

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
10:31 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 Chair
Richard Forster, Director
Jeff Brown, Director

Absent:

Frank Axe, Director

Staff:

Robert Withrow, Fire Chief
Nicole Cook, Board Clerk

AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Crew and seconded by Director Forster and carried 4-0-1 to approve the agenda as presented, Dir. Axe absent.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC HEARING

Final Budget: Director Oneto opened the public hearing at 10:33 am. The Fire Chief reported 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Final Budget as presented to the Board. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Measure M tax is approximately down in revenue about 2.8%. Direction given to staff to include a third fiscal year for comparison value.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Forster, seconded by Director Crew and carried 4-0-1 to close the public hearing at 10:40 AM, Dir. Axe absent.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Forster, seconded by Director Crew, and carried 4-0-1 to approve the final budget as presented, Dir. Axe absent.

RESOLUTION NO. AFPD 24-11

Resolution Approving the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Fire Chief Update: The following discussion ensued relative to subject matter, no action was taken.

Operations: 24-1 Firefighter Academy started. Special thank you to Captain Paine who is the drill master again this year. The graduation will be on November 1st. The Captains meeting was productive; Dr. Sloane, the Districts Medical Director was present again, he continues to educate EMS standards. The Fire Chief and Battalion Chiefs continue to have the monthly Operations meeting. The Fire Chief sought approval to replace E-5368 with a new quint (ladder and fire engine) apparatus from the Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians, and the request was approved. This piece of apparatus will be a vital part of responding to the multi-level structures such as the casino and resort if needed but would also be available to respond to calls depending on the type of call. The District is assisting Cal Fire with developing a Wildfire Community Preparedness Plan. The District has provided an updated salary proposal for contract of services for Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District. Kirkwood has also been invited and are always welcomed to training events. There will be a Jr. Firefighter Muster which the District plans to participate. There is an interest to reopen a fire station in River Pines next fiscal year along with possibly staffing Station 121 on Demartini Road, both with volunteers.

Cindy Grandbois, a member of the public addressed the Board by asking if is a way to identify the one-way in and the one-way out communities, Previtali Road should be included. The Fire Chief responded that the next year there will be mock evacuation drills to better prepare when a fire should occur and there are maps being created for the communities that only have one entrance/exit.

Fire Prevention: Ashley Anaya, Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) gave report. Inspections continue for residential property and commercial. There are a few new plan review/new projects which include mostly of cell towers and solar panels. Fire Investigation include illegal debris burning citations and actively working with the DA Office to develop a process for such citations. FPO Anaya also reported out that she continues to have active participation in El Dorado FPO, NorCal FPO and Sac-Sierra ATF. County pre-fire plans continue.

Public Information Officer: K. Dale, PIO gave report. On 9/7/24, there was a mock evacuation drill for the Amador Pines area which included surprise spot fires, mapping explanations, Smart 911/Early Alert System, etc. This is also an opportunity for training for the Districts personnel and other collaborators. A special thank you to Battalion Chief Watkins and Chief Long with Cal Fire who help with the coordination and operations with respect to these types of drills.

PIO attended a Communicators Lab training class.

Amador Fire event participation also included: Celebrate Pine Grove, Fire Preparedness Event (which had 30 participants) and topics included: Firewise, evacuations and more, etc. Upcoming events include the Fiddlers Jam in Fiddletown, Public Health Bike Rodeo, Upcountry Rib Cook-Off, and the Wings & Wheels at Westover.

Amended and Restated Agreement for Automatic Aid Fire Protection Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No public comment.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Brown and seconded by Director Crew and carried 4-0-1 to approve the amended agreement for automatic aid fire protection services Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District. Dir. Axe absent.

RESOLUTION NO. AFPD 24-13

Resolution Approving Amended and Restated Agreement for Automatic Aid Fire Service with the Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District

Amended and Restated Agreement Between AFPD and Pine Grove Community Services District (PGCSD): Discussion ensued relative to the subject matter. No public comment.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Crew and seconded by Director Brown and carried 4-0-1 to approve the amended and restated agreement between AFPD and PGCSD with revisions to reflect a thirty day cancelation notice period, Dir. Axe absent.

RESOLUTION NO. AFPD 24-12

Resolution Approving Amended and Restated Agreement of the Pine Grove Community Services District Building.

Change of Organization to AFPD: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter to LAFCO initiating the proceedings for a change of organization to AFPD and the dissolution of the Lockwood Fire Protection District. The LAFCO meeting is Thursday where the Board would either approve or deny. No action was taken on this item, discussion only.

New Fire Station: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter, update only, no action taken.

District Monthly Reports: Discussion ensued relative to subject matters. The Fire Chief presented.

Training Report: No action taken, report only.

Vehicle Maintenance Report: No action taken, report only.

Call Report: No action taken, report only.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Minutes for Meeting from August 20th: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Forster and seconded by Director Brown, and carried 4-0-1 to approve the August 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes with minor changes.

Recess: Dismissed for a short recess at 12:08 PM

Reconvened: 12:16 PM

Closed Session: At 12:17 PM, the Board recessed into closed session. This portion of the meeting was not recorded.

Regular Session: At 12:36 PM, the Board reconvened into regular session. The following matters were reviewed during closed session:

Conference with Labor Negotiators: [Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6]: Agency Designated Representative: Robert Withrow, Fire Chief. Employee Organization: The Amador County Professional Firefighters Local 5181 Agreement for Professional Services Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion and possible action relative to labor negotiations.

No action was taken, discussion item only.

ADJOURNMENT: At 12:37 PM. Brian Oneto, Chair adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, October 15, 2024.



Chair, Amador Fire Protection District