

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 18, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Lake County, California, met in regular session this 18th day of March, 2004, there being present Supervisors Jeff Smith, Gary Lewis and Ed Robey, Administrative Officer Kelly Cox, County Counsel Cameron Reeves, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Georgine Hunt. Supervisors Farrington and Brown were absent.

Supervisor Farrington intended to participate in today's meeting via tele-conference, however, before today's agenda was finalized, staff had informed him that this meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. Supervisor Farrington did receive today's agenda, with the correct time of the meeting, but did not notice the change, and when he telephoned the Clerk, he was informed that the meeting would be at 1:00 p.m. Supervisor Farrington stated that he would not arrive at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento by 1:00 p.m. According to the Brown Act, in order to participate in a meeting via tele-conferencing, you must be at the location that is stated on the agenda. Because of the Brown Act requirements, Supervisor Farrington was unable to participate in today's meeting.

Supervisor Brown could not attend today's meeting nor could he participate via tele-conference because he was in Guatemala, volunteering his services in assisting in reconstructive procedures of children who are born with cleft palates.

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Acting Chair Robey.

- 1. CONSIDERATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT TO CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON REGARDING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE MIDDLE CREEK FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT AND TO TRANSFER TRUST STATUS ON LANDS FOR ROBINSON RANCHERIA TO PARCELS ADJACENT TO CLEAR LAKE** - Assistant Public Works Director Bob Lossius was present and gave an overview of the proposed project. The feasibility study for the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project is complete and awaiting transmittal to Congress by the USA Corps of Engineers. Congressman Mike Thompson supports the project and wants to insure the project is included in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) currently in the Senate for action. To insure WRDA includes language authorizing the project, Congressman Mike Thompson needs a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors by Friday, March 19, 2004, the Vice-Chair, in the absence of the Chair, has asked for this special meeting to address this item. The proposed language in the legislation for the project includes a requirement to transfer USA in trust status from Robinson Rancheria parcels in the project area to three Robinson Rancheria parcels adjacent to Clear Lake. It is staff's understanding that project authorization and the transfer of the trust was not included in the Water Resources Development Act during Congressional mark-ups because Congressman Thompson was awaiting the result of MOU negotiations between the County and the Robinson Rancheria regarding the transfer of th trust. On March 16, 2004, County and tribal representatives met to discuss a solution to the preparation of a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) but as of this date an agreement has not been reached.

Chair Robey asked if anyone present wished to speak on this item and Mr. Scott Sirois and Mr. Eric Seely spoke. No one else was present wishing to speak and the public portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Lewis and by vote of the Board (3 ayes, Supervisors Farrington and Brown ABSENT), approved the letter of support to Congressman Thompson requesting his support of legislation to authorize the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project and to transfer trust status on lands for Robinson Rancheria to parcels adjacent to Clear Lake and authorized the Chair to sign.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:05 p.m.


Chair - Lake County Board of Supervisors

KELLY F. COX
Clerk of the Board



By: 
Georgine Hunt
Assistant Clerk of the Board