

Las Posadas Five County Board  
February 13, 2023  
Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Matt Torrance at 7:01.

Tara moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jim Bennett reported a balance of \$56,053.74 in checking and \$85,238.71 in the money market account.

Tara moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Kitchen Equipment:** Tara is coordinating dates between Alameda and Sonoma County to move the camp equipment.

**Septic Report:**

We discussed the septic report provided by William Billeter of BC Engineering Group. He provided options to deal with the existing system or to explore installation of a new system. The report discouraged spending money on the old system because some tanks and lines as well as the location of the leach field seem to be out of compliance with county codes. Craig Machado also recommended to Matt that we not spend money on the old system.

BC Engineering estimated a cost of \$6,000 to \$8,000 to explore other areas of the camp for onsite septic suitability and if they are found, to document those areas with the county.

If suitable areas are found, the next step would be to develop topographical maps of septic suitable areas and develop design plans at an estimated cost of \$15,000 to \$25,000.

We discussed our concerns. Dion asked if we could get further clarification of what these costs entail. Jim Bennett would like to get an estimate of the end cost of a new septic system. He is concerned about spending money on plans if the resulting project is out of reach. Matt explained that William Billeter is not a contractor, and a final estimate would depend on what the engineers find to be feasible.

Jim Bennett and Jim Richards are concerned that Napa County may not approve the plan and we will have to pay for a new one. Lisa Bianchi is worried about the fact that we have no rights to the land and Cal Fire may throw other roadblocks in our way.

Matt reminded us that having a plan for the septic system is one of the three steps we must take to initiate the CEQA process.

Tom Baldocchi said he has worked with Mike Marcucchi and believes he is trustworthy and committed to camp. He is concerned that the engineering report will trigger an archaeological review and we can still be told no.

Tom moved that we spend up to \$8,000 to BC Engineering Group to explore other areas onsite for septic suitability, and if areas are found, to document those with the county. Glenn Parks seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Tom suggested that we ask BC Engineering for a fee schedule.

Matt will contact William Billeter to begin the process. He will also contact Senator Bill Dodds office to see if there is available funding for the septic project.

Jim Bennett reminded us that \$60,000 in our account, donated by two counties, is designated for kitchen renovations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53.

Submitted by

Margaret Close

Attendance:

Alameda: Jim Richards, Jim Bennett, Dion Hock

Contra Costa: Kerry Dolphin, Devon Baldocchi, Tom Baldocchi

Marin: Matt Torrance, Glenn Parks, Denise Parks

Napa

Sonoma: Tara Camgros, Michelle Machado, Margaret Close