

Local Agency Formation Commission of Modoc County
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019

1. Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Irvin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Alturas City Hall. Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Read, Commissioner Steffek, Commissioner Rhoads, and Commissioner Neer were present. Commissioner Coe, Commissioner Byrne, and Commissioner Nelson were absent.

Staff Present: John Benoit, Executive Officer and Jackie Froeming, Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of the Agenda (Additions and Deletions)

Commissioner Rhoads made the motion to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Read. In favor were Commissioners Rhoads, Irvin, Steffek, and Read.

Motion passed unanimous.

3. Correspondence - None

4. Consider Minutes for the February 12, 2019 LAFCo meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Rhoads to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Steffek. In favor were Commissioners Irvin, Steffek, Read, and Rhoads.

Motion passed Unanimous

5. Public Comment – No Comments

6. Authorize payment of Claims for February 2019 and March 2019

Commissioner Steffek made the motion to authorize payment of claims for February and March 2019; seconded by Commissioner Read.

In favor were Commissioners Rhoads, Irvin, Steffek, and Read.

Motion passed unanimous.

7. Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY 2019-2020 LAFCo Budget

Executive Officer Benoit provided an overview of the budget. There was a 16% increase in the Calafco dues for the upcoming fiscal year. He reported that the Calafco Conference will be held this year in Sacramento around Oct 29 – Nov 2, 2019. Executive Officer Benoit will be unable to attend. If there is a Commissioner who would be interested in attending the budget should be increased by \$1500.00 which will cover the conference cost.

Motion made by Commissioner Rhoads to approve LAFCo Resolution 2019-0001 for adoption of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; Seconded by Commissioner Steffek.

The Clerk initiated a roll call vote on Resolution 2019-0001.

In favor were Commissioners Steffek, Rhoads, Read, and Irvin

Motion passed unanimous.

8. Continued Discussion with Daphnedale CSD Board Members and status of the Daphnedale CSD Dissolution and consider the repeal of LAFCo Resolution 2018-0001 and opportunities to help Daphnedale function as a CSD going forward.

Executive Officer Benoit reported the CSD has a functioning board. They are experiencing the same issues that other small community services district are in other counties. The unwillingness to raise revenues and lack of knowledge to implement rules. They still need to increase their rates to cover the cost associated with the sewer service by initiating the Prop 218 process.

Commissioner Irvin reported that the City has received some payment from them and they attended the last City Council Meeting. There has been no other contact with them since the meeting date.

Commissioner Rhoads mentioned that they also met with the County and had a lengthy discussion. Since that discussion there has been no other contact from the community services district.

Executive Officer Benoit reported on some of the grant funding currently available including Community Block Grants and USDA Rural Development grants which may be available to these disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged districts.

Commissioner Rhoads mentioned that she is meeting with Reese Soriano who has written several successful grants.

Executive Officer Benoit asked Commissioner Rhoads to have Reese contact him.

Commissioner Rhoads volunteered to get a report from Chester Robertson (County C.A.O) and provide an update at the next LAFCo meeting.

The Commission requested this item be left on the agenda and continue the discussion to the June Meeting.

9. Consider authorizing the Chair to sign letters of Support for AB-213(Reyes) VLF revenue backfill for inhabited annexations and AB-1253 (Rivas) regarding Grants for LAFCo's with Disadvantaged or Severely Disadvantaged Communities.

Executive Officer Benoit provided background information on AB-213 and AB-1253. Included in the meeting packet were support letters for the commission to review and authorize the Chair to sign for the aforementioned assembly bills.

Motion made by Commissioner Read to authorize Chair to sign letters of support for AB-213 and AB-1253; seconded by Commissioner Steffek.

In favor were Commissioners Irvin, Rhoads, Read, and Steffek.

Motion passed unanimous.

- 10. Discussion regarding the Calafco Annual Staff Workshop held on April 10-11 in San Jose.**
Executive Officer Benoit reported on the Calafco Annual Staff Workshop. This was a good networking session, lots of information was shared and many counties are facing the same issues. During the workshop there was discussion held on service reviews including tools, efficiency and keeping costs low, and determinations. There was also a session on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in regards to being a lead agency vs. responsible agency.
- 11. Executive Officer's Report:**
Executive Officer Benoit reported that he would like to start the Municipal Service Review of the Surprise Valley Healthcare District. This will be added to the next agenda and a draft report will be provided.
Executive Officer Benoit will provide an article to the Commissioner's from the CSDA magazine regarding special districts and provides good information.
- 12. Commissioner Reports - None**
- 13. Adjourn to the next regular meeting 4:00 PM on June 11, 2019**
There being no further business to come before the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 4:50PM.