

Measure Q Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 6:30 pm

City Council Chambers

600 East A St., Dixon, CA 95620

Adopted Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Tad Smith, Chairperson – P

Gary Riddle, Vice-Chairperson – P

Jack Caldwell, Member – P

Andrea Kett, Member – P

Julie Mustard, Member – P

Jorjet Potier, Member – P

Robert Strong, Member – P

B. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was carried by the following vote to adopt the agenda:

AYES: Smith, Riddle, Caldwell, Kett, Mustard, Potier, Strong

NOES:

C. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Tad Smith, Chairperson

A motion to approve minutes was approved by all.

D. Consent Calendar – None

II. AGENDA

A. Review of the Draft of the CBOC Annual Report

Letter from the Vice-Chair-

The Committee went over the letter from the Vice Chair and the draft Annual Report which members made recommendations.

Vice-Chair Riddle mentioned that in the letter on the Annual Report draft it mentioned the website being now functional. He feels that “functional” needs to be defined. His definition is informative and well-designed or user friendly and at this time the website has a ways to go. He also said that they still needed to tell the public which website they need to go to and how they get to the videos of the CBOC meetings. Currently, the videos are not on the Measure Q website.

Public Comment-

She wanted to remind the Committee that the District violated the law twice. They violated Ed Code 15278 when they didn't appoint the Committee on a timely manner and they also violated the law 15286 when they did not provide the audit to the Committee at the same time as it was submitted to the school district.

Public Comment-

He agrees with the previous public comment. He feels that the Committee should not be so complimentary to the District on the Annual Report when they failed to do certain things. He felt that Mr. Calise is also not providing things on time when requested. He would like to see something on the overview letter saying that the Committee would hope for better cooperation from the school district than what the Committee has been given in the past.

Chairperson Tad mentioned that the draft was posted to the website one week ago and there are some sections that still needed to be completed. The Committee went over the draft CBOC 2017 Annual Report for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Vice-Chair Riddle made a comment on the bond assessment rate. He said that it was underestimated on the ballot measure. The original rate was \$36.75 per \$100,000 assessed value and he said it was actually \$49.81 per \$100,000 assessed value with a difference of about 30%. He went on to say that although the initial assessment is incorrect, we now have to pay the correct rate of \$49.81. Also the Measure J that was passed in 2004 which has been revised several times has been combined with the Measure Q fees on the tax statement. Chairperson Smith said that perhaps the Committee should put that information on a section called “Background” on the annual report.

Member Potier has several questions for Mr. Calise and she will forward those questions to Chairperson Smith.

The timeline to turn in edits to Member Potier will be by October 12th.

B. Review of Recent Financial or Statement from District

Member Potier suggested that perhaps for the next CBOC meeting they should make sure that they receive the 2017-18 and the current fiscal year and have Melissa Mercado, the CBO attend the next meeting. Chairperson Smith also suggested that the transaction statements need to be posted on the Measure Q website.

Member Potier will request from Mr. Calise, the report that they gave the Committee back in September; it was easier to read.

Public Comment-

She questioned the clerical classified position that was being charged to the bond. Some of the CBOC members clarified that only 20% of her position was being charged for her clerical support of everything that is bond related. Member Potier questioned what her full time salary actually is. How can they confirm what 20% is of the salary.

Public Comment-

She read about what the Attorney General’s opinion states regarding the salary of the secretary: “Use Prop. 39 school bond proceeds to pay the salaries of district employees, to the extent they perform oversight work on construction projects”. She feels that what the secretary is doing is not performing oversight work on construction projects. She went on to say that John’s secretary is just setting up his schedule and feels that she shouldn’t be getting paid out of bond funds. Vice-chair Riddle stated that since Mr. Calise is performing oversight work on the construction projects, he can actually be charging

his salary to the bond but decided on charging a portion of someone supporting him in his duties instead which is how he recalls Mr. Calise explained it.

III. Reports of Officers and Subcommittees - None

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Unfinished Business

A. Clerical Support from the District-
The CBOC discussed in Item B

B. Legal Fees-

Chairperson Smith stated they simply do not have the documentation from the District to discuss if anything was charged to the bond for legal opinion on various letters that they have written to the District.

Public Comment-

She looked at her email she received from Mr. Calise and he replied that as of July 17th that they did not have the invoice from the attorney but he talked to the CBO and she told him that the attorney charged \$2,495 which she can forward the email to everyone.

Member Portier asked Chairperson Smith what was the basis of using bond funds for legal fees.

C. Measure Q Website-

Chairperson Smith stated that he doesn't know why there is a third party handling the website and it's making it very cumbersome. Vice Chair Riddle also stated that the person doing the work does not know what the Committee wants. Member Kett and Mustard will go directly with the creator of the website.

VI. New Business-

A. Measure Q Tax Rate

Vice Chair Riddle wants the County Treasurer, Charles Lomeli to come and address some questions.

VII. Announcements-

Next meeting dates: November 7th or November 14th

VIII. Adjournment- 9:21pm