

CRESTON ADVISORY BODY

Meeting Minutes

Creston Community Center

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:00 – 9:20PM

- 1) Call to Order 7:02PM– Flag Salute
- 2) CAB Recorder for this meeting – Matt Lynge (next month will be Don Clark)

Members present: Matt Lynge, Mike Aarons, Sheila Lyons, Kurt Almond, Don Clark, Roy Barba and Thomas Edel. No alternates present.
- 3) Sitting of designated alternates for absent elected CAB members or any vacant CAB Area seats. Per Article V, Section 10 of CAB By-laws. No alternates seated for this meeting.
- 4) Minutes of the previous meeting(s) (5 min) (March 15th, Kurt Almond drafted)
Kurt Almond makes motion to approve ,2nd by Don Clark, Unanimous approval.
- 5) Official seating of re-elected CAB members – Sheila Lyons, Matt Lynge, Roy Barba, Thomas Edel. Election of officers starting with Chair.
Unanimous approval of Sheila Lyons as chair, Kurt Almond as vice chair and Roy Barba as Treasurer.
Unanimous agreement to continue using a rotation procedure for recorder (Secretary), with each member taking their turn in the rotation, except for Sheila Lyons, as Chair and Mike Aarons, IT for the Zoom.
- 6) Limited Public and/or CAB Member Comments for Items NOT on the agenda (2-3 min each) Including Community events and other items of interest.
 - a. Visiting Cal Poly students – Francesca Mclaughlin & Gianni Greco- not present- will be here next month.
 - b. Report on airstream trailers parked at Jhleum Vineyard. Code enforcement ordered property owners to obtain a demolition permit as required to remove connected utilities to air stream trailers, as location is currently not approved for camping
 - c. Don Clark gets calls about livestock getting out on O’Donovan. Please keep sheriff and CHP notified of where you have livestock so they can notify appropriate party.
 - d. Creston Rd bridge expected to be open by end of week.
 - e. CATCH has 30 year lease on community building and has received \$5000 grant from Justin Community Grant Program to make repairs to building (roof leaks, sheet rock damage and new interior paint job).
- 7) Public Safety - Cal Fire, Sheriff, CHP, etc. – ~5 min. each
Sheriff’s Department - Deputy John McKenney -not present
Cal Fire - Fire Captain Ryan -not present
CHP - Lieutenant Chandler Stewart - Templeton Station -not present

8) New Business – (20 min.)

- a. SLOCOG Presentation – James Worthley Planning Division Chief
Talked about the 2023-2045 Regional Transportation Plan
SLO-COG has 12 board members including city council and county supervisors focusing on a long range regional transportation plan. SLOCOG was recently awarded a grant that amounted to 3.1 billion which gets split between improvements and maintenance. The organizing requests grants and matches state and federal funds to complete projects. Within the next 20 years its planned to upgrade interchanges that are up to 70 years old. SLOCOG funding comes from recurring sources. CAB reached out in regards to 41/Creston Rd/La Panza intersection with a letter to SLO-COG. It was added to the agenda at this time. Jim explained that intersection is a low priority because priority is based upon statistics.

9) Fifth District Supervisor Report–Supervisor Debbie Arnold

A. SLOCOG and supervisors on this board are all about roads. A road grading system (CPI- Condition of Pavement Index), rating from 0-100, is what dictates priority. Anything below 70 needs repairs. Bitterwater Rd. is an 18! Rising costs of road maintenance makes it nearly impossible to budget. Funds are currently allocated to homeless services. Approximately 1,500 Homeless in a county of 300,000.

B. 3CE Energy multi energy broker to provide clear energy using PG&E Transmission lines. PG&E Still does billing for them. Board of supervisors Voted to join 3CE to rural areas unless you opt out. 3CE is not subject to the same oversight as PG&E. No clear information as to what happens to existing PG&E solar contracts, etc.

C. Board of supervisors voted to abandon Integrated Waste Management. Supervisor Arnold wants us to have a voice but instead County supervisors disregarded and rejoined IWMA.

D. Supervisor Gibson appointed himself as County Supervisor representative to Paso Basin Cooperative Management Committee and essentially put Matt Turrentine as Chair of the committee.

E. Outcome of lawsuit caused redistricting maps to return to original district maps. The lawsuit stated the new maps violated fair maps act.

F. Wade Horton resigned from his CAO position.

G. SLO County received \$54M American Relief Money (300,000 people). 1500 homeless in SLO County. Questions were asked as to whether there is a plan. Supervisor Arnold said to contact her office for details.

H. Proposition 47 – Theft of \$950 reduced to a misdemeanor from a felony. Supervisor Arnold thinks it should be repealed.

10) Planning Department Update & Project Referrals - CAB Liaison-Lane Sutherland (30+ min).

- a. Cannabis projects update – P&B liaison
Sheila was provided with information and got county updates. There is no new news on cannabis projects in Creston.

b. [N-DRC2023-00010 \(sloplanning.org\)](https://sloplanning.org)

Presentation by Joe Simonin

Plan Number: N-DRC2023-00010 APN #: 035-111-05 @ 9050 Gravel Rd., PR, 93446

Project Description: A request by Joe Simonin/MJM Chandler Ranch LLC for a MUP to allow up to 35 temporary events per year with up to 250 people. The proposed project is within the Agricultural land use category and is located at the intersection of Hwy 41 and Webster Rd, about 1 mile north of Creston. The site is in the El Pomar Estrella Sub-Area of the North County Planning Area. –

Joe Simonin Hasbi been living on the property for 2 years and farming/ranching property for 20 years along with his brother Matt. Their plans are to hold outdoor events with no amplified music. Their intersection with highway 41 is approved by caltrans traffic study. They plan to hold up to 35 events with up to 250 people per year using no ground water and minimal lighting. Roy Barba made the motion to approve project as proposed and Don Clark seconded, unanimously approved. Sheila Lyons, as the CAB Area representative, will submit the CAB positive recommendation letter to the County P&B Dept.

11) Committee Reports/Next Steps-

- a. By-Laws – Sheila L. & Thomas E. No changes required at this time.
- b. Elections – We have completed our 2023 elections.
- c. Public Information – Roy Barba, Tom Edel & Mike Aarons, Kurt Almond A. CAB Website renewed for 2 years at \$216

12) Treasurer's Report – Roy Barba

We paid secondary payment of \$100 to catch leaving us with \$1,556.24

Mike Aarons purchased a remote for our Zoom set up for \$10. CAB will reimburse based on prior approvals for Mike to buy all equipment needed for this purpose.

13) Meeting at adjourned at 9:20 pm