

LASSEN COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
City Council Chambers 66 N. Lassen St. Susanville, CA 96130

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 12, 2024

Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chair Eid.

Members present: Commissioner Neely, Commissioner Stafford, and Chair Eid. Absent: McCourt and Gallagher.

Staff Present: Jennifer Stephenson, Executive Officer, and Ruth McElrath, Building Permit Tech.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Neely, seconded by Commissioner Stafford to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carries. Ayes: Neely, Stafford and Eid.

Correspondence: Ms. Stephenson stated she received comments regarding the Spalding Municipal Service Review (MSR), and they were included under Agenda Item #7 for review.

Approval of the December 11, 2024, meeting minutes Motion by Commissioner Stafford, seconded by Commissioner Neely to approve the Dec. 11, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carries. Ayes: Stafford, Neely and Eid.

Public Comment: None

Seating Special Districts on LAFCo

Ms. Stephenson said the outcome of the vote is discouraging, as zero resolutions were received. She is curious if there was a way in which communication could be better to solicit more response. There was a lot of interest up front, and it sounded like they were all supportive of it.

Public comment opened at 3:15 p.m.

Sandy Raffleon, public member, said she has been working on something like this for the last 15 years. Lassen is one of two LAFCOs in the State that does not have a special district represented on the board. She hoped to get a meeting together and motivate more people to do it. She asked if there was another chance.

Chair Eid agrees there should be another run at it.

Ms. Stephenson explained how districts were notified. They just need a simple majority of the districts to approve the resolution and return it to LAFCO in order seat them. But they need to spread the word.

Ms. Raffleson said she thinks her district and Lassen Municipal District (LMUD) would be the biggest contributors who would pay the most. She also recommended bringing it up at the Lassen Modoc Special Districts Chapter meeting.

Chair Eid recommends tabling the item to June.

Commissioner Neely asked if one district makes a resolution can they move forward or does it have to be every district in the County.

Ms. Stephenson responded it has to be a simple majority of all independent districts.

Chair Eid stated he believes they didn't get a good response because each district looks at it as a cost factor.

There was general discussion regarding the matter.

Commissioner Neely said his concern is if the other districts do not want to participate, then Ms. Raffleson's district and LMUD will be left out.

Ms. Raffleson responded that could happen.

Public comment closed at 3:28 p.m.

Spalding Community Service District review

Ms. Stephenson shared that one set of comments received from public members was included in the agenda packet. Once the due date occurs, she will make redline edits to the public review draft so the Commission can see what changes were made in response to the comments. It will be considered at the April meeting.

The Commission will be approving the determinations of the document, not every word, Ms. Stephenson explained.

An unidentified individual said there are many issues going on.

Barbara Willard, public alternate member, complimented Ms. Stephenson on her work and said there was a lot of information to consume.

There was general discussion that the Spalding general manager has resigned, but the board agreed to keep her on until they find a new general manager.

Authorize payment of claims

Motion by Commissioner Stafford, seconded by Commissioner Neely to authorize payment of claims for December 2023 and January 2024. Motion carries. Ayes: Stafford, Neely and Eid.

Executive Officers Monthly report

- a. Application form update - Ms. Stephenson explained she has been in the process of updating application forms, as they and the requirements are out of date. She updated the forms to be fillable PDF documents, which will be online soon.
- b. Form 700s- Forms are due by April 1, 2024.
- c. Leg Committee Update - Ms. Stephenson explained she is on the Leg Committee for Calafco. Usually, applications require idemnification releasing LAFCo from liability in the course of their decision-making processes regarding an application. An applicant took LAFCo to court saying LAFCo could not request idemnification and the court agreed. Someone is finally willing to support a bill that LAFCOs are powered to require indemnification. She concluded that she believes LAFCo will be asked to send a letter supporting the bill.
- d. CALAFCO Newsletter - In conclusion, Ms. Stephenson shared the Calafco newsletter that was included in the board packet.

Commissioner Reports: There was general discussion that if a Commissioner turns in a Form 700 to the County, LAFCO does not need a copy.

Adjourn to the next meeting on April 8, 2024: Motion by Commissioner Stafford, seconded by Commissioner Neely to adjourn at 3:44 p.m. Motion carries. Ayes: Stafford, Neely and Eid.

Todd Eid, Chair

Ruth McElrath, Building Permit Technician

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