

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, October 17 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

Absent:

Richard Forster, Director
Nicole Cook, Board Clerk

Staff:

Robert Withrow, Fire Chief
Jennifer Burns, Board Clerk

AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Oneto and seconded by Director Crew and carried 4-0-1, to approve the agenda, Director Forster absent.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Fire Chief Update:

PIO: Kayla Dale presented. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken. AFD Event participation are as follows:

- 10/21-CHP Halloween Festival, Plymouth Harvest Festival and Chili Cook Off, Firewise in a community of Sutter Creek
- 10/28-Volcano Halloween Fun Festival & Fiddletown Bingo
- 10/29-AFPD Trunk-n-Treat in Fiddletown
- 11/11-Veterans Day Parade

Partnership:

- Station 112 & 123 locations for free chipping with ACRA & AFSC
- Lava Dog "Career Day" on main street in Plymouth

Fire Prevention: Prevention Officer, Ashley Anaya addressed the Board. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken.

Volunteer Program: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken. Starting in February the volunteer recruitment will start using SAFER grant funding. November 1st will be the start of our first three fire apprentices that will be stationed at 122.

First Responder Fee: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken.

New Station: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. No action was taken. Committee member informed the Board to consider buying alternative property that might be available in near Dollar General in Pine Grove. AFD property near Mt. Zion has many easements and may not be the best location.

Cindy Grandbois, member of the community addressed the Board by asking if there is a time limit of funds. Response was no. She also stated that, private individuals should not be billed for first responder fee; if they are, to keep the program but put perimeters.

JOA Between LFPD and AFD: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Chief Withrow presented. LFPD is in the process of pursuing additional funding. Since merging with AFD is an option and to prevent a conflict of interest, withdrawing and canceling the addendum B, of the JOA is recommended. There will be continued support to LFPD by emergency response and through mutual aid.

Jan Hewitt, Board President of LFPD addressed the Directors by expressing her gratitude for the relationship between AFD and LFPD. Also asked if the Board would be open to a merger if LAFCO recommends. She also stated that she understands Chief Withrow's separation due to a conflict of interest.

Cindy Grandbois, member of the public, addressed the Board by asking if they would be open to a merger with AFD and to consider if it would be the best fit, will it benefit AFD?

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Oneto and carried 4-0-1 to approve the resolution, Director Forster absent.

RESOLUTION NO. AFD 23-17

Resolution approving the cancelation of existing "Addendum B" to the Joint Operations Agreement with Lockwood Fire Protection District with an end date of November 15, 2023

SCI Addendum to the Consultant Engineer Services: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

Cindy Grandbois, member of the public commended the Board for their decision.

Sherry Curtis, Amador Pines resident addressed the board and asked if the assessed value will effect the outcome of benefit assessment election, should assess all public properties.

Direction given to staff to perform in-house and not include any sovereign nation.

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. Career staff has done an exceptional job executing the standard operating guidelines. There is also an opportunity to have live fire training from a building donated by Amador Water Agency.

Vehicle Maintenance Report: No action taken, report only.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Minutes for Meeting from September 19th 2023: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Crew and carried 4-0-1 to approve the September 19th regular meeting minutes with no changes.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:15 am. Chair Brown adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, November 8th



Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

