

**Eureka County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. on January 4, 2016 by Vice Chair Robin Hicks.

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted and members present were: Vice Chair Robin Hicks; Secretary/Treasurer Cecil Wright; Member Moll; Member Brown and Alternate Jim Ithurrealde.

Chair Conley, Member Benson and Member Rowley were absent.

Also present was Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, and consulting hydrogeologist to Eureka County, Dale Bugenig.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Secretary/Treasurer Cecil Wright made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting as presented. Member Moll seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

None

Appointment of Officers

Member Moll motioned to retain current officers. Member Brown seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 5-0.

Eureka County Water Resources Master Plan

Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, handed each member a draft copy of the Water Resources Master Plan. Consulting Hydrogeologist for Eureka County, Dale Bugenig, introduced himself and added that he was hired by Eureka County to manage certain water issues that affect the County. One item on his list was to draft a Water Resources Master Plan to be included in the Eureka County Master Plan. He followed by giving a brief overview of the draft plan in a power point presentation he had prepared. Mr. Bugenig noted there were open ended potential management strategies included in the draft and explained that before a management strategy could be identified he would need input and feedback from the public. Mr. Tibbitts pointed out that this is merely a guideline to follow and not proposed law or regulation. He hoped the Planning Commission would have time to review the draft plan in the next month and at their next meeting be ready to schedule a date for a public hearing on the Water Resources Master Plan. This item would be on the next agenda for discussion/action.

Board Member Comments

Vice Chair Robin Hicks noted that Alternate Chad Sestanovich has submitted a letter of resignation to the board. This letter was taken to the Board of County Commissioners and accepted on December 21, 2015. This now vacant Alternate Member position would be posted immediately in hopes of filling that vacancy.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, notified the Board that the Cooperative Extension's search committee has selected two finalists for the vacant Extension Educator position. These two individuals would be giving a public presentation on the 12th of January on the subject of water conservation.

Adjournment

Alternate Ithurrealde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Member Moll seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Anne Kniefel, Department Assistant

Board Approved on February 8, 2016, by:

Russell Conley, Chair