

LASSEN COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
VIA ZOOM

REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2021- 3:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair Eid.

Roll call of members present Chris Gallagher, Jeff Hemphill, Kevin Stafford, Mendy Schuster, and Todd Eid.

Staff Present: John Benoit, Executive Officer and Ruth McElrath, Building Permit Technician.

Approval of December Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Stafford, second by Commissioner Gallagher to approve the December 7, 2020 minutes. Motion carries: Ayes: Gallagher, Hemphill, Stafford, and Schuster. Abstain: Eid.

Public Comment: None

Workshop regarding the Stones Bengard and Spalding Community Services District MSR and SOI.

Mr. Benoit said it has been a long time since service reviews have been done on the two districts, but he sent a draft to both agencies and they responded to him.

As with every small district, they are suffering from financial depravity and are doing the best they can, he explained. Continuing, Mr. Benoit stated that Spalding has a Capital Improvement Plan, the wastewater collection system is working and there are no findings in the audits. There is an issue with shared facilities, but districts cannot do anything about it except for sharing fire resources because there are times responses are going from Spalding to Stones.

Continuing to the Stones report, Mr. Benoit stated it is a small community, but it appears that people have moved up to the area even in the winter, but there is no data. Whether Stones is a Disadvantaged Community is questionable and both districts would have to go through a population growth survey to determine if they are a Disadvantaged Community.

Mr. Benoit continued Stones does not have a Capital Improvement Plan and while they should there is not a lot to be done there. However, if there is a growth spurt, a Capital Improvement Plan should be in place to accommodate growth.

Mr. Benoit recommended a public hearing be held at the next meeting to adopt the MSR and SOI.

Commissioner Hemphill asked when the last service reviews were done on the districts.

Commissioner Gallagher, who was the Spalding General Manager when the reviews were last done, said it was about seven or eight years ago.

Commissioner Gallagher provided some comments regarding the report. He also quoted a phrase about "pricing exceeding \$500,000.00," and said he did not believe there was a place in Spalding worth that much. He also believes it would be the same for Stones, too. Prices have plummeted and that is why more people are moving in.

Mr. Benoit stated he would check the real estate value.

Commissioner Gallagher also said he appreciated the comments that Spalding does not have money. He continued that the Stones Fire Department is almost non-existent, and they heavily depend on Spalding to respond. There should be some shared agreement, so Spalding gets paid when they respond to a Stones call.

Mr. Benoit stated he would add all the information as an addendum for the April meeting.

Workshop regarding the Work Program for FY 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

- a. Review draft MSR and SOI completion list and determine LAFCo MSR's and SOI's to be prepared during FY 2021-2022.

Mr. Benoit explained he has a list of Service Reviews that have been done and some of the older ones need to be updated including Westwood and Clear Creek CSD, Little Valley, which never responds and the Lassen Municipal Utility District.

Authorize payment of claims.

Motion by Commissioner Gallagher, second by Vice Chair Schuster to approve the claims for December 2020 and January 2021. Motion carries: Ayes: Gallagher, Schuster, Hemphill, Stafford, and Eid.

Executive Officer's Monthly report

Mr. Benoit state the public member recruitment was advertised in the Modoc Record because it is the adjudicated records and on Susanvillestuff.com.

He continued that LAFCo 101 will be tabled until there is an in-person meeting.

Regarding the Fee Schedule, Mr. Benoit said LAFCo fees are low, but he is more interested in catching loopholes rather than the dollar amount.

Commissioner Reports: None

Motion by Commissioner Hemphill, second by Commissioner Stafford to adjourn at 3:28 p.m.

Todd Eid, Chair

Approved _____
Ruth McElrath, Building Permit Technician