

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, August 20, 2024
10:35 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 Forster and seconded by Director Crew and carried 5-0-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

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

Operations: On Saturday, August 17th Battalion Chief Yelinek and Ebling were involved in a single-vehicle, non injury traffic accident. This happened while they were assigned as Strike Team Leader and Leader Trainee on the Boise Incident. They had completed a thirty hour shift on the fire line and returning to town to re-supply when the accident occurred. Events like this is a reminder how our best plans can change and thankful no one got hurt.

Introductions were made of the newest member of the team, Charlene Clark. Charlene will be managing the Districts finances. Welcome.

Congratulations were given on the birth of Volunteer FF Brian Caudill and wife Morgan's new baby daughter and Volunteer FF Taylor Stefani and his wife Samantha's new baby daughter. Welcome.

Gratitude was expressed to Local 5181 for organizing Guns-N-Hoses Annual Softball Tournament. Thank you to Jim Guidi of KVGC's and his son Joey. They brought a level of professionalism emceeding the event. Joey filled in as a player at the last minute for one of the teams.

Years of Service Pins - recognition was given to Battalion Chief Yelinek for 10 years as a paid career firefighter with the District, Captain Martinez for 10 years, and Engineer Flores for 5 years, and Engineer Quesada for 5 years, and Engineer Hawkins for 5 years and PIO Dale for 5 years.

AFPD staffed a side-by-side with two firefighter's everyday at Fair for EMS and Fire Suppression related incidents. Especially pleased with the cooperators that included but not limited to Amador Sheriffs Office, Cal Fire, CHP, Fire Safe Council, and American Legion Ambulance.

The District has had various strike team deployments this season already.

There could potentially be a mutual aid agreement between AFPD and El Dorado County/Diamond Springs brought before the Board to consider. Currently, the District is responding to their calls. Logistically there is a lot of move up and cover that takes place during the time station 122 is out of quarters and this costs the District.

September 16th will be the start of a 7 week firefighter academy hosted at station 122.

There have been 8 illegal burning incidents since June. There is an agreement with Cal Fire to issue citations at a local level when the incidents are blatant. FPO Anaya is working with the DA and Sheriffs Officer regarding the citation process. If the incident should be vicarious or safety is in question, the Sheriffs Office will be brought in.

Fire Prevention: Ashley Anaya, Fire Prevention Officer gave an update on the following; currently working on investigation reports, new projects, scheduling school inspections which will also include pre-fire planning. There was also pre-fire planning completed for Fair.

Public Information Officer: K. Dale, PIO reported the following participation:
Fair – a special thank you given to all the volunteers and career staff that helped with staffing the booth. AFPD partnered with Amador Fire Safe Council and gave out evacuation bag packs and an emergency preparedness packet. Fair Board meetings were attended each morning. AFPD won the Tug-of-War Competition. Thank you to Rich Hoffman for the well organized event and invitation, this will be an annual event at Fair. Special thank you to the members of the Tug-of-War team, Derby Driver and Pit Crew team.

Guns-N-Hoses softball tournament winner was Mule Creek. There was \$3,500 raised and they chose to donate the winnings to Fallen Families. Thank you to the Jackson Rotary, Lava Dog, Lone Little League, Boy Scout Troop 63 and Gabrielle Brownlie.

River Pines CAP meetings are attended by the Fire Chief and PIO monthly. This is a great time to answer questions, discuss and further educate on fire preparedness.

Upcoming events include: Argonaut FFA Back to School BBQ on 8/29, Amador Pines Evac Drill on 9/7, Firewise Presentation on 9/14, Fiddlers Jam on 9/21, Rib Cook-Off on 9/21 and also partnering with CHP and Public Health for the Bike Rodeo Health Fair.

Volunteer Program: Welcomed new volunteer Adam Cuayani in the Pine Grove area.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Amador Fire Protection District and the Lone Band of Miwok Indians:

Director Oneto recused himself from the discussion because of potential conflict of interest at 11:13 AM. County Counsel presented. Discussion ensued relative to the subject matter.
No public comment.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Forster and seconded by Director Axe and carried 4-0-1 to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between AFPD and Lone Band of Miwok Indians as presented. Director Oneto recused himself from the discussion and vote.

RESOLUTION NO. AFPD 24-10

Resolution Approving the Memorandum Agreement between Amador Fire Protection District and the Lone Band of of Miwok Indians

Director Oneto returned to his seat at 11:19 AM.

Change of Organization to AFPD: Discussion ensued relative to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) initiating the proceedings for a change of organization to AFPD and the dissolution of the Lockwood Fire Protection District. There was no action taken.
No public comment.

New Fire Station: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter, update only, no action taken. The Fire Chief expressed his eagerness again to move forward but the process is pending by seeking the most cost effective and clear process. Fire Chief Moreno of Sutter Creek addressed the Board by stating the process to build a new station could be exhausting, the Laws have changed to make the process more complicated.

Surplus Equipment: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Brown and seconded by Director Crew, and carried 5-0-0 to approve the surplus of the Ford Expedition, license 1401123 for training purposes.

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

Training Report: No action taken, report only.

Vehicle Maintenance Report: No action taken, report only.

Call Report: No action taken, report only. Total of 335 calls during reporting period.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

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

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Forster, and carried 5-0-0 to approve the July 16th regular meeting minutes as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:38 AM. Brian Oneto, Chair adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, September 17, 2024.


Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

