

AGENDA

Next Meeting

Dunnigan Advisory Committee

WEDNESDAY, September 17, 7:00pm

**Country Fair Estates
5130 County Road 99W
Dunnigan, Ca 95937**

Call to Order

Adoption of minutes: Meeting of August 20th

Public Comments

Correspondence

Committee Reports

- **Drainage**
- **Prison**
- **Roads**
- **Safety**
- **Water**
- **Community Maintenance**

Invited Speaker:

Discussion Items

Newsletter report
Rooster – Update
Incorporation Information

Planning Commissioner Update

Adjourn

Unapproved Minutes
Dunnigan Advisory Committee
Wednesday, August 20, 2008

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Call to order: 7:05pm

ATTENDANCE

- 15 members in attendance, quorum present
- 36 members, residents and guests were present at this meeting
- Total in attendance 51 members and guests

MINUTES

July 7th Minutes

Chairman Williams called for the adoption of the special meeting July 7 minutes. No corrections or additions were brought to the floor. Chairman Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion by Anita Tatum; Seconded by Willard Ingraham

Vote: Yes 15; No 0; Abstain 0; Motion passed, minutes of July 7th approved.

July 16th Minutes

Chairman Williams called for the adoption of the July 16th minutes. No corrections or additions were brought to the floor. Chairman Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion by Shirley Gooch; Seconded by Willard Ingraham

Vote: Yes 14; No 0; Abstain 1; Motion passed, minutes of July 16th approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Williams called for public comments.

- V. Lovell requested we add Community Maintenance to the agenda under committee reports. She then addressed the contract which is currently being written up with Waste Management. D. Rust indicated it still has to go to the board for final approval.
- At present we only have one large item pick up for the community. D. Rust indicated there had been a volunteer program put together by Duane Chamberlain in May. The new contract will include a once a year pick up (April or May) at that time residents will be allowed to put large items out not to exceed four tons, (chairs, appliances, etc items that can not be put into recycle or waste container). This is included in the franchise agreement with Waste Management.
- V. Lovell question if the contract can be changed to allow for two pick ups per year? D. Rust suggested she be present when it's presented to the Board and ask

if that is a possibility and indicated he forward a e-mail address of the person to speak with.

- V. Lovell also addressed the request for two clean up locations at a time. She indicated it may be a waste of time for crews to come by and pick up one item. She indicated it might be advisable for the crews to work on clean up of the large brush and weeds in certain areas.
- D. Rust stated he had not received a list of sites as yet. He indicated people on probation would come up and bag up the garbage and leave the bags to be picked up by the county crew. Road Dept. had indicated they would pick up the trash if we provided a list.
- W. Ingraham announced the flea market that will be held on Oct. 4th to raise money to pay the insurance on the church. It will be held at Bill & Kathy's parking lot, from 8 to 2pm.

Chairman Williams called for additional Public Comments, none were brought to the floor, and Public Comments were closed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Williams asked for correspondence

- Handout on Prison from Beth Gabor, Public Information Officer
- Thirteen re-entry facilities slated for California, so far there are none located within the state. Purpose is to rehabilitate inmates to re-enter society and help them make a positive step forward, current recidivism rate is 50%
- L. Bertolero indicated the Esparto, Capay and Madison committees would be meeting on the prison issue.

Chairman Williams acknowledged the Planning Commission package received for our review, it is available this evening, it references downtown Esparto and Esparto planning, the marina at the I5 bridge, 11 acre parcel to be split in Monument Hills, bio fuels facility and southwest of Capay an application for road abandonment. Leroy Bertolero indicated these were all approved by the Planning Commission.

Chairman Williams referenced his letter to the Board of Supervisors about the concentration of roosters. Letter contains a thank you to Don Rust for his assistance in following through on the problem it also summarizes the work done by Vickie Fletcher. He also noted there was no ordinance at present governing the Ag zones. We urge the Board of Supervisors to work with Vickie to come up with joint rules that cover both Ag and residential zoned property (RRA) referencing the raising of Roosters. Secretary Kirkland asked for a copy of the letter for the file, Chairman Williams to provide a copy.

- V. Lovell asked why we did not receive the information on the re-entry facility.
- D. Rust suggested she contact Beth Gabor and possibly this information was on the web site, but he was unsure.

Chairman Williams asked for additional correspondence, none was brought to the floor, correspondence was closed.

INVITED SPEAKER

No speaker this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Drainage:

Secretary Kirkland recapped the steps this committee has taken over the last three years to identify and rectify the drainage problems in the Road 7 area.

- Two areas have been identified as the cause.
- Last month a letter was written to Mr. Murphy referencing the ditch along the east side of his property that was in dire need of maintenance. No response received.
- The county was notified about the ditch south of Road 8 which needs to be cleaned and redone to direct drainage towards Byrd Creek. No response as of this date.
- At our last sub committee meeting two additional steps will be taken: (1.) B. Stucker will talk to TMP farms in hopes of getting them to pull a new ditch: (2.) Submit an Encroachment Permit application to work in the county right of way to clean out the drainage ditches, ask the county to waive the fee.
- B. Stucker is still working with Wildlands to see if they are willing to pull a ditch straight down Road 7 to their property, which would bypass the 90 degree turn north to Azevedo Draw.

Roads:

Secretary Kirkland indicated that Wilma Gullatt, the head of this committee and Betty Elliott, who surveyed the work that was done, were both absent this evening.

- In speaking with Wilma earlier today, she indicated she would be speaking with Pannos Kokkas, due to what is taking place at County Road 2 and County Line Road.
- Earlier a letter had been forwarded to the Public Works Dept. with a list of roads in need of repair; this was a joint effort of this committee.
- We did receive some assistance from the county as they fixed potholes and patched some roads.
- Betty Elliott went out and compared our list to what had been done. She reported back and had several concerns; (1) why some potholes had been repaired and other left untouched. She questioned if there were guidelines as to which ones were repaired and others left untouched.
- Secretary Kirkland went on to indicate that the county had resurfaced County Road 14 from just past the paint ball area all the way through the hills to just before the stop sign at Road 87. Nice new road. Why?
- We can't even get a pothole fixed, we get patches. We all pay taxes here, we deserve to get something back for those taxes. We need our roads repaired, they are falling apart, and potholes patches don't last forever.
- Wilma is on this; we will be meeting again and it appears another letter will be sent to the county maintenance department referencing the state of our roads.

Chairman Williams addressed Mr. Rust with the idea that perhaps someone from the roads department should attend our meeting.

Safety: No Report.

Water: No Report. Water committee has been working on the re-entry facility.

Secretary Kirkland commented on a meeting being held this evening by the county on the

water issue. Supervisor Chamberlain was asked to keep us advised as to what is taking place. B. Weber recapped the water issue:

- County wants to monitor private owner's ground water usage by installing monitoring devices on private wells. This is to determine the amount of water being pumped out of the wells. Question is who owns the well; everyone is a little bit skeptical about the monitoring of the ground water.
- Farmers are very irritated about this concept, they believe they have the water rights and do not want anybody to monitor private property, they are posing a great opposition to this issue.
- It appears the county is backing down do to the opposition to this process.
- B. Weber indicated he has mineral rights to 500ft and his well is less than that number. Question is whether water is really mineral.
- S. Gooch indicated she attended the Farm Bureau meeting and learned we don't own the ground water.
- E. Linse indicated at the County Fair people asked if a petition on the ground water issue was available. This is another example that the county needs to work more openly with the Advisory Committees and be more open with the public. He referenced the Conway Ranch issue, the Dunnigan Hills Ag Districts, a lot of people in the Dunnigan Hills area felt this was yet another avenue for the county to allow building there. He stated the Supervisors need to work more closely with the people of the county and not so privately among themselves. This would help to eliminate rumors. The county needs a good a communications person.
- V. Lovell indicated there appears to be a movement in Washington referencing the water and the wetlands; this is deeper than our local government.

Prison:

Chairman Williams indicated Wilma was not here this evening and he went on to summarize what has been taking place. This committee has been very active.

- Meetings have been held jointly with Zamora at Friday morning breakfast meetings over the past several weeks.
- Had a booth at the County Fair, circulated petitions and cards against the prison, collected donations from the public to help stop this movement and made freeway signs against the prison being placed in rural communities.

Chairman Williams went on to define the reasoning behind these re-entry facilities and ended by saying we don't qualify for this to be built anywhere in the rural parts of this area. AB 900 requires an urban location. Secretary Kirkland went on to provide the following information:

- 2000 names had been collected on our petition and numerous cards objecting to the prison. The first group of petitions has been given to the Supervisors; the second group is slated to be given to either the Governor or the CDCR. The committee collected 500 more signatures at the fair.
- We are an unincorporated area we don't have the right to say "No" only incorporated cities have this right. The team effort that Dunnigan and Zamora has developed over this project is outstanding. It has definitely brought the two communities closer together.
- The prison is going to offer 300 jobs, how many of these jobs do you think Yolo County will get? If we get 20% of them were going to be lucky. Most of the

people slated to work at this facility will be transferred in from other areas. Those people generally don't want to live in the same area that they will be working. Working in a prison environment is very different from other types of jobs.

- People of Zamora are very angry about this and are looking at some type of legal action. Not sure how far they have gone, we are waiting to see what the county is going to do, we have submitted a list of eight alternative sites on county owned property for this facility. None of these sites will affect our rural agricultural areas.

Chairman Williams called for public comments on the prison issue, several questions were brought to the floor referencing if any of these facilities were already in operation; how many are planned for California and reason for these facilities.

- AB 900 indicated the money was appropriated to build 13 re-entry facilities; none have been built as yet.
- The state is looking for counties willing to accept these facilities. The idea behind the re-entry facility will provide inmates in their last year of incarceration rehabilitation before re-entering the community. Hopefully they would be employable once they are released and not end up back in prison. The recidivism rate for Yolo County is around 50%.
- L. Bertolero indicated that Esparto, Madison and Capay want to hold an informational meeting on the prison issue. Chairman Williams asked if he was indicating they are starting to look at other sites besides the two that were put forth. L. Bertolero indicated there were two sites around Esparto.
- Secretary Kirkland commented on her conversation with Supervisor Chamberlain who indicated there were 10 sites being looked at away from Dunnigan. But don't get comfortable as yet. Until it's a done deal we don't believe it.
- L. Bertolero stated there are some land owners in other areas trying to get it.

Chairman Williams again complimented our prison committee for their hard work. Sept. 15th is the deadline for the site selection. V. Lovell commented that Zamora/Dunnigan had come together as a team; the entire community as well has worked as one against this. Arbuckle has backed Dunnigan in this issue as well. The sub committee put forth a positive approach in dealing with this issue. She went on to say this committee has already worked with the county to make this a better place for everyone; you put a prison out here that's not a positive for any community. We are doing the best that we can to lead them away from Dunnigan. Secretary Kirkland clarified we are not against the idea of the re-entry facility, the idea the state has is perhaps a very good one, we are against where they are attempting to put it.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Newsletter:

Chairman Williams indicated a one page newsletter had been placed at the post office this week. It summarized the prison issue in a neutral fashion, had a list of high school graduates from Dunnigan, congratulating them. Also included was a message from the Fire Chief asking residents to keep their lots clear. He indicated he was continuing to work on getting the news letter printed without any individual costs, the contact person he was in hopes would print it was unable to meet with Chairman Williams; he will

continue to work on this. If you have items you wish to place in the newsletter call Chairman Williams or Anita Tatum.

Roosters:

Chairman Williams called on Don Rust for an update. Don went on to recap what has taken place and where we are now.

- There are seven properties that have Roosters, three are located in the Ag areas and at this time nothing can be done about those
- The four properties in the residential areas, three of the homeowners are co-operating, one person (the one with the most roosters) has been non responsive. Don indicated he had sent a certified letter and he received it back today unanswered, unopened. He will look into a legal approach to contact this person.
- One person asked to have his property rezoned Ag. Don instructed them they have a right to apply for that, the cost is about \$10,000. He also indicated he didn't believe the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors would support the request.
- W. Ingraham indicated he hears nothing but roosters, lots of them, very noisy, high fence can't see them, thinks its south of Road 88B near Road 5

Incorporation Information:

Chairman Williams recapped the reason this subject came about; he indicated that when the re-entry facility issue came up we learned that incorporated cities had the option to say no, but the unincorporated areas were at the mercy of the county and could not reject the facility. Therefore the investigation into incorporation began.

- E.Linse indicated he had made comments about this issue at a previous meeting; most of the Advisory Committee has signed the petition to incorporate. He has not been able to pursue this because of the large amount of focus on the other aspects of the prison issue.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

Chairman Williams called on Leroy Bertolero, Planning Commissioner, for an update on what the Planning Commission has been dealing with. Leroy referenced the five items that had been recently approved by the Planning Commission, of which we have the packages available this evening for Advisory members to review.

He went on to indicated there would be a Planning Commission workshop with the Board of Supervisors on the New General Plan, September 16th 9:00 am till?? We will be going through the whole thing. The staff will be presenting, then over the next year public hearings will be held; the Planning Commission and the Supervisors will then go over each element of the GP and approve them. The goal is to have a new General Plan adopted by September 2009. No other business will be conducted at the Sept. 16th meeting except the joint meeting on the General Plan.

Leroy went on to address some County Issues:

(1) Capay Valley, Esparto and Madison are concerned over the increase in traffic if the casino is enlarged. Currently there are approximately 11,000 car trips per day that travel through the area. They project this could double. This issue will not come to the

Planning Commission because of the legislation passed last year which requires the tribes to mitigate with their county of residence and solve the problem. Therefore the tribe has to work with the county to solve the additional impact problems on Esparto, Madison and the Capay Valley due to this requested expansion. A new direct road to the casino was discussed.

(2) Clarksburg is under attack probably far bigger than any other attacks in the county. The state and the federal government want to take the whole Clarksburg area and make it a lake. The states first choice was the Yolo bypass; the second is the Clarksburg/Freeport area all the way down towards Rio Vista; the third choice is the Stone Lake reserve area across the freeway from Elk Grove; talk about a battle, the Clarksburg area would loose all their homes, vineyards, orchards, stock lands, everything would become a lake. The big water districts have the idea to come to the northern part of the state to buy up all this land to create lakes and increase wetlands to raise fish. They have the power to get the water and through conservation methods they can take the land by force. The goal is to get the water to southern California.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Extend an invitation to Public Works to attend our next meeting.

Chairman Williams stated the next meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 17th at Country Fair Estates. As there was no further business Chairman Williams called for a motion to adjourn. He thanked everyone for attending and confirmed our meeting will be held here in September and October per our by laws.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Greg Bickford, seconded by Vaughnnett Lovell, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Deanna Kirkland, Secretary
Dunnigan Advisory Committee

