



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St.,
Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
November 4, 2014**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Johnston.

*Supervisors present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, Johnston and Stump.
Supervisor absent: None.*

*Break: 10:16 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:27 a.m.
Adjourn: 1:23 p.m.*

Pledge of led by Supervisor Alpers.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jim Ouimet (Mammoth Dog Sled Team):

- Here regarding the National Forest Service proposal to changes.
- Concerned with Smoky Bear Flats changes; went over areas of concern. Worried about additional barricades there for safety reasons.
- He has until November 15th to get his written changes in to the Forest Service.
- Wanted Board to be aware; asked for support in any way.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Action: Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2016, as corrected.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-207

Supervisor Fesko:

- On page 3 of draft minutes, his Board report should read... "Took personal time off and went to see daughter and grandchildren after they were out of the country for the last four months in Sweden. Looking forward to spending more time when time permits as they will be moving to Sweden permanently in April or May".
- On page 12 of draft minutes, under the Conservation Easement item, he'd like his comments to read:
 - Originally the 75 acres for aquaculture was not part of the conversation easement, but the County was forced to add it after we started down this road. In addition, there are artificial limits such as pumped water that the County was dictated to have in the Conservation easement. This easement just ends up causing yet another party to dictate what the County can and cannot do with the People's land. It is because of these and many other points that he will not be voting for this easement. If anyone want s more detail please contact him directly.

Supervisor Stump:

- On page 3 of draft minutes, under his board report, third bullet point, after Brett McCurry, should add, "for their efforts to get encroachment permit issued for Verizon to initiate repair work in Paradise to get their basic phone issues addressed."

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Action: Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 21, 2014.

Stump moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-208

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Resolution Honoring Tom Hallenbeck

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Jim Leddy) - Proposed resolution honoring Tom Hallenbeck for his years of service to the people of the Eastern Sierra. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Alpers.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-209

Supervisor Alpers:

- Read resolution out loud.

B. Resolution Honoring Ted Schade for His Years of Service as Executive Director of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed resolution honoring Ted Schade for his years of service to the community. Resolution if adopted will be presented at November 7th Great Basin Board Meeting. Sponsored by Chairman Larry K. Johnston and

Supervisor Byng Hunt.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-210

Supervisor Johnston:

- Read resolution out loud.

C. Resolution of Appreciation for Nate Greenberg

Departments: CAO

(Jim Leddy) - Proposed resolution of Appreciation for Nate Greenberg for his support and assistance with the Digital 395 project.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-211

Supervisor Stump:

- Read resolution out loud.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- 10/23 – June Lake Fireman’s Appreciation Dinner – smashing success, sold 175 tickets. Raised over \$4,100 for the June Lake Fire Department. He won Stephanie Morgan’s Coconut Crème pie. Thanked Stacie Klemm for the certificates she produced; Jim Leddy for attending the dinner and for his loyalty to the County; and Al and Patti Heinrich organized the whole thing. Donations and sponsors included: Tiger Bar, June Lake General Store, and the June Lake Women’s Club.
- Was just made aware of a non-match grant program through the division of Boating and Waterways. Geared toward rural counties, approximately \$1 million per year becoming available. Would focus on having handicapped access facilities installed around fishing lakes in relation to docks and marinas. He requested more information; wants on board agenda to draw attention to it
- Shout out to Jeff Walters, Brett McCurry and road crew in Lee Vining. They responded to one of his constituents (Bayliss) and within 48 hours they were out grading the road to prepare for visitors.

Supervisor Fesko:

- 10/22 – Mono County Development Meeting in June Lake.
- 10/25 – 10/26 attended 4th annual ATC ride to Virginia City.
- 10/28 – volunteered and worked on Construction project at Catholic Church in Coleville.
- 11/3 – attended LTC.
- Encouraged everyone to get out and vote.
- Will be meeting with Cathy Paskins from AT&T’s government and Community Relations Department in Mono and Inyo Counties to discuss plans by AT&T for Mono County.

Supervisor Hunt:

- 10/22 – attended Mono County Tourism Film Commission meeting in June Lake: discussed funding sources for small businesses; EDD Strategic Plan reviewed and will be presented to the board soon. Bylaws discussed, considering a name change to more accurately reflect what they do. Discussed ways to spend the \$20,000 given to them by the Board.
- 10/23 – Attended Community Corrections Partnership Meeting at the Superior Court in Mammoth; interesting presentations developing over last month or so; one big thing:

Transition House on Davison Street – plans in place to put house back into use. Will get a report in next couple months asking for Board support.

- Attended Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting; low attendance, need recruitment.
- Last Thursday attended Collaborative Planning Team meeting in Larry Johnston's place. Mentioned various agencies that are involved in this. Byng was recognized for participating on this team.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Attended ARC meetings.
- Attended LTC meeting; there is a new interim Cal Trans Director.
- Watching what will happen today at the Inyo County Board regarding Great Basin.
- 10/31 – participated in the annual Trails Halloween extravaganza.
- Thanked Supervisor Hunt for attending CPT meeting.

Supervisor Stump:

- Thanked fellow board members for going to Chalfant on October 21st, his constituents appreciated the meeting. Thanked Bob Musil and Clerk's office and Stacy Corless for attending as well.
- 10/28 – attended CSA #1 Board meeting – they wish to express appreciation for quality of work going into bathroom facility at park. They are impressed with quality and size.
- 10/31 – potluck with Halloween costumes in South County – enjoyable event.
- 10/25 – Auggie Hess, reached his 100th birthday, he attended birthday party. He's still extremely viable and has written a book.
- 11/1 – Marie Chalmers passed away. Attended Memorial Service.
- 11/3 – attended LTC meeting; reviewed Transportation Plan, there are still items being added and worked on;
- 11/3 – had meeting with Deanna Dulen confirming board support for what she's working on.
- 10/31 – thanked Social Services and Behavioral Health for putting on another Benton event.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Jim Leddy:

- Annual Conference of CAO's in Carmel. Also thanked Supervisor Alpers and Stacie Klemm for work on Fireman's Appreciation dinner.
- ADA Task Force meeting – going through and working on projects.
- Gary Myers – continuing discussions about clinic: hoping to bring something to board in 90 days.
- He attended Halloween party; great event.
- Thanked Chairman Johnston for having best Haunted House in the Trails.
- Completed employee survey on commute; sat down with John Helm yesterday. Looking to possibly rebuild services.
- Policy items: generator issue for servers in Mammoth, one in Bridgeport not currently in use, Joe has found a location for it and it will help with server backup. Cal Trans/CHP – potential closing of SR 108 to truck traffic; will bring something to board in December or January. Supervisor Stump asked that Highway 6 be addressed at that time.
- Spoke of Stacie being cross-trained as clerk of the board. Supervisor Alpers: all in favor of cross training and using resources.
- Thanked election team for stepping in and doing a great job.
- Spoke about potential future June Lake agenda items; cancelled November 12, 2014 Special Meeting; looking to have evening meeting at a later time. No date yet.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Joe Blanchard:

- Gave update on Chalfant weed issue.

Nathan Reade (Ag Commissioner):

- Recently attended training: Ground water issues discussed, Agricultural Weeds also an issue.
- 11/14 – dedication of new building at 3:30 p.m.
- 11/14 – in Sacramento they are having hearing sessions regarding GRAP (grazing program). Supervisor Alpers: would like to be kept updated/informed on this issue.

Vianey White:

- Cemetery Update; maps are near completion; scheduled to meet next month. Report back here first or go to RPACS? It's only the fee portion that hasn't been addressed in the community.
- Supervisor Stump: he'd like to have this expedited.
- Supervisor Johnston: how about just notify RPAC's of Board meeting.
- General consensus: bring back to board.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. Recruitment and Hiring of an Investigator I Position

Departments: District Attorney

To Authorize the District Attorney to begin recruitment and hiring efforts to fill an Investigator I position due to the vacancy left by the promotion of Frank Smith to the Chief Position.

Action: Approval of requested recruitment and hiring.

Hunt moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-212

Pulled by Supervisor Fesko:

- Asked District Attorney for explanation.
- How long will process be?

Tim Kendall, D.A.:

- Explained the ramifications of not filling this position, including losing grant funding.
- Not filling position will result in revenue loss; plus he really needs this position filled. His office is quickly falling behind having this vacancy. One investigator cannot handle all the work.
- Probably won't be filled until January or February.

B. Reappointment of Resource Conservation District Board Members

Departments: Board of Supervisors

The Mono County Resource Conservation District's Board has endorsed the reappointment of three existing members to its Board. These are four year terms and will expire November 4, 2018. The Board has requested that the Mono County Board of Supervisors approve these appointments. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Fesko.

Action: Appoint Ilene Mandelbaum, Marcus Bunn and Dwain Chichester to the Mono County Resource Conservation District. These are four year terms and will expire on November 4, 2018.

Fesko moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-213

Supervisor Johnston:

- Wants to make sure that these are open recruitments; not just recommendations from Board itself.

C. Approve Recruitment of FTS III or IV in Finance Department

Departments: Finance

Request authorization to fill one full-time Fiscal & Technical Services III or IV position in the Finance Department.

Action: Authorize the Finance Director to recruit and fill an FTS III or IV position to be shared between the Auditor/Controller and Treasurer/Tax Collector's departments.

Fesko moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-214

Pulled by Supervisor Fesko:

- Appreciates her staff stepping up; asked if there was sufficient money in budget.

Leslie Chapman:

- Explained vacancies currently in Finance and Tax Collector's office; creating a lot of pressure in her office.
- She's asking for one position that both offices can share.

D. Request to Cancel the November 18, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Departments: CAO

Request from the County Administrator asking the Board of Supervisors to approve cancelling the November 18, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting in order to allow Board members to attend the California State Association of Counties Annual Conference.

Action: Approve cancelling the November 18th Board of Supervisors meeting in order to allow Board members to attend the California State Association of Counties Annual Conference.

Fesko moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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E. Trindel Board Appointment

Departments: County Administrative Office

Authorize appointment of Mono County representatives to the Trindel Insurance Fund Board of Directors and the CSAC-EIA Board of Directors effective November 4, 2014, as required by the JPA's already in place.

Action: Authorize appointment of Mono County representatives to the Trindel Insurance Fund Board of Directors and the CSAC-EIA Board of Directors effective November 4, 2014; the County Administrative Officer, Board Member and the Risk Manager, Alternate Board Member.

Fesko moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-216

F. Kings View Contract for Telepsychiatric Services

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin Roberts) - Proposed contract with Kings View Corporation for the purpose of providing teleconferencing modality (Tele-Psychiatry).

Action: 1. Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Robin Roberts to execute said contract on behalf of the County. 2. Authorize Robin Roberts, in consultation with County Counsel, to approve and execute minor amendments to the contract from time to time as may be necessary to adjust the number of service hours, provided the total budgeted amount is not exceeded. 3. Amend MCBH 2014/15 budget as follows: Increase Operating Transfers In from the Mental Health Services Act fund by \$14,000, increase Contract Services by \$70,000 and decrease Salaries and Benefits by \$34,000 (4/5ths vote required).

Fesko moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review.

A. Department of California Highway Patrol

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Information from the CHP dated October 13, 2015 regarding incident at U.S. Highway 395, north of State Route 270 that occurred on October 10, 2014. The information includes a Hazardous Materials Incident Report.

Supervisor Stump:

- In relation to truck traffic and Hwy 108 issue

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Quarterly Investment Report & Monthly Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

(Leslie Chapman) - Treasury Status Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 and Monthly Transaction Report for the month ended September 30, 2014.

Action: None.

Leslie Chapman:

- Introduced item, gave brief description of figures.
- Went over various tables submitted with item.
- Regarding Investment Policy coming next week: she needs some flexibility to fill three year gaps.
- Will be getting together with committee; asking for feedback.
- Town council will be voting on next meeting who may be on our Finance Oversight Committee.
- General Board comments.

B. Device Registration Fees

Departments: Agricultural Commissioner

(Nathan D. Reade, Agricultural Commissioner) - In regards to weights and measures inspections, and pursuant to California Business and Professions Code 12240, this workshop is to explain the authority to charge device registration fees, current rates of cost reimbursement, and seek to gather input from the Board.

Action: None.

Nathan Reade:

Powerpoint: Device Registration Fee Workshop

- Workshop Overview
- Device Registration Fees
- County Ordinances
- Weights & Measures Testing Costs (2014 estimated)
- Main Influences on Cost Recovery
- Jurisdiction Size and Cost
- Our Rate vs. B&P 12240 - expires 12/31/2015
- Options for the Future
- Range of Options
- Jurisdiction Size and Cost

Supervisor Johnston:

- Any way to collaborate with Kern?
- Leans toward the 50% target and recovery cost.

Supervisor Hunt:

- We should parallel what's coming out of Inyo.
- We need to recover what we can for our services but need to be cautious and review often.

Supervisor Stump:

- Needs to be a gradual step increase in fees.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Agrees with Inyo's approach.

Supervisor Fesko:

- In favor of annual review with incremental increases.

Marshall Rudolph:

- Fee increase would be handled like other fee increases with a notice in paper.
- We currently have a practice of reviewing fees annually; it would be easy to roll these fees into this annual practice.

C. CSAC Appointments for 2014-2015

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Selection from the Board of Supervisors of a member and alternate to serve on the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for 2015.

Action: Elect Supervisor Johnston to serve on the CSAC Board of Directors for the 2015 Association year beginning November 18, 2014.

Stump moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Action: Elect Supervisor Fesko to serve as the Alternate on the CSAC Board of Directors for the 2015 Association year beginning November 18, 2014.

Alpers moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0; no

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Jim Leddy:

- Explained the need to appoint Board member and Alternate for upcoming year.
- Can be readdressed after January when the new supervisor is on board.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Maybe put onto the list for January appointments?

D. Crowley Lake Ball Park Water Agreement

Departments: Public Works/Facilities

(Joe Blanchard) - Proposed contract with Mountain Meadows Mutual Water Company pertaining to provision of potable water to the Crowley Lake Ball Field.

Action: None.

Supervisor Stump:

- Has a conflict; stepped out for this item.

Joe Blanchard:

- Asking for county fee waiver in relation to potable water to the Crowley Lake Ball Field.
- Gave details about request in front of the Board today.
- This project is requesting a drinking fountain.
- Becomes a maintenance issue if we do it ourselves as opposed to using their water.

Louis Molina:

- To his knowledge, we've never waived this type of fee. May be viewed unfavorably.
- Brought up using the CSA.
- The uranium issue is a chronic health issue; many years of drinking this long-term would be a problem.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked about uranium threshold.
- Is it a requirement to have a drinking fountain at a ballfield?
- He'd rather not waive annual fee. He thinks they're asking too much. It's a negotiation, maybe we can go back and offer an alternative.
- We shouldn't waive inspection fee.

Supervisor Fesko:

- We waive fees all the time; this would be a forever waiver.
- If CSA has the funds, he feels that's a good option. He thinks the Board should go ahead and let CSA to this; they don't really need anything from us.
- Asked for further clarification on what is being waived.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Feels this is too vague; there has to be a way to come up with a percentage.

Garrett Higerd:

- Changes annual fee that county pays to \$1509

Marshall Rudolph:

- They don't have to provide this water at all; it's outside their normal jurisdiction.
- When a fee is waived, that cost of the fee is paid by the county itself or some other fund.
- We don't have a deal to approve at this time. Will have to be redone and addressed later.

Christy Milovich:

- In order to negotiate, we need to be very specific.

E. Authorization to Re-Bid for the Mountain Gate Phase 2 Fishing Access Project

Departments: Public Works

(Vianey White) - This project consists of constructing a pedestrian path, ADA parking and access, installation of picnic tables, timber fishing platform, amphitheater, river access, PAR course, and landscaping at the Mountain Gate property located off Highway 395, ½ miles south of Walker.

Action: Approve bid package, including the project manual, project plans, and Addendum to Negative Declaration for the Mountain Gate Fishing Access (Phase 2) Project. Authorize the Public Works Department to advertise an Invitation for Bids and to issue the project for bid.

Fesko moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Vianey White:

- Explained item and briefly discussed previous history of this project.
- Asking for Board to approve new bid package, explained changes in this bid package.
- We've reduced specs enough that the county could do base work itself.

Supervisor Fesko:

- This has taken a long time to get to this point.
- Doesn't want to see all the work go to waste.

Supervisor Stump:

- Do we have a plan "B" if we don't receive a bid again?

F. Bridgeport Thermal Biomass Project

Departments: Solid Waste, Parks and Facilities

(Wendy Sugimura) - Presentation regarding a potential project to remove and replace the current, outdated, and inefficient propane boiler at the Bridgeport County Road Shop and Parks/Facilities building with a new 2.5 MMBtu/hour or less thermal biomass boiler system.

Action: Direct staff to proceed with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant application; authorize staff to prepare bid documents and direct staff to track time spent on project.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Wendy Sugimura:

- Explained that this is complicated issue; will do her best to clearly explain.
- This does reflect about five years of data; there are different pieces to the conversation.

- Gave history of the evolution of this project. There are a wide variety of interests at every level of government.
- There is a grant application to proceed with; went through Feasibility Analysis; discussed project.
- Is here to determine commitment by county and what the benefits are to the county.
- Solid Waste staffing and Community Development staffing issues. Discussion about Solid Waste funding available. This project will require a lot of commitment; it will go out to bid, but staff will end up very involved; board needs to understand the staff commitment required.
- Danna Stroud on hand to answer questions about the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Explained his involvement with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy but doesn't feel he has any conflicts and can still participate.
- Our enthusiasm for this project needs to be on the table.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Are we going to be generating enough wood through our landfill on a consistent basis?
- Where does money come from to fund a potential part time employee?

Supervisor Stump:

- Questions about sustainability.
- He has a concern about the staff capacity issues; we're already short staffed in many departments. Doesn't want to get into this and have major personnel needs.
- \$100,000 set aside for recycling issues: he's concerned that we're diverting money from one important issue to another although he does see the direct benefit to the county in some ways and a disservice to others.
- What are time constraints for this grant?
- Would like more specificity on how \$100,000 Solid Waste money will be spent.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Supervisor Stump's question: how much is out there and available?
- This study is very conservative; question is: is it economically feasible for us to proceed?
- Asked about propane cost and overhead and maintenance costs; why not included in analysis?
- Feels we could proceed to bid point and then make other decisions at that point. This type of project could also be a way to build morale.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Sometimes excitement level overrides the logistics of doing such a big project. Are there any other models in California to compare it to?

Tony Dublino:

- Discussion about wood availability.
- Solid Waste already chips wood waste; they are already behind a little but he doesn't feel a new person is needed. Change will be in how we accept it, what we are doing at the gate. Certain waste one way, certain waste another.
- Operationally down the line, we're not really taking on a new task but rather doing an old task differently.
- He thought only some of the \$100,000 recycling money should go to this, not all of it.

Joe Blanchard:

- This is a significant project that will require appropriate staffing. It's doable but there are maintenance considerations, etc.
- It would cost too much from outside person – it would go out to bid but the county would decide to do it.
- His staff does want to do it, especially if there's a longer timeline to complete it.

Stacey Simon:

- Bidding is legally required but the board can find by 4/5ths vote to do in house if it finds

it's more economical than doing the work with outside labor.

- We always reserve the right to reject all bids and not proceed with the process.

Danna Stroud:

- Explained perimeters of grant and funding available.
- You'd have three years from time grant is executed to complete project.

Leslie Chapman:

- Item #2 is already authorized as a line item on the budget.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of closed session.

A. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, and Jim Leddy. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Performance Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Counsel.

C. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: Pumice Valley Landfill Site. Agency negotiators: Tony Dublino/Jim Leddy and Stacey Simon. Negotiating parties: LADWP. Under negotiation: Price and terms.

12. REGULAR AGENDA AFTERNOON- NONE

ADJOURN: 1:23 p.m.

ATTEST

LARRY K. JOHNSTON
CHAIRMAN

SHANNON KENDALL
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD