

Unapproved Minutes
Dunnigan Advisory Committee
Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008

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

Call to order: 7:15 pm

ATTENDANCE

17 members in attendance, quorum present
1 members absent, Wilma Gullatt
7 members, residents and guests were present at this meeting
Total in attendance 24 members and guests

MINUTES

Chairman Williams called for the approval of the Oct. 15th. No corrections or additions were noted. He then called for a motion to approve.

Motion by: Adella Backhaus; Seconded by: Anita Tatum to approve minutes of Oct. 15th. Vote: Yes; 16, No; 0, Abstain; 1, Minutes approved.

Chairman Williams called for the approval of the minutes of the special meeting on Oct. 29th. No corrections or additions were noted at this time.

Motion by: Mel Smith; Seconded by Erich Linse to approve the minutes of Oct. 29th special meeting. Vote: Yes; 16, No; 1, Abstain; 0, Minutes approved.

Chairman Williams indicated a letter had been put together with a list of changes and comments from both special meetings and forwarded to David Morrison. The letter was forwarded the first part of this week. He indicated it was important to have this information sent in prior to the due date. Secretary Kirkland indicated the list only contained the motions and the suggested changes. Chairman Williams indicate the information was consolidated so they could look at the motion, identify what part of the general plan it addressed and review our suggested change. He indicated a copy of the letter and list was available for members to view.

B. Weber noted a correction to the minutes of 10/29 after they had been approved. Correction to comment made referencing the LU1-A Reference Map, Bill indicated he did not make the comment, but Mel Smith did. Minutes changed to reflect comment made by Mel Smith. **Motion by Betty Elliott; Seconded by Bill Weber; Vote: Yes 17; No 0; Abstain 0; Motion Passed to make the correction to the Oct. 29th minutes.**

Chairman Williams indicated there were no minutes as yet for the last special meeting held on Nov. 5th they will have to be approved at our next meeting in January 2009. He went on to indicate the members who wanted to make special comments were instructed to forward those comments under separate cover.

Chairman Williams asked if anyone had attended the land owners meeting and would they like to comment on what was presented. Erich Linse attended and indicated basically the concern was about water. They questioned if there would be a new county

organization that would collect data, the speaker was a hydrologist, Joe Scalmanini, who has been with the county for the last 30+ years. His point, where ever there is water being exploited from any of the shallow, middle or lower aquifers there are water boards that are working with those well owners. All the wells are documented and that most likely there is no need for another survey to be done just co-operative and co-ordination with those water districts. Yolo County water levels have risen; it's possible this is attributed to the Colusa/Tehama Canal. He was pointed out the county has a system of managing it now and the results look good.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Williams announced the Fire Dept. Dinner on Dec. 6th tickets are available Chairman Williams indicated he contacted the state and he now has the trees to plant the clover leaf. If you are interested in helping, see him after the meeting.

V. Lovell addressed the zone issue. Zones being changed without notifying residents. She was concerned about residents who own agricultural property and their zoning getting changed without being notified.

As no other comments were brought to the floor; Public Comments were closed.

GUEST SPEAKER

Pannos Kokkas, Assistant Director of Public Works

Chairman Williams introduced Pannos Kokkas. Mr. Kokkas explained the responsibility of his department, which basically includes nothing more than the maintenance of the county roads. He went on to state they have no responsibility for drainage ditches except for those along side the county roads. They can not enter private property, nor do they have the funding for maintenance of drainage ditches. 99% of the funding is designated to roads. They are audited by the state department annually to assure the funding is being used for road maintenance. He explained the two types of funding they receive and what each is used for. Roads are defined as two types; major roads, have a lot of traffic, minor roads have less traffic and do not connect to large centers. He also indicated they receive a small amount of tax money.

The following issues were brought to the floor:

Removal of culverts by county, who is responsible to replace them.

Cleaning of ditches in the public right of way. Dirt pushed into culverts by county crews when cleaning the ditches, is county responsible for cleaning them out.

Pothole repair on our roads is a continual process.

Chip sealing has never been done to resurface the entire roadways in the Dunnigan area. Mr. Pannos was asked if there was a criteria for which potholes get fixed.

There is a large amount of traffic on County Road 99W, Why is this road not on the list to be resurfaced?

Mr. Kokkas explained what has been accomplished since January 1. He referenced the repair of County Road 2 and the replacement of traffic signs. The cost of these repairs amounted to \$245, 905. He indicated the amount he spent in District 5 last year which includes Dunnigan was \$855,000. 28% of the money was spent in an area that is less than 10% of the total district. He then entertained questions from the committee:

Is the money received connected to the road tax that is collected at the gas pump, is it relevant and is it proportional to the road tax that is collected? (answer: based on total miles of roads)

What portion of the road tax is paid within the county boundaries, how much comes from Dunnigan and is that proportional to the amount of money you spent in Dunnigan this year. (answer: doesn't know, they look at a whole area)

Road 8 and 99W, stop light, does not function properly, works fine for the truckers but not for all traffic. No parking signs not observed; destroyed all the time and they have to be continually replaced. Sheriff and Highway patrol will not ticket.

Put the ditch back and stop truckers from parking along 99W south of Road 8

Mr. Kokkas addressed the sensor problem at the traffic light. He indicated it would be checked. He also indicated he looked at the area and the plans when Pilot and Ritchie Bros. were constructed and appears to him there was no ditch in the area.

Who did the plan check? (answer: the county)

Are all the roads in Dunnigan classified minor roads (answer: yes)

Who classifies the road (answer: the Federal Highway Administration)

B. Weber stated drainage issue only pertains to roads, that's kind of enlightening, this committee would like to help you spend the quarter of a million dollars a year, this committee was asked to prepared a list of what our needs were, how did you determine what was important.

D. Rust referenced the list that was presented to them. The list is being worked on by the roads department.

Reference was made to four years back when we asked the county to do some work. No work had been done in Dunnigan for years until we pushed the point. What will happen to 99W and some of our other roads if the county cannot maintain them? How do we get our roads taken care of even if it's one or two roads per year? (answer: referenced El Macero and the funds they collect. Roads are selected by the amount of traffic that travels them. EL Macero has a service district, CSD for roads.)

Chairman Williams thank Mr. Kokkas for attending the meeting this evening.

Don Pert complimented the roads department for doing a good job. Mr. Kokkas indicated he has sent his staff to class on how to patch roads; he likes to do it once. By teaching them the proper way, the patches will last longer. S. Gooch asked if 99W is a state highway. Mr. Kokkas indicated when I 5 was put in; 99W was turned over to the county.

Making 99W into four lanes was discussed

D. Rust referenced meeting on Nov. 5 with the sub committees. G. Bickford provided pictures, a letter was sent to the motel to clean out their ditches.

Chris Lee, Deputy to Supervisor Chamberlain presented information on CSA's and CSD's. He referenced the road account that the county maintains. These funds are provided thru a CSD for the Hardwoods subdivision.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Williams referenced the information turned into to us by our Fire Chief David Hunt, which included a 20 year plan for the Fire Protection District. He also had some concerns about the fire hazard in the Hardwood subdivision. Chairman Williams read his statement.

Chairman Williams recognized Don Rust who spoke briefly on the Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance draft. This ordinance will require new permanent businesses that wish to sell alcoholic beverages to obtain a CUP along with their ABC license. Existing business will be exempt from this requirement. This ordinance was drafted on the request of the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Williams referenced the problem in Dunnigan with the shell station. If new businesses do not follow the conditions of approval their CUP can be revoked by the county.

CUP only applicable to new business.

N. Busch questioned the type of CUP that would be issued.

D. Rust indicated this ordinance will not go back to the board until January.

M. Smith questioned the requirements of the ABC license. D. Rust stated that the ABC indicated they have the authority to place restrictions, but the applicant either will get a license or not. They suggested the county require a CUP for better control.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Drainage: Secretary Kirkland referenced the meeting with the county representatives and feels that our drainage problem will have to be fixed by us.

Roads: No report, Wilma not here this evening

Water: No water report

Safety: No report

Community Maintenance: V. Lovell mentioned our water ways being used as dumping grounds. Comments were made about items being dumped in the ditches alongside the roads. D. Rust again asked for a list of areas that need to be cleaned up. This should be submitted at least quarterly.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Newsletter: No report

Roosters: D. Rust indicated that one home on 88B has moved out. Also another home has removed all the roosters. The one that he is turning over to the District Attorney is the one located closer to Road 5 on 88B. He feels there are over 100 roosters there. They have been unsuccessful in their attempt to contact the residents. Chairman Williams informed Don about drugs being involved with the rooster trade. It is an ever present sense that the neighbors feel is taking place. Question was posed as to the progress being made about the roosters on Ag property. D. Rust stated that Animal Control is bringing the ordinance back to the Board. The ordinance is being modified to address this issue. He will check on the progress and provide some input at our January meeting. W. Ingraham addressed the issue of buildings on separate pieces of properties being set to close to the property line which adds to the nuisance and noise. He felt buildings should be set back a distance from property lines.

Animal Control Hardwood: Already addressed.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

D. Pert thanked everyone for their comments. He indicated next Thursday he would be showing a new supervisor around Dunnigan. This is the supervisor that is replacing Mariko.

Chairman Williams recognized Supervisor Chamberlain and thanked him for coming this evening. He asked if he had any comments to share. Duane indicated he wished he could do more about the roads. He described where the county right of way was and to use the PG&E power poles as a guide lines. If we have an issue with pot holes, give Duane a detailed description of where they are, pictures are not helpful if he doesn't know where they are located he can't get the issue addressed.

A question was again raised about the prison, Duane indicated he was still fighting the issue, he also referenced we were lucky; we fought hard and won. He went on to

describe the areas they attempted to place it and Madison ended up with the problem. The Port of Sacramento was also considered.

Duane indicated the county wants the \$30M they really don't want the re-entry facility. The biggest problem is that the cities have the right to reject it. Secretary Kirkland asked about the area Duane was in favor of, he said it was dropped because of Woodland.

B. Stucker referenced the warehouse property available in Woodland. Also how long did he feel the lawsuits would take.

Duane referenced his discussion earlier today about the 113, I 5 interchange, a very expensive project, if we put this as our highest priority, will we get the funds? Or if go to a second priority that is not as expensive we maybe can get the funding from the state.

B. Stucker again asked about the lawsuits? Duane indicated there were two; Farm Bureau and Save Rural Yolo County. Brian asked if the affect of these suits would forestall the prison for 2-4 years or more like 5-10 years. Duane indicated he didn't know. He referenced the comment made by the state; local people have to be in favor of the facility. He has no idea what is happening.

Chairman Williams thanked Duane for his comments and asked if there were any other concerns.

N. Busch questioned how to get permission to put a ditch along 99W because of the two rights of ways involved. Reference was made to the railroad; Secretary Kirkland indicated her last conversation with the railroad indicated they had no problem with the county working in their right of way. She referenced the ditch that was blocked on the east side of 99W across from Ritchie Bros first driveway. All the water drains north towards Road 7 and then we have the Murphy property ditch problem which we can't seem to get rectified. The water has to go somewhere.

Chairman Williams reminded the committee there is no meeting in December, the next meeting will be in January. He called for any future agenda items.

B. Stucker referenced a statement made by Pannos which indicated it didn't matter how much you scream, that doesn't determine how much money you get, I don't feel that was a true statement, because I think we got a proportional share just by being the squeaky wheel. He feels that is a good thing for us to continue to do. Chairman Williams indicated he could see a number of things we've accomplished that he feels we have been reasonably effective.

D. Rust indicated he would see that everyone received a copy of the ABC ordinance so we could discuss this at the January meeting. This will be added to the agenda.

Chairman Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. **Motion by N. Bush to adjourn, Seconded by Adella Backhaus, all in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deanna Kirkland, Secretary
Dunnigan Advisory Committee