

CRESTON ADVISORY BODY

Regular Meeting Minutes

Creston Church (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

7:00 – 9:30 PM

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month except December unless called.

1) Call to Order – Flag Salute

Members Present: Tom Edel, Kurt Almond, Sheila Lyons, Geraldine May, Jan Morris, Susan Souza, Roy Barba, Mike Aarons (alternate for Geraldine, present but not seated). Not present: Steve Almond

2) Minutes of the previous meeting(s) - Oct. 16th, 2019

Motion to approve: 1st: Kurt, 2nd: Tom, vote: unanimous

3) Public and/or CAB Member Comments for Items NOT on the agenda (2-3 min each)

Including Community events and other items of interest. NONE

4) Public Safety – Cal Fire, Sheriff, CHP, etc. –

CHP - Lieutenant Kevin Coomer, Templeton Station , reported that Dan Hart retired from the Templeton office after 25 years on the job. There is a severe staffing shortage. We need 25 officers but we only have 16. Four more will come in April and will be younger officers. If you have any concerns please call the office or Kevin's personal cell: 805.835.1761 Our priority is public safety. Radios work well in Creston area. Note: Response times are long coming from King City.

Sheriff's Department - Deputy John McKenney – not present tonight

Cal Fire - Fire Captain Ryan – Note: They were called away prior to giving this report but returned and we came back to this item on the agenda at that time.

Stats: 3 structure fires, 9 vegetation fires, 8 vehicle accidents and one alarm response.

Midstate is offering an opportunity to bring trash from 9-2pm Saturday, No cars without pink slips, no refrigerators, no TVs, no hazardous waste.

229 has a project burn on Almond property, 60 acres so far, 899 acres total, and will be done by January 2. Expect rain next week.

Another controlled burn up Park Hill Rd direction which they hope will help keep fires from burning over the hill to the properties on Huer Huero.

Question about chipping: Response was that there is no budget for this. Chippers aren't APCB compliant.

5) Fifth District Supervisor Report – Supervisor Debbie Arnold

Debbie Arnold reported that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee passed the final draft version of the GSP. Main thrust for basin management is to reduce pumping. DWR has two years to review and accept or return with additional requirements. Question was asked as to how it will be determined how much each parcel is pumping. Answer: they are going back to the drawing board to figure out how to monitor. Is it Sustainable? Can we control the ground water basin? A Ground Water Plan is to be introduced. Each GSA pays based for Basin management based on the weighting shown below:

SLO County 61%
City of Paso Robles 15%
San Miguel 3%
Heritage Ranch 1%
San Juan/Shandon Water District 20%

SJ/Shandon Water district just had 30K acres taken out of their district and returned to County for management. They were originally around 141K acres so they lost about 21% of the paying acreage. They are still responsible for 20% of costs.

County is reviewing the Offset Ordinance - Can they create fair distribution of water?
Family sized farms were stopped irrigating during the drought. Now they are not able to go back to their previous practices before the drought. Therefore the County is considering amendments for these folks.

Cannabis report- All of the cannabis applicants who got preferential treatment (141 sites), first in line for a license, should have their permits by Jan 1. There are no more of these projects in the pipeline.

There is a moratorium on the use of hemp that was addressed in March. Hemp introduces odor as well as the cannabis. The trick is to keep tabs on these projects. We are learning what to do with new projects and that we have authority to question or check them out. Projects can have an information hold. We should keep track of projects as appeal time can pass by and then neighbors can't amend or change anything.

North Ryan Update? Renamed as Engrained. Still being reviewed. We are wondering if it is grandfathered in somehow, or is it... expiring December 31?

A major issue is that hemp can be grown as an ag crop. Odor issues are some and illegal activity can occur.

6) New Business –

- a. Phillips 66 Pipeline through Creston – Marisa Purificato, Coast Operations Supervisor. Info on location, dangers, maintenance, contents, etc. Lompoc to Lost Hills, been in industry for 14 years, Ron Kennedy, 7 years.
- b. Service System: Nipomo(Santa Maria Refinery) crude oil piped to Santa Maria through to Junction, then shipped to San Francisco Rodeo Refinery. Petroleum from Santa Barbara goes north to Nipomo where it is partially refined. That materials still requires further refining. So pipeline starts in Nipomo and goes north through Santa Margarita (Hwy 58), along Hwy 229 into downtown Creston, on out to Shandon, then north to SF refinery.
- c. Smart tools (pigs) measures thickness, cracks, etc. Workers run crack tests yearly with a third party contractor. Line is checked by drivers daily. Air surveys occur every Wed. & Fri. All monitoring for any potential problems.
- d. Department of Transportation dictates regulations.
- e. Seismic monitors are used on site to see movement. System can be shut down to check all lines at any concern...earthquake, etc, system has auto shut down, atmosphere monitors. The fire department is trained for emergencies.

- f. Product in the lines is very sluggish and slow to ignite but can burn. Danger of soil contamination was a concern of attendees. Response was the sludge tends to coagulate into a blob and not penetrate into the soil.
- g. In 1996 the Creston Station on La Panza was decommissioned.

7) Planning Department— Project Referrals/Other permits in our area and an update on what is happening in the department – ????, County Planner still unassigned. Updates to any projects in the works. All members.

Quick review of the latest list of cannabis projects in the works. All members will keep an eye on the projects in their areas of CAB. Jan, CAB Area #5, Hwy 58 - Project Clark, 5145 Highway 58: access road questionable

8) Unfinished/ Continuing Business

- a. CAB letter to supervisors regarding cannabis – who will work on this? Steve will be contacted to look at the hemp letter. Can it be redone from cannabis to hemp issues? Sheila will contact Steve to redo letter for Hemp.

9) Committee Reports/Next Steps

- a. By-Laws – Sheila L., & Jan M. – Nothing to report
- b. Elections – Sheila L. & Susan S. Judy Blankenship (public) - Nothing to report
- c. Public Information – Roy B., Tom E. & Mike Aarons w/ Website update – Kurt A.

Request was made for CAB board to use name tags with assigned CAB area serving. Roy, Tom, and Mike to make signs.

Request was made for the CAB boundary map to be more visible on the website.

10) Treasurer's Report – Roy

Supervisor's Deposit in the amount of \$1000 brings total to	\$1,622.41
Payment to church for use of building:	- 700.00
2 account maintenance fees (2 x \$12)	- 24.00
Total	\$ 898.41

CAB members have tried without success to find a bank with no maintenance fees.

11) Adjournment by approximately 9:30 p.m.

8:45pm motion by Jan, seconded by Susan, unanimous vote to adjourn.