

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 4, 2017

PRESENT:
JOHN LOUDON, County Member
BRANDON ASH, Vice Chair, Public
CHUCK BERGSON, City Member
DENISE CARTER, County Member

ALSO PRESENT:
KENT BOES, County Alt.
SCOTT BROWNE, Legal
JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
LORA CECCON, Clerk
MARY WINTERS, Public Alt.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Consider appointment of the Public Member and Public Member Alternate

Commissioner D. Carter presented item #2. J. Benoit stated that one letter was received from Brandon Ash for the Public Member position. There were no other letters of interest received.

On motion of J. Loudon, second by C. Bergson, the commission approved the appointment of Brandon Ash as the Public Member representative; motion carried with Commissioner B. Ash abstaining.

J. Benoit stated that one letter was received from Mary Winters for the Public Member Alternate position. There were no other letters of interest received.

On motion of J. Loudon, second by C. Bergson, the commission approved the appointment of Mary Winters as the Public Member Alternate; motion carried.

3. Consider Minutes for March 2, 2017

On motion of J. Loudon, second by D. Carter, the commission approved the minutes of March 2, 2017; motion carried.

4. Public Comment – None

5. Consent Agenda

On motion of D. Carter, second by J. Loudon, the commission approved claims for the month of March 2017 and payment of the April 2017 claims, motion carried by roll call vote.

6. Correspondence: John advised the commission that he wrote and sent a letter in support of AB464, the City of Patterson case. S. Browne stated that this is an important item, and he is glad to see that the bill is moving forward.

7. Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018

3:13 – Opened Public Hearing

John presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. John stated that the hourly rate for special projects is \$75/hour, which has not changed since 2002. Contracting for these services would exceed \$100/hour. He would appreciate a bump from \$75/hour to cover miscellaneous costs. This pay is separate from the Executive Officer's monthly payment. John suggested that the commission review the Executive Officer's contract.

Additionally, the costs of litigation are also increasing. The current rate for legal expenses is a stipend of \$1,750 per month, which was implemented in FY 2007-2008. S. Browne would like to increase the stipend from \$1,750/month to \$1,850/month. John suggested that the commission also review the contract for legal services.

John continued to review the budget by line items. The estimated carry-over is \$100,000; \$50,000 will go into the reserve fund, which was the goal.

A short discussion followed regarding special districts participation. However, special districts are not seated on Lafco, yet.

3:35 – Closed Public Hearing

On motion of D. Carter, second by J. Loudon, the commission approved Resolution 2017-0002, a resolution of Colusa LAFCO adopting a proposed budget for FY 2017-2018, motion carried by roll call vote.

8. Calafco Annual Staff Workshop

S. Browne reported that this year's staff workshop was very good. He taught a couple classes on CEQA and legal issues. Approximately 100 staff members attended.

9. Executive Officer's Report

- a. Maxwell Service Review and Sphere Update** – Sent to Maxwell for review, no comments received. John will send again.
- b. File Scanning Project** – ongoing
- c. Certificate of Completion for the Abel Tract** – Westside Water District - recorded
- d. GCID Detachment** – Willows – back on track and moving forward

10. Commissioner Reports - none

11. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on June 1, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.