

Lake Almanor Basin Advisory Committee

September 22nd, 2005

Hamilton Branch Fire hall

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00.

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

Agenda slightly reordered as recommended by the chair. Motion made by Carl to re-order the agenda.

Seconded by Sherrie. Approved unanimously.

Carl raised a point about additional agenda items added by members and the group agreed to defer this point to a Brown Act discussion.

2) Public Comment Period

Kate West-One of my primary responsibilities is to keep the public informed and help them not be confused. People are growing confused of 2105LG, Planning Commission, and this Advisory Committee. Kate is requesting clarification about the agendas for these respective groups.

Gini Natali—as one who attended the meeting as part of the advisory group would like to encourage the board of supervisors that this group is not a duplication of the planning committee.

Charlie Watson—the key to item that addresses the numbers on the committee is that there is an odd number of people. There are a variety of ways to accomplish this. Second point: there is potentially a conflict with Sherrie Thrall, herein lies a major issue with respect to being a representative from Chester and a member of the Planning Commission. It should be a long term arrangement because it will be important for the workings of both groups.

3) Approval of Minutes

- A. The Committee will review the minutes of the meeting held on September 1, 2005. Action: approve the minutes or modify as needed and approve.

Motion to approve: Carl Felts

Seconded: Sherrie Thrall.

4) Brown Act Discussion

- A. Review and discuss the most relevant sections of the Brown Act. Sierra Institute staff will lead a brief discussion.

Jonathan presented a basic outline of Brown Act.

Carl expressed a concern about committee members opportunity to add items to the agenda. The group agreed that committee members should make recommendations on agenda items at the close of the meeting and directly to the chair prior to the next agenda being sent out (no less than 72 hours before the meeting time).

Item six was moved here:

Determine Composition and terms of Committee members

- A. Composition of Committee – Discuss the selection of new members (i.e., interest groups, at-large members, etc.)
- B. Terms not less than two years and not more than four.
- C. Staggering of terms.

The Chair made the point that the Committee can only make recommendations to the supervisors for appointment.

Jess reported on the committee member appointment categories. He also pointed out the interest group categories that were outlined by the Advisory group and mentioned in the resolution passed by the board of supervisors. So far two individuals from the timber industry interest group expressed an interest in joining the committee. The chair made clear that there is no agenda item to appoint a member of any interest group at this time.

5) Select new members

- A. The Committee will review letters of application/interest from residents along the Lake Almanor West Shore/Prattville area and nominate a Committee member to be recommended to the Board of Supervisors.

The two candidates (Richard Fording and Robert Sloan) from the West Shore/Prattville were discussed. The group discussed delaying the appointment given that neither of them are present and some members don't know the candidates.

The group agreed that oral interviews of the candidate might be the best way to proceed. Members of the public expressed a similar sentiment.

Motion made by Bob Pyle table to the appointment until both members can be contacted by the staff and assurances they are interested in the position and further discussions with them held. Motion seconded by Sherrie. Unanimously passed.

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- F. Staggering of terms.

The group discussed membership and who should participate. There were a variety of perspectives offered.

Public comment: perhaps 9 members might be more appropriate.

Carl made a motion, seconded by Bob to restrict total membership of the committee to 7. Unanimously approved.

Term limits. The group discussed the length of the terms: Motion:

Sherrie moved for two year terms; seconded by Carl. Motion passed unanimously. The group agreed to establish two year terms. At the end of the terms the Advisory committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

7) Establishment of the Technical Advisory Group

A. What the TAG will do and their relationship to the Committee

Jess presented the details of task 4 of the Proposition 13 Grant which calls for a Technical Advisory Group. These professionals will represent diverse interests and provided technical input to the work of the committee. Lassen National Forest, RWQCB, Park Service, NRCS, Dept of Water Quality, etc.

The question was asked how committees such as the Lake Water Quality subcommittee and the 2105 subcommittee and others might relate to this group. There was agreement that this issue should be discussed more in the future.

The group agreed that the Technical Advisory Group would help on technical matters.

8) Brainstorm agenda items to be discussed at the October 13th Lake Almanor Basin Advisory Committee – Planning Commission workshop

- A. Relationship Scenario #1- Basin Advisory Committee works/informs Planning Commission on overlap issues; other recommendations made directly to the Board of Supervisors; Relationship scenario #2- Basin Advisory Committee works through Planning Commission in making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion about the role of the group vis a vis the Planning Committee. The chair suggested that this group needs to be prepared to discuss their role (who we are and what we expect to do) at the upcoming meeting where the roles of both the Planning Commission and Lake Almanor Basin Advisory Committee.

It was stated by a couple of members that both groups can work together in a complementary manner.

The relationship should not be stated as an adversarial or a competing. Both committees should be working together to inform one another. Watershed means many things, some of which dovetail well with the update of the general plan, some of which won't. It is important that while there may issues

that overlap, it is important that the Committee remain independent of the Planning Commission.

Rich Rydell spoke and mentioned that he asked for the meeting of the board of supervisors to clarify what the Planning Commission should be doing. He indicated that he felt that complementary roles between the two groups is a sound approach.

There was discussion about the dual role of the person who serves on both the Planning Commission and the Lake Almanor Basin Planning Committee. A recommendation of a Planning Commission member has not made.

B. Brainstorm of other items to be discussed at workshop.

9) Discussion of issues in the watershed

- A. Staff reports on basin issues and makes recommendations on the prioritization issues in the watershed..
- B. Discussion of prioritizing basin issues by Committee.

Deferred to the 10/13 meeting.

10) Next meeting Date/Time/Location

- ✓ Date: October 6, 2005. (Determine if needed)
- ✓ Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm (earlier time?)
- ✓ Location: Hamilton Branch Firehall or Chester Veterans' Memorial Hall

Meeting on 10/6; Appointment of new member. Selection of a vice chair. Name change. Time frame for other agenda items. Additional member. Staff will do a presentation on membership possibilities given recommendations and determinations.

Agenda items to be added by the group members deadline: Friday, September 30.

11) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:02.