

AMADOR LAFCO



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

November 30, 2023

This meeting was digitally recorded.

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

The November 30, 2023 meeting of the Amador Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), held in person and via video conference, was called to order by Chairman Crew at 5:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members Present:

Pat Crew, Chairman
Jim Vinciguerra, Vice Chairman
Frank Axe, County Member
Anne Kel-Artinian, City Member, via Zoom

Staff Present:

Byron Damiani, Jr., Executive Officer
Tiesha Adams, Clerk to the Commission

3. **Approval of Agenda for November 30, 2023**

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Axe, seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

4. **Approval of Minutes for July 20, 2023**

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Vinciguerra, seconded by Commissioner Axe, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

5. **Approval of Minutes for August 17, 2023**

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Axe, seconded by Commissioner Kel-Artinian, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

6. **Approval of Claims to November 16, 2023**

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Vinciguerra, seconded by Commissioner Kel-Artinian, and carried unanimously to approve the Approval of Claims as submitted.

7. **Public Forum**

There were some audio issues with Zoom, Zoom attendees were able to enter a chat but their voices were unheard even when unmuted. Chairman Axe received calls and text messages on his personal phone from those Zoom attendees that wanted to offer comment.

Chairman Crew first spoke on commissioner rotations and meeting times. Executive Officer Damiani, Jr. reported the rotations have been confirmed with the Board of Supervisor Clerks. Katherine Evatt, attending by Zoom but utilizing Commissioner Axe's phone for audio, spoke on Chairman Crew's suggestion to move meetings to 3:00 p.m. or 3:30, that the afternoon slot may limit attendance to non-working, retired community members and that a meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. may gain a wider, more populous audience. Chairman Vinciguerra made comment about possibly increasing commissioner stipends that haven't changed in 20 years. Chairman Crew commented on other commissions increasing their commissioners' stipends. EO Damiani, Jr. promised to visit each of these topics at the next meeting and implied suggestions to have new commissioners on board by January will be followed.

There was no other public comment.

8. **Lockwood Fire Protection District (LFPD) Reorganization Workshop**

EO Damiani, Jr. presented a detailed outline of the intended reorganization of LFPD, from their application, public noticing, hearings, and application by Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD) to the processes associated with the numerous steps. A 6-8 month timeframe, whether LFPD can terminate the process, and general overview of planned additional workshops were discussed. Public comments included feedback from Katherine Evatt about possibly surveying the public for best workshop times. Jan Hewitt spoke as President of the LFPD Board about the district's funding, local taxes, and maintaining service at current level after annexation. Jackie Vaughn identified herself as one of the residents on the LFPD committee that is surveying the public about these issues. There were questions about the date of the last MSR and when it would be updated by Sharon Dowell. Additional comments from commissioners and public were about gaining attendance by possibly offering Saturday afternoon or Monday evening meetings. There was discussion about the district maintaining their identity, there is pride and community in the service provided by the two stations. There was brief discussion about the costs for this reformation with EO Damiani, Jr. stating the total should be in the thousands not tens of thousands of dollars. Former EO Roseanne Chamberlain offered information about the last MSR for LFPD being in June 2019. EO Damiani, Jr. stated he would be bringing back reports from his meetings for the commissioners and that every effort to hold plenty of workshops would be made with the intent to keep the public well informed and involved.

9. Appointment of Alternate Public Member

EO Damiani, Jr. announced one of the applicants withdrew due to conflict, Andrea Macon is already serving on a city planning commission. The other applicant is Wayne Garibaldi. There was discussion about whether one city has more representation in the commission with the only remaining applicant being from that city. The final comment is that the applicant is qualified.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Vinciguerra, seconded by Commissioner Axe, and carried unanimously to appoint Wayne Garibaldi as Alternate Public Member.

10. Other Business, Reports

- a. Commissioner Announcements – none.
- b. Correspondence – none.
- c. Brown Act update – EO reported that state of emergency revisions for meetings are continued, however our county is back to following Brown Act guidelines.
- d. Budget Reports – no comments.
- e. Project Status Report – EO reported finished Jackson Islands Annexation, there are a few projects in pre-application, projects are in surveying, engineering, and work-up phases. There was some discussion about pre-application for Broadmeadows regarding water, wells, whether sewer or septic established, and city limits of residential lots. The project is a possible Sutter Creek development off Gopher Flat Road, only the circulation letter has been received-no application. This would be annexing to the city, away from AFPD.

11. Legislation Report

EO Damiani, Jr. spoke on two bills concerning to LAFCO. One has seemed contradictory and directs LAFCO to go along with what the entity wishes which undermines having a local commission; the other essentially overrides prior LAFCO decisions.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m.

Pat Crew, Presiding Officer
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

ATTEST: _____
Byron Damiani, Jr, Executive Officer to the Commission