

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
10:30 AM

The Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Protection District met in the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on the above date pursuant to adjournment, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Present:

Brian Oneto, Chair
Pat Crew, Vice Director
Frank Axe, Director
Richard Forster, Director
Jeff Brown, Director

Absent:

Staff:

Robert Withrow, Fire Chief
Nicole Cook, Board Clerk

AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Crew and seconded by Director Brown and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Chief Update:

Amador County Fire Chief's Meeting (ACFCA): Discussion ensued relative to subject matter of resource allocation regarding dispatching. Chief Withrow presented and informed the Board that J. Yelinek, Battalion Chief is meeting with Camino Dispatch where they will perform practice runs and none of the changes we are requesting have adverse impacts, etc. Discussion continued relative to other projects within the ACFCA including lithium batteries; how does the county handle collectively and maybe develop a county wide standard regarding suppression, etc. and standardizing bleeding control on mass casualty incidents; acute care, etc.

Director Brown asked to clarify the different kinds of lithium batteries. Chief responded with lithium ion batteries in electric vehicles and auxiliary power supplies.

Cindy Grandbois, a member of the public, addressed by asking the Board a series of questions: does the Sheriff's dispatch work with the Cal Fires radios, is everyone on the same system? *Chief responded that they are not on the same system but they do communicate with the Sheriff's office back and forth, for example when the AT&T phone lines were down.*

So, this won't limit Cal Fire from responding or having problems with incidents on larger fires? *No, but to be clear, that is not what I am discussing today, I think what you are talking about or asking is if we were to move our dispatching services to Amador Dispatch, will they still be able to communicate with Cal Fire and the answer is yes. So, Cal Fire will still be responding whenever they are closest resource? Yes. And they will be still responding even if they are the second closest resources? Yes. There is Computer-Aided Dispatching (CAD) program that has a mechanism within that communicates between the two.*

Operations: Chief reported and congratulated that Captain Martinez finalized Officer Training. Firefighter Hussey is moving on. He accepted a job offer with the City of Hayward. The District backfilled the position in anticipation of his exit. There is no firefighter academy this year with the goal to have one next spring. Station 122, in Plymouth is in the pre-bid planning stages of remodeling the station. Working with the City Manager, Margaret Roberts has been a pleasure. Lastly, the District is bringing on 8 new volunteers which seems to continue to grow. The District is hosting a Volunteer Firefighter Academy March 2nd and will go through the middle of May.

Fire Prevention: K. Dale presented report in A. Anaya's absence. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken. There was one structure fire and the other was a travel trailer in January. Mandatory inspections are outlined and will be started soon. Chief Withrow stated that the pre-planning of schools within the City of Jackson limits and unincorporated areas has started and it includes partnering with the Sheriffs Office.

Public Information Officer: K. Dale presented report. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken. AFD participation included the following:

- Pine Grove Mobile Home Park Smoke Alarm, 87 installed
- Continued partnership with Red Cross and installed 7 smoke alarms
- Courtesy of Director Brown, customer complaint addressed regarding Live Burn.
- Currently pre planning mock evacuation drill for the Quartz Mountain and Surrey Junction areas which are Fire Wise communities.
- New Fire Wise communities are being developed in the Pioneer, Fiddletown and Pine Grove areas.
- Lunch will be served at the Senior Center on Valentine's Day.
- Fiddletown Bingo Night

Director Oneto thanked personnel for answering a hospice patient request to enjoy being outside.

District Monthly Reports: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Chief Withrow presented.

Call Report: No action taken, report only. Volunteer response and participation has been outstanding.

Training Report: No action taken. The highlight was the live fire scenarios which included having an instructor, Rick Clark who is also developing a plan action review.

Vehicle Maintenance Report: No action taken. The maintenance expenses will be over budget until they reach a maintainable status.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Minutes for Meeting from January 16, 2024: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Forster and seconded by Director Brown, and carried unanimously to approve the January 16th regular meeting minutes with minor corrections.

CLOSED SESSION: At 11:03 a.m., the Board recessed into closed session. This portion of the meeting was not recorded.

Director Oneto recused himself from the Conference with Real Property Negotiators items because of potential conflict of interest with property owner.

Greg Gillott, County Counsel and Kayla Dale, Public Information Officer were present for the Anticipated Litigation item only.

REGULAR SESSION: At 11:23 a.m., the Board reconvened into regular session. The following matters were reviewed during closed session:

Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation- Section 54956.9(d)(2): **Claim of Sherry Ray, Application to Present Late Claim**
Suggested action: Discussion and possible action

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe, seconded by Director Crew, and unanimously carried to accept the late filing of claim and deny the letter by Claimant.

Closed Session Minutes: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Forster and seconded by Director Brown and carried unanimously, to approve confidential minutes of January 16th with no corrections.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators: Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD) Negotiators: Robert Withrow, Fire Chief, Property: Portions of APN: 030-740-022-000 Negotiating Parties: Del Rapini Construction Inc./ Rapini Delbert E. Sp. Trust. - Terms and Conditions to Consider Negotiation.

Suggested Action: Discussion and possible action.

No action was taken, discussion only.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:25 am. Pat Crew, Vice Chair adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, March 19, 2024.



Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

