

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
10:34 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:

Jeff Brown, Chair
Pat Crew, Director
Frank Axe, Director
Richard Forster, Director

Absent:

Brian Oneto, Vice Chair

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, Director Oneto absent.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Cindy Grandbois, a member of the public addressed the Board by asking if the Firefighter turnover has slowed down. Chief Withrow responded with yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Presentation of Certificate of Recognition: Presentation ensued relative to subject matter. Chair Brown presented the certificate of recognition to Cal Trans employees Paul Brager and Mike Quinones for their quick response to calling 911 and assisting as needed to an incident that occurred August 23, 2023.

Fire Chief Update:

Amador County Fire Chief's Meeting: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter, specifically dispatching which includes two parts with Cal Fire, the first being the response plan and the response area (jurisdictional). What the current pattern has been is that Cal Fire is replacing local resources when it should be "in addition to". Also, during that meeting, everyone agreed that during code 2 calls, Cal Fire would not respond.

Personnel: Chief updated the Board of an incident that warrants recognition, he stated how proud he was of the first arriving engine and the other crews; specifically Engineer Toft, Captain Gonsalves, Firefighter Montesanti, and Firefighter Merlin for their outstanding performance, there was water flowing within two minutes of arriving on scene. Chief also updated the Board of the newly hired firefighter Tom Tomlinson. Chief reported and congratulated Kayla Dale, PIO for her invitation to be a speaker at the Social Media Strategies Summit First Responders in April. There was also a surprise drill that was held the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

PIO: Kayla Dale presented. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken. AFD presence and participation included the following:

1. River Pines Smoke Alarm Day – free install, partnered with American Red Cross. There were sixty four installed this year, four years prior were forty three.
2. Recruitment in City of Plymouth and Willow Creek Area.
3. AFD decorated the Fiddletown Community Center Christmas Tree in preparation for their winter concerts.
4. Plymouth Christmas Market, AFD provided the Santa Claus and assisted with the collection of toys.
5. Plymouth “Santa Cruise” was successful.
6. Upcoming events include:
 - a. Red Corral – Sierra Yard Supply this upcoming Saturday from twelve to three.
 - b. Sutter Creek Parade of Lights on 12/9
 - c. Plymouth – Santa Cruise, 2nd night on 12/15
 - d. Fiddletown – Carols & Cookies on 12/16
 - e. Mace Meadows – Light Parade and Santa Cruise 12/16

Fire Prevention: Prevention Officer, Ashley Anaya addressed the Board; since the last meeting there have been eighteen inspections and of the eighteen, five of them were residential inspections. Required inspections will continue in the New Year including schools, churches and hotels. Nothing else to report at this time. Director Forster asked if there will be education regarding heater safety.

Annual Meeting Schedule: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Direction to Staff is to approve as presented.

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

Call Report: No action taken, report only.

Training Report: No action taken, report only

Vehicle Maintenance Report: No action taken, report only. Chief reminded the Board again that the vehicle fleet needs attention and these major services are needed for the longevity of the apparatus. This last month’s major service was done for E-5148. Another engine going in for major service is E-5111.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Minutes for Meeting from November 8, 2023: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Forster and seconded by Director Axe, and carried 4-0-1 to approve the November 8th regular meeting minutes with minor corrections.

CLOSED SESSION: At 11:06 am, the Board recessed into closed session. This portion of the meeting was not recorded.

REGULAR SESSION: At 11:28 a.m., the Board reconvened into regular session. The following matters were reviewed during closed session:

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 11:29 am. Chair Brown adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, January 16, 2024.


Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

