

CRESTON ADVISORY BODY

Meeting Minutes

In person

Wednesday, May 15 , 2024, 7 PM

Creston Community Center

Members Present: Don Clark, Sheila Lyons, Roy Barba, Mike Aarons, Kurt Almond

Alternates Present: none

Guests Present:(see attached Attendee sign in sheets)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. By Sheila.

1. **Minutes** Approval moved to June meeting due to lack of a quorum
 2. **Public Comments**
 - a. Creston 4H need community service hours for their over 100 members. If anyone has a project or event that 4H members could assist in, please contact Tom Bordonaro or
 - 3.
 4. **Public Safety**
 - a. **Fire Department**-Cal Fire Captain Mitchell reported that weed abatement inspections are starting now. Brush and grass clearance of 100 feet from buildings is recommended so that buildings can be protected from wildfire. Trees should be trimmed along driveways to 14 feet for fire equipment entrance. Clearly post the address on the road with reflective numbers so that the fire department can find your location. Agricultural burn permits are still open but call before you burn to confirm that it is a burn day. Go to www.ready.org for more information
 - b. **Sheriff**
 - c. **CHP report**
- New Business**
5. **County Planning Report**
 - a. Verizon Cell Tower location discussed by Pete Shubin from Verizon. Possible tower location consideration was remote, using Google Earth for future tower sites. Roy questioned the lack of in-field considerations and discussions with actual landowners. The original location would have 80-90% of the coverage needed but was too close and impeded neighbor's viewshed. Alternate location only covered 40% of the coverage needed but had less viewshed impact. Discussion about other sites that were considered. Safety of the RF waves emitted from cell towers was discussed with David Wiscouskic with OKU Solutions. Electromagnetic energy was discussed and the safety of distance near a cell tower. At 96 feet tall, a cell tower is most dangerous in the direct line of sight 0-35 feet. Property values increases 16% with a cell tower on site. *A motion was made by Thomas to deny the current cell site location and encourage an alternative site, seconded by _____ . The motion passed.* Alternative site locations were the church and the Community Center which has a deed restriction that has not been resolved with County Planning.
 6. **County Supervisor-Debbie Arnold**
 - a. -Community Center possible cell tower location had not been resolved by County Counsel.
 - b. County lobbyist that represents the county in state legislation was looking for support for AB2079 which would allow local enforcement, Environmental Health in SLO County,

to be able to restrict large/deep water well development. Debbie and John Peshong voted to support the bill, Gibson and Paulding voted against the support of the bill and Ortiz-Legg was absent so SLO County could not send support of the bill.

- c. Fire Safe Council and Cal Fire had received \$23 million grant for brush removal and preventative wildfire measures.
 - d. New County CAO would be starting May 24th.
 - e. Wind energy leases, 5 in all, along the coast are all owned by foreign companies. There is a lot of controversy on these leases.
 - f. Road maintenance for the second year has been ranked to the bottom of the county budget
 - g. State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara (800)927-4357 needs to be inquired about the state of acquiring insurance in areas that have been dropped.
- 7. New Business**
- a. Thomas reported on the code enforcement at the Airstream trailer air B & B. The trailers will be moved off property and a house will be built on site for short term rentals.
 - b. Murray Powell reporting on the Paso Cooperative Committee on May 27 meeting. Three subjects to be discussed is well monitoring, land fallow payments, and blended water from Paso City waste water plant.
 - c. Cal Fire Meeting May 17th at 6 pm Creston Community Center, to discuss the Huer Huero and Coyote Creek fire management plan.
- 8. Treasurer's Report**-Roy reported \$1851.89, one \$10 expenditure, leaving a balance of \$1841.49.

The next CAB meeting will be **June 19 at 7 PM** at the Creston Community Center. A motion made by Kurt to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim. The motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT-\$1776.24 in the checking account with expenses including \$600 to the CATCH Fund for facility rental, leaving a balance of \$1676.24 for February 2023.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Submitted to Creston Advisory Board by Don Clark