



**Humboldt County Board of Commissioners**  
**April 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Those present were Chairman Jesse Hill, Commissioners Tom Hoss, Ron Cerri, Ken Tipton and Mark Evatz, County Manager Don Kalkoske and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero (via Teams). No legal counsel present.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hill called the special meeting to order at the regular place of meeting the Humboldt County Meeting Room, Courthouse, #201, Winnemucca, Nevada.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Hill asked for public comments. Commissioner Hoss offered comments on special meetings and his concerns with holding special meetings that are not emergencies and the impact on the public as to that. No further public comment was offered.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Economic Development Officer Michelle Hammond Allen with Nevada 95/80 Regional Development Authority appeared before the Commission.

PRESENTATION FROM CROSSROADS PAPER: Presentation by Crossroads Paper to the Humboldt County Commission on plans for a new manufacturing facility that will recycle wastepaper and used packaging into new packaging materials. Officer Hammond Allen offered comments on the project being proposed. Ron and John Sasine with Crossroads Paper appeared before the Commission. Ron Sasine offered comments on the project as proposed. John Sasine offered comment on the proposal and provided a copy of corrugated material to the Commission; he reviewed a power point presentation entitled "Crossroad Paper Project Review" including the business objectives, site selection, projected community impact and water management. Dwight Smith, Principal Hydrogeologist with McGinley & Associates, Inc. appeared before the Commission and offered comments on the water usage planned. John Sasine continued review including sustainable operations with a comparison of traditional pulp compared to this project, similar facilities including Dallas, Texas, and a map of the locations of facilities across the United States. Ron Sasine offered comments on the market overview. John Sasine continued reviewing including the equipment overview, financial backing, and project partners including Yates and Valmet and closing with a Crossroads Paper summary.

Commissioner Cerri stated that he is in favor of diversification but that he wants to make sure that whatever comes in here is fit for our community and is safe for our citizens and environment; he asked about the types of chemicals used here. Ron Sasine responded including the inclusion of a wastewater treatment facility for this project. Mr. Smith offered comment.

Chairman Hill commented on his opposition to this special meeting as he has the same concerns as noted

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previously by Commissioner Hoss as well as his disappointment that no location is being announced as he feels that makes this meeting a waste of time and it just helps fuel the rumor mill; he asked about the smell. Ron Sasine responded. Chairman Hill asked why so much water must be extracted. Mr. Sasine responded.

Commissioner Evatz asked about the operation for the facility in Utah planned in 2022 including the reception. Ron Sasine responded. Commissioner Evatz asked about the acreage for the footprint. Mr. Sasine responded. Commissioner Evatz asked about noise. Mr. Sasine responded. Commissioner Evatz asked what the number one complaint would be expected from the nuisance perspective. Mr. Sasine responded. Commissioner Evatz asked about the housing plan for the construction period. Mr. Sasine responded.

Commissioner Tipton asked about the smell and chemicals contained in the cardboard. Ron Sasine responded. Commissioner Tipton asked about the time before a cardboard manufacturer came into the community. Mr. Sasine responded.

Commissioner Hoss stated that he did not appreciate this being done via special meeting and that he does not want to see it done this way again. Commissioner Hoss noted concern about the water use and then making it dirty and then placing it back into the basin even though it has been treated; he further noted his disappointment with the fact that no location has been identified and his concerns with the water basins and questioned why we would want to take a bunch more water out; he commented that the company has a great idea but he stills see that odors will be given off; he stated that he cannot support this being close to town, that there are other areas that are more appropriate. Commissioner Hoss asked what would happen with the sewage and offered comment on his concerns. Discussion ensued regarding the Texas facilities and what is depicted on the map provided.

Commissioner Cerri commented on the over appropriation of the water basin and asked about the purchase of water rights. Mr. Smith responded. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Hill commented on economic diversity and orderly development but noted concerns with no information on the exact location and the impact of that on his ability as a commissioner to mitigate any issues.

Commissioner Evatz offered comment on the lack of information on the location, that the company is hearing the perspectives and questions so they can better address those going forward and the need to meet all permitting requirements and constraints put forth by the NDEP and the Division of the Water Resources; he stated why he is proud of what mining brings to the community and the importance of diversification; he asked that the company be prepared to come back and address concerns when a

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location is identified.

John Sasine commented on the evaluation process with NV Energy and Southwest Gas and the timeframe for that process and other issues being evaluated before a location can be identified.

Chairman Hill noted his appreciation for the company doing their due diligence and asked that the surrounding area be considered in any decision and the impact on the residents in that area.

Commissioner Hoss commented on discussion by the Central Nevada Water Authority and noted the ability to protest water rights by the County and residents.

Chairman Hill recessed the meeting at 10:20 a.m. reconvening at 10:25 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Hill asked for public comment. Christina Kenison appeared before the Commission and offered public comment on the location where she has heard that this would be located, the non-use of sulfur dioxide due to concerns which is what the transloading facility will be using, the involvement of the City in this development, who is representing the county in this, the efforts by the City to shove a heavy industrial park down the residents throats, the level of residences in the area and that the residents need a voice and her concerns that the Commission is not providing ; she commented on lack of representation by the Commission and asked that they work for the residents and do something.

Debra Gay offered public comments as to her anger as to what is occurring and her concerns that it will be an eyesore, the injection of treated water into the ground water, the acceptance of allowing these companies to take our water, the impact of truck traffic on the road and smell issues; she stated that if something impacts the air, land and water it should be looked at very hard; she offered additional comments as to why this should not be allowed.

Wesley DiQuatro appeared before the Commission and offered public comments on his concerns with the water extraction, smells/pollution related to a papermill that he is familiar with elsewhere and the impact on the community here of that type of smell/pollution, the need to better notify the public of these types of items and studies related to cancer with these types of industrial companies and their pollution.

Wallace Baum appeared before the Commission and offered public comments related to the odor stating that once it is in you can't do anything about it and concerns as to the effect of the water extraction on local wells.

Jaimie Nicotera appeared via Teams and offered public comments noting concerns with the drain on the water, the impact on infrastructure including roads as well as the impact on the health of our air and water that these multiple heavy industrial situations are going to create; she stated that this is not building responsibility, that something must be done and the need for the Commission to represent the county and explained; she demanded that the Commission have a public meeting and a public vote about the

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way they are leading and guiding and representing our county. No further public comment was offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

ATTEST: [Signature] Clerk APPROVED: [Signature] Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 5-6-24)

Notice of Public Meeting  
Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting  
**Monday, April 22, 2024**  
**9:00 AM**

Humboldt County Courthouse Meeting Room 201  
50 West Fifth Street, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: PRESENTATION FROM CROSSROADS PAPER  
(INFORMATION ONLY)

Presentation by Crossroads Paper to the Humboldt County Commission on plans for a new manufacturing facility that will recycle waste paper and used packaging into new packaging materials. (Informational Only)

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6. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING DATE: April 22, 2024  
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