

Western Region Town Hall
W.R.T.H.
General Meeting
June 15, 2022

ViceChairperson Claudine Pedroncelli called the monthly meeting of the Western Region Town Hall to order at 17:30.

Present

Chairperson Tim Chiara via Zoom
Member Thomas Aceves
Member Linda Alexander
Member Julia Carrera
Member David Eby
Member Kate Parankema
Member Clauine Pedroncelli
Supervisor E.J. Crandell via Zoom

MINUTES:

1. A motion to accept the minutes for May 2022 was made by Claudine Pedroncelli. It was seconded by Thomas Aceves. The minutes were accepted, member Julia Carrera abstaining.
2. Julia Carrera gave an update on the Upper Lake Levee system restoration project and is leading the council for the same:
 - a. She reported that California Department of Fish and Wildlife(CDFW) has an LSA agreement with the county which will be supplied by CDFW to WRTH.
 - b. She submitted the levee historical data provided by county staff in response to the public information request of same, to the record keeper.
 - c. Thomas Aceves suggested a workshop be set up to bring all parties involved in levee repair together.
 - d. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be at the workshop.
 - e. CDFW will be at the workshop.
 - f. We are waiting to hear back from county staff on dates for the workishop,
 - g. Waiting to hear back from State Water Resources.
 - h. She is waiting to hear from county staff and wants to have Water Resources and Public Works in attendance.
 - i. She is in contact with someone at the Army Corp of Engineers, who has interest in attending. She has not heard back from the new contact.
 - j. The Lake County Sheriff agreed to be there but she will pin them down once she has a date for the workshop.
 - k. County Council has been emailed.
3. Jim Rienstra, Area Agricultural Engineer, has oversight for NRCS. He appeared via ZOOM.
 - a. He stated that NRCS provides expenses reimbursement. Costs are reimbursed by NRCS up to 100% to

sponsors.

- b. Sponsors can be a governmental entity, or Tribal. Sponsors must have power of eminent domain. Sponsors must have staff put together plans. Most common sponsor is County Dept. of Public Works.
 - c. Citizen John LaBoyteaux asked if LSA permit was issued. Julia informed the group per CDFW the permit has been issued. We are just waiting for a copy of it via a CDFW public information request.
 - d. Jim Rienstra discussed the four steps to get process started.
 - e. Citizen Bob Partida wants to know if and when the funding for the levee project will be available. Per Julia, NRCS can provide reimbursement grants to county after they front the money.
 - f. Citizen Jennifer Richardson understands there was a standalone tax that doesn't go into the General Fund. Councilmember Carrera stated in reviewing the historical data there is a budget that shows an annual Levee expense for unit 8 of approximately \$325,000 but the budget is from the past and she could not remember what year
 - g. Marina Deligiannis is supposed to get with Jim Rienstra to let him know who sponsors will be.
 - h. Julia made a motion to write a letter to Board of Supervisors regarding a request they move forward to sponsorship of the Middle Creek Flood and Restoration Project to the NRCS. Motion was seconded by David Eby. The ayes have it . Chairperson Tim Chiara volunteered to write the letter. A motion made by Tim to write the letter was seconded by Julia.
4. Tim got an email on May 31, 2022 from Special Districts Administrator Scott Harter saying they are working on streetlights. Special Districts says its not a simple fix like just changing the lightbulbs. Tim also stated the town clock is 1 hour behind. Thomas Aceves will pursue the matter of the clock. Tammy Alasay says it is an electrical issue per Upper Lake Town Council. Tim will try to get more information.
 5. Northshore Fire Chief Mike Ciancio was a no-show on the agenda. Claudine said he couldn't make the meeting due to a fire in Clearlake Oaks. She will put him on the agenda for July meeting.
 6. Supervisor Crandell said the field crew had many people out working vegetation modification.
 7. Citizen Ray says everytime he calls county about mowing he is told the mowers are broken. He said Pitney Lane in Upper Lake had work done by weedeaters.
 8. Claudine gave important tips on how to conserve water during the drought.
 9. Byron Green from the Upper Lake Town Council said the Fall Festival in Upper Lake will be on October 8th in conjunction with the High School Homecoming parade.
 10. Mary from Upper Lake Town Council said they have their own webpage. Not known at this time the name of it.
 11. Julia wants to include minutes with the agenda. she'd also like to add a Upper Lake Town Council item to the agenda for an update at each meeting similar to what they did with the Upper Lake Citizens Patrol.
 12. Claudine brought up the fact that Upper Lake doesn't have a School Resources Officer. She is concerned about the safety of the students especially since the recent mass shootings at schools. Kevin Waycik says to bring the school issues to a workshop.
 13. Tim will get the WRTH council members term information to the Council, according to the by-laws.
 14. Citizen Mary said Pitney Lane is getting their trees trimmed.
 15. ViceChairperson Claudine Pedroncelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1900. Thomas Aceves seconded the motion. Ayes have it. Meeting was adjourned at 1900 hours.