

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
10:31 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 (*via zoom teleconference at 10:32 am*)
Pat Crew, Director
Frank Axe, Director

Absent:

Staff:

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

AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Crew and seconded by Director Brown and carried 4-0-1, to approve the agenda. *It should be noted at this time Director Oneto participated via teleconference but due to technical difficulty was unable to vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Brown and seconded by Director Crew and carried 4-0-1, to approve the consent agenda as is. *It should be noted at this time Director Oneto participated via teleconference but due to technical difficulty was unable to vote.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Walt White, Fire Chief had the following matters mentioned:

- Acknowledged Fire Chief of City of Jackson was present and the former Fire Chief of Amador Fire, David Bellerive, thanked them for attending.
- Updated the Board on strike team deployments; July OES 4309 was assigned to the Oak Incident then reassigned to the Yeti Incident. They have returned. E-5364 was assigned to the McKinney Incident and returned on August 16th. Battalion Chief (BC) Yelinek and BC Ebling currently deployed as STEN & STEN-T along with E-5123 and E-6331 from Jackson all assigned to the Six Rivers Lightning Complex Incident.

- Acknowledged Assembly member Cooley and Bigelow, former Fire Chief Jim McCart, the various stake holder support letters and the Governor for awarding Amador Fire \$8.1 million to fund a new fire station in Pine Grove.

Dr. Sloane, Medical Director for Amador Fire gave an update on the difference between the LEMSA (local emergency medical service agency) versus why having one for an agency such as Amador Fire. Dr. Sloane stated that Dr. Kann, the MD for the LEMSA covers four different counties and their policies; he looks at the entire system and how they (agencies) fit together and makes the necessary changes that impact everybody whereas the specific agency medical director, such as Dr. Sloane would advocate, change internal policy, provide support to just Amador Fire personnel. He mentioned that after speaking with Dr. Kann, he believes it would be a conflict of interest. Encouraged all to contact him directly if they have any further questions.

Kayla Dale, Community Risk Specialist (CRS) presented a certificate of appreciation to Aaron Watkins, Battalion Chief on behalf of Burke Ranch community members for his involvement of having Burke Ranch become a Firewise community. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter of Firewise and insurance non renewal.

**It should be noted at this time that the teleconference technical difficulties were resolved for Director Oneto.

PRESENTATION

Promotion; badge pinning and recognition: Discussion relative to subject matter. Walt White, Fire Chief gave presentation: Shaun Gonsalves, promoted from Fire Engineer to Fire Captain. He has worked in EMS for twenty two years. He gave a special thank you to his wife and children, the Directors, Chiefs and administration, he is stationed at 111 in the Pioneer area. Brandon Schnetz promoted from Firefighter to Fire Engineer. He has worked in EMS for almost ten years. He gave a special thank you to his wife, Chief Watkins, Engineer Kwoka and Engineer Famularo for helping him prepare for the position. He is stationed at 114 in the Pine Grove area.

Recognition and award for Act of Courage: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Kayla Dale, CRS and Chief White presented Eric Paine, Fire Captain an award for Act of Courage during the Electra Fire Incident for his swift action related to Firefighter Keefe.

RECESS given by Director Forster to allow photographs and exits at 11:04 am

RECONVENE at 11:10 am

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

July Vehicle Maintenance Report: Discussion ensued relative to the subject matter. Chief White gave report no action taken.

July Training Report and Presentation: Discussion ensued relative to the subject matter. Battalion Chief Watkins gave report no action taken.

July Call Report: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Chief White gave report and no action taken.

Agreement for Fire Marshal Services with the City of Jackson: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter and possible action. Patrick Chew, Fire Marshal (FM) presented the agreement and thanked the Board for allowing AFPD to build a relationship with the City of Jackson (COJ).

Cindy Grandbois, a member of the community inquired if there will be any fire marshal training available and will there be an impact on Amador Fire to perform these services.

Chief White and Fire Marshal Chew gave an update that there will be training available which also includes refresher classes on how to perform company level inspections. Maggie Whittemore started as a prevention intern and Larry Stanton, former Deputy Fire Marshal is also back as a volunteer. They assist when needed.

Chief Fishback, acting Chief for City of Jackson stated that it is a pleasure to work with Pat and AFPD. They are looking forward to the training opportunities.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Crew and carried 5-0-0 to approve entering into an agreement for Fire Marshal Services with the City of Jackson.

RESOLUTION NO. AFPD 22-08

Resolution Approving the Fire Marshal Services with the City of Jackson Agreement

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Regular Minutes for Meeting from July 19, 2022: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Oneto and carried 5-0-0, to approve minutes from the July 19th, 2022 meeting with no corrections.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:39 AM. Chair Forster adjourned the meeting until next month, September 20, 2022


Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

