



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified at far right.

Regular Meeting

MEETING LOCATION
County Courthouse,
Bridgeport, CA 93517

February 5, 2013

9:01 AM Meeting Called to Order by Vice-Chairman Johnston.

Supervisors Present: Alpers, Fesko, Johnston and Stump.

Supervisors Absent: Hunt. Supervisor Hunt joined the meeting after lunch.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Johnston.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

Closed Session: 9:03 a.m.

Break: 10:42 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:47 a.m.

Lunch: 12:05 p.m.

Reconvene: 1:09 p.m.

Break: 2:06 p.m.

Reconvene: 2:12 p.m.

Closed Session: 3:02 p.m.

Adjourn: 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of either closed session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) Closed Session - CAO Position - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.
- 1b) Closed Session - Public Employment - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Interim/Acting Public Works Director.
- 1c) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph and Lynda Salcido.

Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt).
Unrepresented employees: All.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M13-19

Action: Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 22, 2013, as corrected.

Fesko move; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Hunt

Supervisor Johnston:

- On page 3 of draft minutes; Supervisor Stump's board report, it says Scott "Buns", should be "Burns".

3) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- Attended Winterfest in June this past weekend – huge success. On Saturday: The snow sculptures were great; by lunchtime the streets were full of people; kids play area crowded. Finished off with live music at Double Eagle; had 40 entrants for the race.

Supervisor Fesko:

- His wife attended the Winterfest in June Lake; he was unable to. She enjoyed it very much and looks forward to the coming year.
- CSA #5 meeting tomorrow evening; Memorial Hall updates to be discussed. Facilities finally doing outreach.
- The Assessor's position needs to be filled; needs to be on agenda for open session.

Supervisor Hunt:

- He has been in Mexico visiting friends.
- Email communications with First Five.
- Wants to agendize: closed session on Conway Ranch; a second item on Strategic Planning.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Attended the June Lake Triple Threat on Saturday (part of Winterfest).
- Talked with constituents about things happening in the Town.
- Visited with Mammoth Dog Sled's owner.
- Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting postponed.
- Great Basin's action in Superior Court was upheld. DWP lost again (their appeal to dismiss the lawsuit filed by Great Basin).

Supervisor Stump:

- Attended Long Valley RPAC; developing a questionnaire similar to the one that CSA #1 put out.
- Follow-up meeting in Paradise discussing various issues.
- Attended Community Corrections Partnership meeting; still struggling with AB109 issues. He's impressed with this group.
- Dog Sled adventures – they have had zero thefts or vandalism since Ouimet

issue has been addressed.

- Discussed letter to CPUC regarding Verizon.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 4) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Lynda Salcido, Acting CAO:

- Since last week, Marshall has spent a lot of time bringing her up to speed.
- She's been reaching out to people, offering an ear, etc.
- Just let her know what she can do to help.
- She feels this board deserves the opportunity to do their part.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

Lynda Roberts:

- Discussion about Strategic Planning projects list (handed out a copy).
- Should another workshop be agendized to further prioritize these? Perhaps the second meeting in April?
- Second workshop with staff input maybe first of March?
- Supervisor Johnston: for next workshop, he'd like staff/department heads to look at this, see what's missing, add on to list. Third workshop should be opened up to the public.
- Supervisor Fesko: Tony has item on Solid Waste for March 5th.
- Supervisor Alpers, correction to his list: should read "Employee Recognition/Employee Achievement".
- Supervisor Stump: If it takes a week or two to get all input needed, that's ok. Maybe the second meeting in March instead for first workshop?

Roberta Reed:

- Positive Pay has finally been implemented; all checks written are routed through bank and checked, etc. If there are errors, they come back to Finance. This is to help deter fraud.
- This should protect the county right away.

CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

- 5a) Reappointment of Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee Members - Supervisor Alpers, District 3, requests Board consideration of his recommendation for memberships / terms for the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (11 members total).

- M13-20** **Action:** Reappoint Bartshe Miller, Katie Bellomo, Zane Davis, Chris Lizza, Steve Connett, and Ilene Mandelbaum, to the Mono Basin Regional Advisory Planning Committee, as recommended by Supervisor Alpers.
Stump moved; Alpers seconded
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Hunt

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- 6a) Resolution for D.A.'s Office to Participate in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - The Mono County District Attorney's Office has applied for and administered the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for many years. In applying for this year's grant it was determined that an updated resolution was needed authorizing the District Attorney's office to sign for and administer said grant.

R13-06 **Action:** Approval of Resolution #R13-06, authorizing the Mono County District Attorney's Office to Participate in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and Authorize the District Attorney to Sign for and Administer the Grant.
Stump moved; Alpers seconded
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Hunt

FINANCE

Additional Departments: Human Resources

- 7a) Recruit/Fill FTS III/IV Position in the Treasurer/Tax Collectors Office - Authorize recruitment/hiring for FTS position to be vacated February 21, 2013 due to current employee relocating to North Carolina, her husband's tour at the MWTC is over and he is being re-assigned to Camp Lejeune.

M13-21 **Action:** Authorize recruitment and hiring for position to be vacated on February 21, 2013 in the Treasurer/Tax Collectors Office due to employee relocating to North Carolina.
Fesko moved; Alpers seconded
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Hunt

Pulled for discussion.

Rose Glazier:

- Explained the vacancy in her office and the need to have it filled.
- The 15th is the last day the person that's leaving will be in the office.
- Has only been flown "in county" so far.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Has this been flown?

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 8a) Lee Vining Community Center Landscaping Project - Email correspondence dated January 29, 2012 from Ilene Mandelbaum, Mono

Basin RPAC Member requesting the Board's assistance in facilitating moving forward on the Lee Vining Community Center (LVCC) Landscaping Project.

Pulled for discussion.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Clerk to agendize this for 4/19?
- Need to either dismiss liability or appropriate funds. Clerk to work with Roberta Reed of Finance.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Asked for historical background.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Doesn't want a historical search to bog down this item; needs to go forward.

8b) Letter of Support from Liz O'Sullivan - Letter dated January 27, 2013 from Liz O'Sullivan to Bernadette Lovato, BLM in support for the Ormat Nevada Inc. Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

9a) Certificate of Appreciation (Byng Hunt, Chair) - Present Certificate of Appreciation thanking a departing employee for their service.

Action: None.

- Certificate held until later in the meeting when the Chairman is back.
- Certificate acknowledged at 2:45 p.m.
- Clerk instructed to send certificate via mail to Rita Sherman

9b) Bridgeport Public Utility District Presentation Regarding Arsenic Levels (Ken Reynolds, BPUD President and Kent Neddenriep, Anderson Engineering) - The Bridgeport Public Utility District will provide the Board with information regarding unacceptable levels of arsenic in Bridgeport's drinking water and discuss the situation facing the town of Bridgeport. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Tim Fesko.

PULLED

Action: None. Pulled.

9c) Fisheries Commission - Commissioners and Management Plan (Steve Marti, Mono County Fisheries Commission Chair) - Introduction of current Fisheries Commission Commissioners and presentation of currently revised Fisheries Management Plan. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Fesko.

Action: None.

Steve Marti, Fisheries Commission Chair:

- Wanted to introduce the Fisheries Commission to the Board; bios should be in packets.

Discussion of Management Plan; went over specifics of plan itself:

- Potential to raise eggs, to fingerlings, to cage culture programs.

- Conway Ranch: Goal to have a self-sustaining hatchery that can raise 5-10 pound "super trout".
- Wild Trout and Backcountry Stocking: Goals are to encourage more research, aerial plants, and communication with DFG.
- West Walker River Restoration.
- Lahontan Cutthroat Trout.
- Other.

Further Discussion:

- Hard to develop a management plan when you don't have control; he urges Board members to give feedback and suggestions.
- Fish stamp – concept to gain more funds. It would be above and beyond fishing license. It all depends on the quality of what you're producing.
- Grant buybacks: yes, mainly from the county. We need to look at past Economic Development reports already done, etc.
- No conclusion about concept of taking over the foundation. Need an end result that's workable.

Dan Lyster:

- Compliance discussion.
- He concurs with Supervisor Alpers.
- To clarify, they have had no correspondence in the past from Lahontan regarding compliance.

Supervisor's Comments:

Supervisor Stump:

- Is Conway Ranch a non-profit?
- Fish stamp? An additional charge? Has already heard grumbings about the price of fishing licenses.
- Grant buybacks? County major source of funding?
- Commission taking control of the Foundation – has anyone met with County Counsel? Sees conflicts.
- Maybe plan can be vetted out a little before it's brought back to the Board?

Supervisor Fesko:

- Thanked the Commission for their efforts in coming up with the plan.
- Likes Wild Trout idea. Fishing in the Eastern Sierra generally needs to be pushed.
- Restoration is a large issue.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Has a lot of experience with the culture of fish; this issue has become quite complicated.
- Control really is the main issue.
- Need to look at the components of our recreation industry; we need policies from the top down showing we support these industries, politically as well.
- Outreach program for kids is critical; fishing is not a dying industry.
- SB 1148 is going to promote wild fish industry.
- Conway Ranch – maybe the grantors need to eliminate the restrictions. Agencies are refusing to intermingle.
- Supports working with the Fishing Commission's visions. Working with DFG is critical.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Thanked Steve for his efforts.
- What's the catch and release interest? Has commission taken a stance?
- Economic Development Report he referred to? Who has it?
- SB 1148 – the Board of Supervisors wrote a letter of opposition to that.
- It's unusual for a Commission to have their own plan that hasn't been adopted by

the Board. May need to solidify plan with the Board to give greater weight to the Commission's plan.

- 9d) Mono County Fisheries Commission - Fishing Regulations for the West Walker River (Steve Marti, Dan Anthony) - Presentation on requested regulation changes by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to the West Walker River. The Commission is requesting support by the Mono County Board of Supervisors in a written letter. Supervisor Fesko is sponsoring this item.

M13-23 Action: Approve the requested regulation changes by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to the West Walker River and authorize the Board Chair to sign a letter of support (as amended) for these changes.
Johnston moved; Fesko seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

*Motion for item taken out of order, after lunch when Supervisor Hunt was present, and after changes were made to the letter.

Dan Anthony:

- Gave history of item and explained proposal with regulation changes and need for letter.
- Communication has greatly improved lately; they have a lot of support for this.
- They need updated letter from Board to the Commission in support of the proposal.
- Would provide year round fishing on portions of West Walker in addition to economic development.
- The Wardens think having the extended fishing area along the road, will make it easier to regulate.

Supervisor Stump:

- No objection but does the public think this will include portions of Topaz Lake?
- He just doesn't want the county in any way to go out onto Topaz/ice. He doesn't want any confusion with the regulation changes.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Spoke about Topaz Lake fishing dates.
- Doesn't think the warden will have an issue regulating; he lives in the area year round and is on payroll year round.
- This has a potential for a large economic impact.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Long stretch of road to regulate.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Suggested the Board postpone action until later when Chairman Hunt is here so that there are five members supporting this.
- Why is this letter addressed to the Fisheries Commission?
- Wouldn't it be a stronger letter if it was addressed to the State? Is there a downside?

LUNCH

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

- 9e) Annual Reports for Inland Aquaculture Group and Conway Ranch Foundation (Raven Angeles) - Presentation of Inland Aquaculture Group annual report, and presentation of Conway Ranch Foundation annual report. Supervisor Tim Fesko sponsored this agenda item.

Action: None.

Raven Angeles:

Inland Aquaculture Group, LLC 2012 Annual Report (powerpoint):

- Conway Ranch History
- Mono County and IAG Shared Vision
- Accomplishments – 2007
- Years 1-5 Plan View
- Years 6-10 Plan View
- Accomplishments – 2008 through 2011
- “Want More Trout Survey” (2011)
- Accomplishments – 2012
- 2013 Projects
- Conway Ranch Aquaculture Maps
- Infrastructure Goals
- Economic Development
- Total Pounds Purchased by Entity in the County of Mono

Marshall Rudolph:

- “2006 lease” is a license, not a lease.
- There was an Ordinance adopted to address public use on Conway Ranch; shooting portion was recently revised.
- Have IAG’s insurance people call him; he’d like to get to the bottom of confusion.
- There is no county approved master plan for Conway Ranch; there is a need for one. Maybe a consultant could get it done?
- Need to decide how to design such a plan either by what’s already there or looking to the future.

Supervisor Johnston:

- What has the county approved as far as overall plan for the ranch?
- How do we know achievements are being made when there are no plans?
- Maybe we need to spend some staff time coming up with a plan.

Supervisor Hunt:

- We need better communication to take place.
- We need to be specific; it’s not like we are looking at Conway Ranch for the first time.

Supervisor Alpers:

- He believes a large percentage of what’s needed is already down on paper.
- Suggests a sit down and some communication to start with.

Supervisor Stump:

- Supports idea for an overall plan for the ranch.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Agrees that communication is lacking and is needed.
- Time to move forward with a plan.

Conway Ranch Foundation 2012 Annual Report (Powerpoint):

- Conway Ranch Foundation Mission Statement
- Accomplishments
- Startup Programs & Goals Update
- Current Goals & Projects
- Financial Report
- Economic Benefits
- Bell Diversion Pipeline Update
- Ordinance 12-04 Public Use of Conway Ranch
- 2013 Permission Agreement

Supervisor Johnston:

- Wasn't the barn for fishery purposes, not interpretive?
- How will the current allowable public access affect what's remaining of the structures?

Supervisor Hunt:

- What about a no trespassing sign?

Supervisor Fesko:

- Asked about the size of IAG/CRF.
- There has been a big lack of communication.
- We need to take a step back, get away from lawsuits/lawyers and bring in staff and CRF and have discussion.

Supervisor Stump:

- Barn/interpretive center – county cannot override state law. County may not be obstructing.
- Problem he has, just making judgment: everything is anecdotal, nothing was written down. It leaves a lot to interpretation.
- In the future, things need to be put in writing.

Supervisor Alpers:

- The fact that this is a non-profit public benefit 501(c)3 Corporation is very important. It's a mechanism to bring people into the county and get a financial base to make dreams come true.
- This could be a real economic plus countywide.

Marshall Rudolph:

- The reason there is a "permission agreement" is because CRF is a subcontractor under IAG.
- The invoice discussion is a legal issue being discussed in closed session. The letter sent by Mr. Arkens is consistent with Board's recommendation. If the Board wants to revisit this, that can happen.
- There is a dispute about what staff promised; a dispute about the facts.

Raven Angeles:

- Referred to a letter received from Mr. Arkens; they didn't care for it.
- They want invoice for pipeline paid.
- What recourse do we have to get the invoice paid?

9f) Mammoth Nordic Non-Profit Organization Funding Application (Brian Knox, Mammoth Nordic) - Consider and potentially approve a non-profit funding application for Mammoth Nordic. This item is being sponsored by Supervisors Hunt and Johnston.

M13-22 **Action:** Approve a non-profit funding application for Mammoth Nordic in the amount of \$5,000 to be taken from the Board of Supervisor's budget.
Johnston moved; Stump seconded
Vote 4 yes; 1 no: Fesko

Supervisor Johnston:

- Introduced item; explained that Mammoth Nordic wasn't aware of the funding application procedure and he missed it.
- Brian's application is for \$9,000; the Board's recommendation is to fund partially.

Brian Knox:

- Thanked Board for the opportunity to come back for a funding opportunity that was missed.
- He understands that he has some responsibility to know when this comes up.
- Mammoth Nordic is a community based Nordic system.
- Explained what Mammoth Nordic is about, what it has to offer; compared it to world class Nordic systems.
- Trying to establish a level of service and quality of experience. They are trying to be consistent. They desire to be more of a presence/host on the trails.
- They'd like to use requested money to fund a position that would allow more consistent presence on the trails.
- Spoke of dog issues, solutions, etc.
- He would be grateful for any amount awarded by the board in light of the missed funding application deadline.

Supervisor Hunt:

- He's supportive of this request.
- Do you have a problem with dogs on trails?

Supervisor Alpers:

- Providing quality and experience is extremely important; he has experienced Brian's equipment. It's top notch.
- There is tremendous opportunity with this and he supports request.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Brought up the development of the Bridgeport area for Nordic sports in the future.
- The board was adamant that they weren't going to go over the initial \$75,000 funding limit.
- Looking at this he would be comfortable going with approving \$4,000. He asked that Brian not overlook the funding application deadline again; he doesn't want a precedence to be set.

Supervisor Stump:

- He could support \$4,000-5,000. Need to discuss where it comes from.
- Maybe it should come from the Supervisor's budget; because the Board is the one taking this action.

Lynda Salcido:

- It is a great sport; the exercise provided by Nordic skiing is a great asset. Obesity is a huge problem in our country; this type of sport helps offer alternatives for exercise.
- Nordic skiing is a lifetime sport.

Roberta Reed:

- Housekeeping; this requires a 4/5 vote to pass if it is going to come out of contingency but not if it comes out of the Supervisor's budget.
- Brian didn't miss any notices in the paper, it is not published.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

LARRY JOHNSTON
VICE-CHAIR

BYNG HUNT
CHAIR

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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