Report’s:

Jack Lynch recommends the consolidation of two fire departments should appear in the of Calafco newsletter and possibly the Calafco agenda.

No other reports.

Meeting adjourned

Lucy Thein, clerk

John Lavaroni, Chair

John Benoit, Executive Director