

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
10:30 a.m.

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:

Richard Forster, Chair Director
Jeff Brown, Vice Chair, Director
Brian Oneto, Director
Pat Crew, Director
Frank Axe, Director
Greg Gillott, County Counsel

Staff:

Walter White, Fire Chief
Nicole Cook, Clerk of the Board

AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Oneto and seconded by Director Crew and carried 5-0-0 to approve the agenda as is.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

February Vehicle Maintenance Report: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Chief White gave report.

February Training Report and Overview of Training Program: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. BC Watkins gave report and an overview of the training program. Chair asked why some of the academies are five weeks and others are eight weeks. BC Watkins stated that the academy is more of extensive training. Chief White also stated that the new recruits come prepared with the basic requirements; the academy is getting them familiar with AFD. Chair Axe asked if the training program is comparable to other agencies and Chief White stated yes.

December and January Call Report: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Chief White gave report.

Attrition Staff Study: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Chief White gave report. Correction on memo: four (not three) voluntarily requested to return, of the four; two remain. Director Oneto questioned exit interviews and if they could be provided to the Board members. Chief White stated that due to confidentiality purposes it was presented to the personnel committee prior. Chair Forster answered Director Oneto with yes.

Amador County Code Regarding Defensible Space Requirements and Disclosure and the Hazardous Vegetation and Combustible Material Abatement: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Direction given by Chair Forster that Counsel rewrites the ordinance to remove the following: AB38, language C and E. Once the Ordinance is revised, then take it back to the ADHOC committee for review. Once approved, present the Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors at an upcoming meeting.

Summary of Public Comment

John Heissenbuttel, Amador Fire Safe Counsel: requests that the ordinance be approved without AB38. Recommends after a year evaluating to have AFPD be involved.

Director Oneto: questions who has final authority; state or the county

County Counsel: responds that there will need to be a delegated enforcement official; whether it's AFPD or Code Enforcement. The official would be responsible for the citation. Notice of Violation (NOV) could be referred back to the subject matter expert; such as the fire department, etc. Additional help needed to perform these task would be up to that department.

ADHOC committee recommendation: AB38 would be removed from the ordinance and approve the revision.

Director Axe: recommends to approve ordinance after AB38 is removed and evaluate after at a later date.

Cindy Grandbois, resident of Amador County: disagrees with prolonging the ordinance to be approved.

Director Forster: direction given to County Counsel to rewrite; present revised version to ADHOC committee and requests that it be presented at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Regular Minutes for Meeting from February 15, 2022: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Brown and carried 5-0-0 to approve minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting with minor changes.

ADJOURNMENT: At 12:36 PM. Chair Forster adjourned the meeting until next month, April 19, 2022


Chair, Amador Fire Protection District