

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Wednesday, December 18, 2024
10:37 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
Richard Forster, Director
Jeff Brown, Director
Frank Axe, Director

Absent:

Pat Crew, Vice Chair

Staff:

Robert Withrow, Fire Chief
Nicole Cook, Clerk of the Board

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PRESENTATION: Special thank you to the terms served as an Amador Fire Protection District Board of Director for Richard Forster and Frank Axe. The Fire Chief expressed his gratitude for their support, standards and professionalism.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

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

Operations: Thank you to Captain Gonsalves along with other members who have supported the establishment for a health and wellness program. Battalion Chief (BC) Ebling is completing the 2025 Training Plan based on the results of a training need assessment(s) and district needs. The last Captains quarterly meeting this month was productive and Chief is encouraged by their enthusiasm. After a successful interview, the district offered a conditional job offer for the newly position of fleet mechanic to Chad Dale. He starts on January 6th and will be at station 152 in Volcano where he be stationed. The monthly operations meeting with the battalion chiefs was also productive, an invitation was extended and accepted to Fire Chief Pigeon of the City of Jackson.

Fire Prevention: Ashley Anaya, Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) gave report. Residential and commercial property inspections for defensible space continue. Plan review of existing and new commercial development continues; such as the early

phases of a hotel on Jackson Gate and Walmart improvements. The pre-fire plans for the county continues.

The Chief met with Kirkwood Public Utilities District. Kirkwood has been exploring resource options for fire protection and emergency medical services. Due to the distance and safety precaution the recommendation would be to have a 3-person engine company. The recommendation comes with financial challenges. Currently Kirkwood is staffed by volunteer firefighters and Chief Ansel will be retiring in the near future.

Public Information Officer: Kayla Dale gave report.

- Community Chainsaw and Burn Pile Safety class in Plymouth last month. Hope to perform more training similar to this.
- Amador High School Career Fair was on 11/21 – Amador Fire’s Junior firefighting program.
- Columbia College Fire Academy – Eng. Razo and FF Hauser prepared and presented on the districts apprentice program and volunteer program for recruitment purposes.
- District wide Christmas events and Santa Cruises was very successful.
- There was a meeting with the Jr. FF’s and their parents to discuss the program, seek feedback, etc. Since this is a new program a pulse check was necessary.
- The district partnered with the Amador Fire Safe Council and the Sheriffs Office to conduct an upcountry safety meeting. This event was successful, the topic was on incident command; which includes evacuations, etc.

Volunteer Program: Fire Chief gave report. The recruitment process has been successful. The academy starts on January 11th.

New Fire Station: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. GSA is assisting with the best process to move forward effectively and fiscally responsible.

Annual Meeting Schedule: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Brown and seconded by Director Axe, and carried 4-0-1 to approve the 2025 annual meeting schedule as presented. Director Crew absent.

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

Training Report: No action taken, report only. Actively working on completing a formal 2025 training calendar. There was a surprise drill at station 122, Eng. Anaya, FF Pelko and Apprentice FF De Los Rios had great attitudes and performance.

Vehicle Maintenance Report: No action taken, report given about possibly bad diesel fuel affecting apparatus.

Call Report: No action taken, report that there has been a significant increase in traffic collisions. There was a vehicle fire in Pioneer and the first arriving apparatus gave a great report on conditions, a special shout out to Eng. Razo, may use recording for future training opportunities. The district was busy during the wind event.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Regular Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2024: 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 regular meeting minutes as presented. Director Crew absent.

Board convened into closed session at 11:42 AM. This portion of the meeting was not recorded.

Closed Session: may be called for labor negotiations (pursuant to Government Code §54957.6), personnel matters (pursuant to Government Code §54957), real estate negotiations/acquisitions (pursuant to Government Code §54956.8), and/or pending or potential litigation (pursuant to Government Code §54956.9).

Regular Session: At 11:54 AM, the Board reconvened into regular session. The following matters were reviewed during closed session:

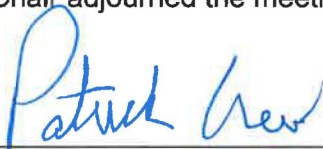
Conference with Labor Negotiators: [Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6]: Agency Designated Representative: Robert Withrow, Fire Chief
Employee Organization: The Amador County Professional Firefighters Local 5181
Agreement for Professional Services Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion and possible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

No action was taken, discussion item only.

Special Closed Meeting Minutes from December 2nd, 2024: 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 regular meeting minutes as presented. Director Crew absent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:55 AM. Brian Oneto, Chair adjourned the meeting until January 21st, 2025.



Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

