

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

JUNE 28, 2005

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors convenes in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at 9:31 a.m. Present: Supervisors Robert Pyle, Lloyd Keefer, Brian Dahle, and Jack Hanson; County Counsel John Ketelsen, County Administrative Officer (CAO) Bill Bixby and Deputy County Clerk Susan Osgood. Following the flag salute, the invocation is offered by Supervisor Keefer. Supervisor Chapman enters at 9:32 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Keefer announces that no closed session was held.

**AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

Supervisor Chapman requests the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Edyth Withrow.

It is moved by Dahle, seconded by Chapman and carried to approve the agenda as posted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Darwin Solus of the Susanville Rotary presents information on the Rotary's projects at the fairgrounds. He expresses appreciation to Supervisors Keefer and Chapman, (future CAO) County Counsel John Ketelsen, Shayla Ashmore and everyone else who volunteered at the work day held on Saturday. New projects include an LMUD lighting project grant; iron light poles; mural project on Jensen Hall; sealing asphalt cracks; re-doing parking access; a great deal of art work; new lettering on Jensen Hall. He would like to stress his appreciation to all community volunteers, outside the Rotary, who donate innumerable hours of labor as well as supplies to complete projects. Also thanks Jim Wolcott and the fairgrounds staff.
2. On behalf of the advisory board, Fair Manager Jim Wolcott thanks everybody for working at the fairgrounds. He thanks Rotary for all the work they have done and looks forward to having a great fair.
3. Shayla Ashmore invites the board to the ribbon cutting for the fair to be held in front of the main entrance by Jensen Hall, Wednesday July 20th at 11:00 a.m. Jim Wolcott states letters have been sent out.
4. Poet Laureate Violet Stout reads her poem for the Fourth of July titled "The

Heritage Stamp".

## UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS

1. Supervisor Hanson states there will be a workshop for the public to make comments on the draft EIS addressing the North Valley Water Exportation Project (Stead and Long Valley area) 6:00 p.m. this evening at Jensen Hall, hosted by the Carson City BLM office. He and Bob Sorvaag will be attending, addressing county's concerns (lack of scientific data and information available on the project). Supervisor Hanson reports on the change of command ceremony at Sierra Army Depot on July 7th; looking forward to meeting incoming Commander Lt. Colonel Butler and; sorry to see Colonel Plemmons leaving. There are ongoing BRAC issues; notes regional hearing hosted by Senator Feinstein's office on the 14th; will not attend but will provide written comments.
2. Supervisor Dahle reminds of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting at Jensen Hall, July 7th. States he failed to report to the board that the power plant in Big Valley is actually on line selling power with about 10 people working; hoping they will get the sawmill put into place and they will see employment increase.
4. Supervisor Keefer reports there will be a joint RAC and Pine Creek CRIMP tour 9:00 a.m. Thursday June 30th and invites the media to attend. They will meet at Bogard Forest Service Ranger Station, have about an hour of discussion with some of the fisheries biologists from Redding on issues that Fish and Game and the CRIMP have been working on. They will then go to 3 or 4 locations in the field, hoping to be done by 3:00 p.m.
5. Supervisor Dahle states he will be attending the Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting in Sacramento on Thursday, June 30th.

## FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Lassen County Fish and Game Commission members Rob Hill and Chris Gallagher present information regarding a resolution in support of a 10% quota on Private Land Wildlife Management (PLWM) deer and antelope tags. They explain that historically and unofficially the quota has been set at 10%; but presently there is no set percent or written policy, so it could be changed up or down at any time. There are a few areas that are "pushing up against the 10%" mostly in the X3A zone and the commission would like Fish and Game to establish a ceiling on the quotas.

Extensive discussion is held regarding landowner tags (554 program for landowners with more than 640 acres and is not affected by the resolution) and the "580 program" tags, which is PLWM. Supervisor Chapman states he supports landowners but feels the 580 non landowner users to be able to enjoy access on a year to year basis is wrong and he will not support the resolution.

Supervisor Dahle feels the 580 tag holders should only be allowed two tags the same as the landowners and, if there's a percentage left from the 10%, then the 580 people can have them. Rob Hill states that it looks like Fish and Game is lumping the landowners and people in the 580 program in the quota. Supervisor Dahle suggests the resolution define that the 580 holders get whatever is left after the private land owners get theirs. Mr. Hill feels the commission would support that and will bring it back to the commission. Supervisor Dahle would like the resolution brought back with changes.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

It is moved by Supervisor Pyle, seconded by Supervisor Hanson and carried to take the noted action on the following Consent Calendar items:

## COUNTY CLERK ITEMS

Approve Minutes of June 21, 2005.

## PROPOSITION 65 REPORT

Receive and file report #05-003, filed by Captain Todd Chadd, Commander Susanville Area CHP, on June 15, 2005 - NOTIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RELEASE: On June 13, 2005, a hay hauler and a pick-up were involved in a collision on US-395 south of Rachel Drive, Doyle, resulting in approximately 30 gallons of diesel fuel being spilled from the hay hauler's ruptured tank onto the pavement and dirt shoulder. Clean up is being coordinated by the California Department of Transportation.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ITEM

Receive and file Personnel Movement report for May, 2005.

## PERSONNEL ITEM

Approve request for unpaid leave from Deborah Voros for a period not to exceed one year.

## AUDITOR & TREASURER DEPARTMENTS ITEM

Receive and file Treasurer's Fund Balance Report and Auditor's verification for the month of May, 2005.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEM

Declare Saturday, July 23, 2005 as "Jim Jeskey Day" at the Lassen County Fair and request the Susanville City Council to do the same.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES ITEMS

Approve Child Welfare Services/Case Management Systems Consultant agreement and adopt Resolution No. 05-031, authorizing the CAO to sign the agreement.

Award bid for purchase of Sport Utility Vehicle to Willits Motors, the lowest bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$27,257.89

## TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR ITEM

Receive and file Treasurer's Investment Report for May, 2005.

## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Supervisor Pyle and Supervisor Hanson excuse themselves due to a conflict of interest, and step down.

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Chapman and carried with Supervisors Pyle and Hanson absent, to adopt Resolution No. 05-032, in support of restoring the 50% state share of the Department of Water Resources Watermaster Program.

Supervisors Chapman and Hanson resume their seats.

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It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to appoint Craig Settlemire as Lassen County Counsel; and approve and authorize Chairman to sign County Counsel Contract.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. A Proclamation signed by Governor Schwarzenegger calling for a special election to be held on November 8, 2005, is received and filed.
2. A Resolution of Local Agency Formation Commission of Lassen County adopting a final budget for 2005-2006, along with the final budget, is received and filed.

## QUINCY LIBRARY GROUP

Forester (QLG) Frank Stewart appreciates the opportunity to speak with the board on his request for Lassen County's continued funding of \$12,000 to replenish the QLG Intervention Lawsuit Contingency Fund. Attorney Michael Jackson is the attorney of record for the QLG in this process and the budget would be \$120,000 for the year. Sierra, Tehama and Shasta Counties have already agreed to contribute their portion as well as Sierra Pacific Industries, Honey Lake Power, Burney Forest Products; meetings

with Sierra County and Collins Pine are scheduled. He split the \$120,000 among the counties and industries on a pro-rated share of acres in the county or number of facilities that one would have as a sawmill. Supervisors voice their support; and Chairman Keefer directs this item be included in budget discussions.

Stewart feels the results of the Meadow Valley lawsuit were important as Judge England found against the opponents on every issue of procedure or substance. It appears the courts are beginning to understand there are some problems and the QLG effort on the landscape needs to be tried. The hearing on the lawsuit filed by Attorney General Lockyer against the Sierra Nevada Framework was canceled by the judge who stated he had enough information to make a ruling. This is being looked at as a positive move and the lawsuit may be thrown out.

The QLG are now interveners in the Sierra Nevada Framework lawsuits and have 5 interventions to maintain. Two EIS's are being done, one on the Lassen and one on the Plumas. It is felt the environmentalists will appeal the decision on the 44th day of the 45 day comment period, dragging out the clock and when they are turned down on those, it is expected there will be another two lawsuits filed. The same arguments or claims of the lawsuit that Judge England ruled against are now being made in the Sierra Nevada Framework. It is felt that since the owl issue has been answered, the next issue for debate will be water quality. Stewart feels that since the biggest threat to water quality in California is catastrophic fire, they are using the wrong argument.

Supervisor Dahle expresses concern for Schools Roads Coalition; feels strongly in favor of stewardship contracts with 25% revenue taken off the top. Mr. Stewart is in favor of putting into the law (PL396) that if you do a stewardship contract you automatically get the 25% and that is deducted from whatever your payment would be; stewardship contracts would be an option if the school coalition bill does not get re-authorized. Supervisor Dahle states NACO is focusing on reallocation of PL396 and RCRC is working along with that. Further discussion is held.

Supervisor Chapman is concerned about issues of access to lands being limited. Stewart agrees and states this matter is also being looked at; states the QLG will work on any issue that could be a threat to getting management back on the landscape.

#### ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 a.m. in memory of long-time community member Edyth Withrow.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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SUSAN OSGOOD, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD