Call to Order at 4:10 p.m.
Roll Call: Member Cameron Hamilton, Member Pedro Martinez, Member Vernon Vera, Chairman Duane M. Garfield

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTERS
1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2008

BOARD ACTION: MOVED by Board Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Board Member Martinez that the Board approve the Minutes of August 4, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

2. UPDATE ON AB 1884

City Manager John Longley advised of a recent meeting that he and Mayor Hamilton attended with representatives from the Governor’s Office with regard to AB 1884. Mr. Longley elaborated on the preference by the Governor’s staff for a Memorandum of Understanding rather than a JPA. He indicated that it was their contention that the same results could be accomplished with a MOU, and that due to this issue, a recommendation for veto had already been made to the Governor. Mr. Longley stated that he and the Mayor attempted to convey the necessity for the JPA because it primarily dealt with land use issues. He spoke of the need for suitable remedies for breach, and the lack thereof in the case of a MOU. He indicated that the success of their efforts to convince the Governor’s staff was not known, yet was not likely to have had any impact of the decision already made. A brief discussion ensued, during which Tribal Administrator Rodney Martin and Consultant Pete Carrillo agreed with Mr. Longley’s summary of the issue at hand and of the position of the Governor’s staff. It was pointed out that in the event the Governor did not sign AB 1884, efforts could continue with a new bill.

Disposition: Informational item.

3. UPDATE ON PORTERVILLE AREA AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

City Attorney Julia Lew advised that she had just received the signed Articles of Incorporation from the Tribe that day, and that she would proceed in filing them with the Secretary of State’s Office. A brief discussion ensued as to the next steps in terms of obtaining
tax identification numbers and opening the Corporation’s bank account. Mr. Longley noted that the City and the Tribe would each contribute $150,000, for a total of $300,000. It was confirmed by staff that a tax id number would be required to open the bank account. Ms. Lew stated that once the Secretary of State’s Office filed and approved the Articles, the organizational meeting should then take place.

Disposition: Informational item.

4. STATUS REPORT – ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Tribal Administrator Rodney Martin reported that the Tribe’s consultant had indicated a draft of the Economic Impact Study would be available the following week.

Disposition: Informational item.

5. STATUS REPORT – LOCAL COORDINATION AGREEMENT

Consultant Pete Carrillo advised that he had received a draft version of the Land Use Coordination Agreement from City Attorney Lew and that progress was being made. He indicated that a staff meeting had been scheduled for September 23, 2008 and that the item would be discussed further at that time.

Disposition: Informational item only.

6. STATUS REPORT – SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPECIFIC PLAN FOR PORTERVILLE AIRPORT AREA DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Director Brad Dunlap distributed a Memorandum from the Subcommittee entitled “Tentative List of Projects Required to Scope Specific Plan and Related Environmental Review” and reviewed said report with the Board. Mr. Dunlap advised that the planning area was broken into two zones, a primary zone and a benefit zone. He proceeded to review the list of potential projects identified in the primary zone, which included: casino; hotel/conference facility; entertainment venue/event center; commercial and other retail/services; overnight RV spaces; other uses proposed for tribal property; golf course development; fairgrounds; joint entertainment venue; lighted ballfields; OHV relocation; and other ancillary project components. Items in the benefit zone included: hangar construction; taxi-way construction; airport tie-downs; runway extension; and airport entrance enhancements. A discussion ensued as to the information presented. Mr. Dunlap spoke of the need for more detailed information with regard to various proposed projects, such as the casino and hotel/conference facility, and reviewed the list of action items, which included: PAADA approval of the list of projects; direction by PAADA on any additional projects to be added to the list; clarification on the scope of projects; definition by the City of the fairgrounds/sports complex usage for the environmental review; determination by the Tribe in whether to combine NEPA and CEQA requirements into one joint document; provision by the Tribe to the City of the economic analysis.
Claudia Elliott, Southern Sierra Messenger, inquired as to the NEPA and CEQA requirements for the project. City staff provided a general overview of the CEQA requirements, and Tribal Staff elaborated that NEPA provided for a more limited scope and was not tied to land use, but rather to the Tribe’s fee to trust application.

The discussion continued, during which it was determined that a joint CEQA/NEPA document was likely not feasible. With regard to the golf course development, Mr. Longley proposed that it be moved to the benefit zone. Mr. Sandoval spoke of the importance in proceeding in a very public fashion, and of providing ample opportunity for public commentary during the process. He advised that a proposed public hearing schedule would be prepared. Mr. Carrillo noted that the next staff meeting would be held on September 23, 2008 at which time many of the action items could be addressed. He then proposed that a Board Meeting could be scheduled for September 30, 2008 at which time the Specific Plan and the Land Use Coordination Agreement could be adopted by the Board.

Disposition: No action taken.

7. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board Meeting was scheduled for September 30, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Hamamatsu Conference Room at Porterville City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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Patrice Hildreth, Clerk

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Duane M. Garfield, Chairman