

Lake Almanor Basin Advisory Committee
Chester Veterans Memorial Hall
December 14th, 2005 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

1) Call to Order-

Members in attendance- Aaron Seandel, Bob Pyle, Glen Long, Sherri Thrall, Ken Wilson, Lorena Gorbet, Carl Felts.

2) Review & approval of agenda

Bob Pyle motioned to approve the agenda, Carl seconded. Agenda approved unanimously.

3) Approval of minutes- September 22nd 2005 and November 3rd 2005

Carl Felts- need to include members in attendance for September 22nd minutes.

Ken Wilson- need to indicate that those responses are from Bob Sloan in letter form.

Sherri Thrall- move to approve the minutes of Sept 22nd as corrected. Ken Wilson seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Carl- Strike comments about use of report and public input from the minutes Sherri move to accept the minutes of Nov 3rd as corrected. Ken seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

4) Committee member reports (10 min)

Carl Felts-

- Pat Kurtz has document on the East Shore History. If interested in copy Carl will pass it along.
- Suggests that the committee meet twice a month.

Lorena Gorbet-

- Would like a copy of the East Shore History

Ken Wilson-

- In the Paper was a request for a **concept** proposal ~~from- concept proposal~~ Plumas Watershed Forum.
- RAC money not spent the full amount last time. Would like staff to look into this and give staff report for next meeting.

Sherri Thrall-

- Would also like staff to find out more about the Watershed Forum.
- Sherri also had concerns about the Brown Act and using email to have “serial meetings”. Is just deleting emails and not responding, need to communicate with staff directly if there is an issue.

Glen Long-

- Second what Sherri Thrall stated.

Bob Pyle-

- Update on Dyer Mtn. 31 Million dollar purchase of the land so it is now in the investor's hands, EIR being revisited to look at transportation/circulation.

Aaron Seandel-

- Received email from a developer- little Norway sold-- building a series of townhouses- sewage/stormwater issues of concern. Would be willing to come before the group. Other project by this developer is for moderate income housing on Warner Valley road.

Jonathan Kusel, Sierra Institute staff-

- Gave a brief discussion of the Brown Act with respect to serial communication

5) Public comment period (15 min)

Charles Watson- Would like a copy of the minutes. Wants noted in record that there is a conflict of interest between the Planning Commission and ABWAC.

Kate West- would like brief document listing the various committees and their goals and objectives.

6) Elect Vice Chair (5 min)

- A. Responsibilities of the Vice Chair.
- B. Election of the Vice Chair.

Aaron Seandel explained duties of the vice chair. Nomination of Carl Felts by Sherri Thrall. Bob Pyle seconded. Passed unanimously.

7) Glen Long's appointment from the Planning Commission as the liaison between the Planning Commission and the Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee (5 min)

- A. The liaison's role.

Glen Long was introduced by Aaron Seandel as the Planning Commission liaison and voting member of the committee.

8) Revisit the topic of adding additional members to the Committee (15 min)

- A. Staff report
- B. Discussion on whether to remain at 7 members or to add 2 members.
- C. Action-Committee vote to remain at 7 or add 2 additional members.

Chair Aaron Seandel reviewed the Committee's enabling document, which called for a diverse group of people on the committee. Staff made the recommendation to include two more members to fully represent interests in the watershed.

Ken Wilson made a motion to continue this matter till the next agenda. Carl Felts seconded. Passed unanimously.

9) Meeting location for Lake Almanor Basin Advisory Committee (5 min)

- A. Discussion held regarding remaining at the Chester Veterans Memorial Hall or move to new locations in the watershed.
- B. The Committee decided to remain at the Chester Veterans Memorial Hall.

10) Lake Almanor Water Quality Monitoring report and Lake Almanor Basin Watershed Assessment. (8 min)

- A. Staff report.

Staff reported that the Lake Almanor Water Quality report first needs to receive TAC approval for scientific validity before being made available to the public. It is anticipated that this may be done in mid January. Main points of the Water Quality Report:

- Need greater coordination and standardization of data and data collection.
- Need more work in the tributaries.
- Have assembled to greatest extent possible all data to create a strong data set that may act as a robust water quality data baseline.

Staff also reported that the watershed assessment has been finished **and** will go through a round of reviews by the Technical Advisory Group for approval at which point it will be made available to ABWAC possibly before the February meeting.

11) Public outreach/education effort for January/February 2006 regarding the Lake Almanor watershed planning effort. (8 min)

A. Staff report.

Staff reported on idea for public meeting at the beginning of February. ABWAC indicated it would like staff to move forward with the development and implementation of a public meeting for early February.

Agenda for next

12) Creation of working sub-committee's (8 min)

A. Staff report.

Aaron sought a motion to continue this agenda item to next meeting. Carl Felts made the motion. Ken Wilson seconded. Passed unanimously.

13) Next meeting time-January 11th, 2005 from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Chester Veterans Memorial Hall.

A. Future agenda items- 7(B) from the Nov 3rd agenda.

B. Other future agenda items.

Agenda items # 8 & # 12 from the December 14th agenda.

New agenda item regarding the need for more frequent meetings than a monthly meeting.

Staff Report on funding from the RAC and Plumas County watershed forum.

14) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.