

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
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:

Jeff Brown, Chair
Brian Oneto, Vice Chair
Pat Crew, Director
Frank Axe, Director
Richard Forster, Director

Absent:

Staff:

Robert Withrow, 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.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public hearing and consideration of the Levy of Assessments for the proposed Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment in accordance with Articles XIIC and XIID of the California Constitution and with Government Code Sections 53750 through 53754 and scheduling of the public hearing to be continued at a Special Board of Directors Meeting set for August 8, 2023 at the Amador County Administration Office, Board Chambers at 10:30 AM or soon thereafter where the results of the ballot tabulation to be announced.

Public Hearing opens at 10:31 AM

Chief Withrow in summary addressed the following: proposition 218 outlined how special districts are allowed to administer benefit assessment, this is not Amador Fire's process but outlined by law, sixty percent of funding will go toward salaries and forty percent will go toward operations like fuel and maintaining apparatus. The existing assessment originated in 1990 which allowed AFPD to charge a flat rate. The new assessment will be a different amount; each parcel is assessed differently. He also mentions that he is sympathetic toward everybody's personal costs and understands difficult times. He wants to address concerns and answer any questions. The current benefit assessment is approximately six hundred thousand and if it should pass there would be an additional four hundred thousand.

Chris Coulter, SCI Consultant addressed the Board and public that if a ballot was lost would like to vote today, to please cast the vote in the ballot box.

Cast ballot before the public hearing portion is closed.

The following members of the public addressed the Board and lengthy discussion ensued with public comment. In summary the general comments consisted of the ballot language, calculation of the assessment, budget, property homeowner insurance, retention and costs related to Cal Fire. Clarification was given that Cal Fire pays for the dispatch agreement.

- Craig McAlister, Pioneer
- Frank Moreno, Plymouth
- Richard Morasca, "Upcountry"
- Sherry Curtis, Pioneer
- Retired Firefighter from the Valley, handwritten name not legible
- M. Moreno, resident location not given, first name not legible
- Judith Najarian, "Upcountry"
- Craig Jessup, District I resident
- Larry Youngman, Pioneer
- Marc Lockner, resident location not given
- Susanne Barns, resident location not given

11:17 PM – The Chair of the Board announced the last call for public input and submittal of ballots.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Oneto and carried 5-0-0, to close the public input portion of the hearing.

The Chair announced that the public hearing will be continued at a special Board of Directors meeting set for August 8th, 2023 at 10:30 am or soon thereafter in the Board Chambers for further input and comments from the public. After the public hearing is closed a resolution seeking approval to levy the assessments will be included.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Fire Chief Update:

District Events: Kayla Dale, PIO presented by informing the Board that Chief Withrow attends every meeting with her, various days of the week, including weekends and what he brings is value of boots on the ground and real life experience. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken. Events mentioned are as follows:

- June 24th – Surrey Junction Fire Wise
- June 29th – Fire wise Resource Meeting held in the Board Chambers; Introduction to Fire Wise.
- July 1st – Amador Fire Engine in the Cannon Ball Parade in Volcano
- July 3rd – KVGC Radio Fire Works Safety Tips
- July 4th – Engine at Pioneer Park for their Annual 4th of July Celebration

- July 4th – 3 Engines which some were staffed with volunteers as extra personnel in Plymouth for the parade and fireworks on Main Street
- July 5th – Spoke at the Upcountry Lions Club
- July 7th – Fortress Way Fire Wise
- July 8th – Engine company at American Legion Post 108 proper flag disposal
- July 12th – Two Centennial Scout Camp tour at the Pine Grove Station
- July 14th – Alpine Drive Fire Wise; fire prevention presentation
- There were five property and or tank inspections in the last month
- Upcoming events include the Amador County Fair which include the presentation of standard EMS equipment along with fire suppression equipment.

Volunteer Program: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken. Commendation was given to volunteer Mike East who coordinated a wildland training drill.

New Station: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken. Property has been surveyed by Toma & Associates and sent to Jon Hopkins GSA Director for review.

Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians Agreement for Fire Protection and Inspection Services with Memorandum of Understanding: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Chief thanked County Counsel for reviewing the agreement and providing counsel.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Crew and carried 5-0-0 to approve Resolution 23-10 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. AFD 23-10

Resolution Approving the Agreement to Continue Providing Fire Protection and Inspection Services Effective July 1, 2023 for three years for the Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians (Tribe) and Memorandum of Understanding

Surplus Property: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Chief Withrow presented.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Oneto and seconded by Director Axe and carried 5-0-0 to approve the surplus of 1996 HiTec fire engine to Pioneer Fire Protection District as a donation.

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

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Minutes for Meeting from June 20th, 2023: 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 the June 20th regular meeting minutes with minor corrections.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:45 am. Chair Brown adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, August 15th.



Chair, Amador Fire Protection District