

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
10:30 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
Frank Axe, Director
Richard Forster, Director
Jeff Brown, Director

Absent:

Staff:

Robert Withrow, Fire Chief
Nicole Cook, Board Clerk

AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Crew and seconded by Director Axe and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Cindy Grandbois, a member of the community addressed the Board by requesting staff to invite the public to the monthly Board meetings using social media. The member also stated that social media remarks should not be deleted, regardless if negative. The Fire Chief concurred.

PRESENTATION: Discussion and recognition ensued relative to the volunteer years of service for Fire Engineer Garrett King. The Chair and Fire Chief presented a shadow box and thanked Engineer King for his many years of service.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

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

Good of the order: Congratulations given to Battalion Chief Watkins for obtaining his associates degree and currently pursuing his bachelor's degree, he is also working on getting qualified to be an Operations Branch Director in the IROC system. Congratulations to Battalion Chief Yelinek, Battalion Chief Ebling and Engineer Anaya for successfully completing the S-390 class, advanced wildland fire behavior which is one of the toughest classes in the fire service.

Operations: Captains meeting was productive and projects given were initiation-driven. Amador Water Agency requested that the District help with developing a resiliency plan in an event of a wildfire which includes mostly defensible space inspections. The District currently has 6 personnel committed and trained as Swift

Water Rescue technicians. Squad 5115 has been equipped for such incidents. Correspondence between the District and the Jackson Rancheria related to the replacement of the twenty year old fire engine; 5368 continues, they are great to work with and appreciates their partnership. The Plymouth Station; 122 is getting a new roof and other significant improvements paid for by the City. The Pioneer volunteer Station; 112 has had the exterior completed and currently finishing the minor improvements inside, this will be completed by this fiscal year end. Kirkwood PUD has asked that the District review their community fire preparedness program.

New Fire Station: The District has entered into escrow with the seller. There is a scheduled TAC and Planning Commissioner meeting.

Fire Prevention: Mandatory inspections are almost completed. Weed abatement letters and pre-fire planning projects continue. Ashley Anaya, Fire Prevention Officer (PO) is still in a four week Fire Investigator class which primarily focuses on basic fire investigation, evidence preservation, arrest and control (there is no intention on having the PO make arrests but awareness of when it's ok to give a citation; i.e. blocking hydrants; etc.) and lastly she will be attending a mock trial court drill. The Fire Chief and PIO are the back up during her absence.

Public Information Officer: K. Dale, PIO reported that there has been seven weekends in the row of Community Meetings, Town Halls and Evacuation Drills. A special thank you to Chief Watkins for all his support into making these evacuation drills a success. The following events took place:

- Peterson Ranch
- Surrey Junction
- Quartz Mtn. Road
- District 3 Meeting Town Hall
- Engine participation at the Jackson Car Show
- Fiddletown Town Hall
- Upcoming – Lake Drive Firewise Presentation
- Upcoming – Meadowlark Firewise Presentation

Two additional Firewise communities in Pioneer will be completed. The property inspections continue in efforts of fuel reduction, etc. Currently partnering with Public Health to present helmet safety at the Plymouth Elementary School. Discussion continued relative to community risk reduction efforts.

Volunteer Program: Special thank you to volunteer firefighter Erik Jones who is teaching the EMT course for the new volunteers. The Chief expressed that he is pleased with the success in the Districts Apprentice Volunteers at Station 122.

Benefit Assessment Fiscal Year 2024-2025: Fire Chief presented. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

Cindy Grandbois, a member of the public addressed the Board by seeking clarification of where the additional funding will go towards. The member requested that the Board not increase the annual benefit assessment percentage.

Direction given to staff to report out where the revenue from the benefit assessment will be used for.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Crew, and carried unanimously, 5-0-0 to approve the resolution of SCI Consulting continuing the assessments for the fiscal year 2024-25, approving the preliminary engineers report and providing a notice of public hearing for the Amador Fire Protection District, fire protection and emergency response services assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. AFPD 24-04

Approving the Resolution of Intention to Continue Assessment for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Preliminary
Approving the Engineer's Report and Providing for Notice of Public Hearing for the Amador Fire
Protection District, Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment.

District Monthly Reports: Discussion ensued relative to subject matters. The Fire Chief presented.
The Call Report was not included due to a new reporting system and establishing a new procedure
to extract correct data for incidents per station.

Training Report: No action taken, report only.

Vehicle Maintenance Report: No action taken, report only. E-5111 will be in quarters
this month. Command rigs (Battalion Chiefs) vehicles are in need of being replaced
soon.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Minutes for Meeting from April 16, 2024: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Forster and seconded by Director Axe, and carried
unanimously, 5-0-0 to approve the April 16th regular meeting minutes with no changes.

Minutes for Meeting from May 9, 2024: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Crew, and carried
unanimously, 5-0-0 to approve the May 9th special meeting minutes with minor changes.

Closed Session Minutes from April 16, 2024: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Crew and seconded by Director Brown and
carried unanimously, 5-0-0, to approve confidential minutes of April 16th with no
corrections.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:40 am. Brian Oneto, Chair adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, June 18th.



Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

