

NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
May 10, 2012
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Castle City Mobile Home Park
1500 Newcastle Rd.
Newcastle, California

Call to Order:

- Chairman Lewis called the NFPD Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Chairman Lewis present, Vice- Chairman Stearns present, Secretary Calkins absent, Director Orsolini present, and Director Poore present.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Chairman Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brown Act Training:

- Chairman Lewis read the section of the Brown Act which pertains to public comment (54954.3).

Consent Agenda:

- Director Poore made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. VC Stearns seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Action Items:

1. Legal Counsel selection
 - a. Director Poore made a motion to retain Kronick, Moskovitz, Tidemann & Girard as legal counsel for the Newcastle Fire Protection District. Director Orsolini seconds the motion.

i. Chairman Lewis	AYE
ii. VC Stearns	AYE
iii. Secretary Calkins	ABSENT
iv. Director Orsolini	AYE
v. Director Poore	AYE

Motion carries.
 2. Resolution 2012-05-10 to transfer funds for legal counsel
 - a. Director Poore made a motion to adopt resolution #2012-05-10 as written. VC Stearns seconds the motion.

i. Chairman Lewis	AYE
ii. VC Stearns	AYE
iii. Secretary Calkins	ABSENT
iv. Director Orsolini	AYE
v. Director Poore	AYE

Motion carries.
 3. RFP for feasibility study
 - a. Director Poore made a motion to accept the RFP for a Feasibility Study as written. VC Stearns seconds the motion, but would like the following wording corrected, page. 5 paragraph. 2, the travel trailer that the FF's currently sleep in was purchased by the district, not donated. Director Poore agreed with VC Stearns request and amended his motion accordingly.

i. Chairman Lewis	AYE
ii. VC Stearns	AYE
iii. Secretary Calkins	ABSENT
iv. Director Orsolini	AYE
v. Director Poore	AYE

Motion carries.
 4. Meeting place and time change
 - a. Chairman Lewis spoke to the board regarding her desire to move the regular board meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and to move the location from Castle City Mobile Home Park to Newcastle Elementary School Staff Room. Mrs. Lewis believes that the time change may allow more working people to attend the meetings since many people don't get off of work until 5:00 p.m. The location change is needed for many reasons, the mobile home park is noisy, hot in the summer and is locked up at 8:00 p.m. each night. By moving to the school we will be able to meet for longer if required.
 - b. VC Stearns made a motion to move the regular board of directors meeting to 6:30 p.m. at Newcastle Elementary School Staff Room. Director Orsolini seconds the motion.

- i. Chairman Lewis AYE
- ii. VC Stearns AYE
- iii. Secretary Calkins ABSENT
- iv. Director Orsolini AYE
- v. Director Poore AYE

Motion carries.

- 5. Approve response letter to County (regarding old station)
 - a. Director Poore made a motion to approve the response letter to the Placer County Code Enforcement Department with the following correction: paragraph 2, the travel trailer was purchased by the district not donated. Chairman Stearns seconds the motion.
 - b. Discussion:
 - i. Joni Elder
 - 1. How long does the board anticipate the building of a new station will take?
 - a. Chairman Lewis
 - i. ASAP
 - 2. Where will the firemen live until the new station is built?
 - a. Chairman Lewis
 - i. The existing facility.
 - c. Chairman Lewis AYE
 - d. VC Stearns AYE
 - e. Secretary Calkins ABSENT
 - f. Director Orsolini AYE
 - g. Director Poore AYE

Motion Carries

- **Discussion/Information/Action**

- 1. Presentation on Project Delivery by Max Medina of ACCM.
 - a. Project Delivery Handbook is **ATTACHMENT 1** of these minutes.
 - b. Kathleen Daugherty recommended to the board that they take some time to thoroughly review the handbook and consider placing an action item on the next meeting agenda.
 - c. Discussion:
 - i. Jim McClure of Firehouse Design & Construction (FD&C) spoke to the board regarding AB 642, Wolk. Design-build: counties, cities, and special districts. (**ATTACHMENT 2**)
 - d. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN
- **Brown Act Training** (Board review – Public Comment section)
 - 1. Presented by Kathleen Daugherty (**ATTACHMENT 3**)
 - 2. Director Poore reported to the board that the new law firm will provide a Brown Act workshop for board and staff members free of charge.
 - 3. Discussion:
 - a. Melinda Ward, understands that the public can request items be placed on the agenda but if the board chooses not to, how does the public get information?
 - i. Kathleen Daugherty, you may be able to get the information through a public records request.
 - b. Kathleen Daugherty, only school districts are required to agendize any item requested by the public.

• Reports

1. Battalion Chief Report



APPARATUS REPORT:

E-41 IN SERVICE
 E-41B IN SERVICE
 BR-41 IN SERVICE
 BR-41B IN SERVICE
 WT-41 IN SERVICE PENDING DRIVER

TRAINING HOURS

	<u>APR.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
OLNEY:	30.5	106.5
BOWERS:	28.5	83.0
KIRK:	12.5	81.0
SUMAN:	12.5	101.0
HICKOK:	5.0	105.0
GIBSON:	68.0	85.5
TARN:	5.0	97.0
THYER:	29.0	84.0
OLIVER:	31.5	118.25
COSBY:	44.0	123.5
HAAS:	31.0	87.5
HICKS:	20.0	78.5
OBUTKOV:	19.5	89.5

Battalion Chief's Report
April, 2012

Prepared by: BC Love

April Call Volume:	51
Fires	2
Medical	24
Other	8
Mutual Aid	17
Year to Date Call Volume:	175
2011 Call Volume:	506
% Difference from YTD in 2011	-3%

TARGET SAFETY TRAINING HOURS:

Assignments Overdue	
Users with overdue assignments:	1
Percent of users with overdue assignments:	7%
Overdue assignments:	1
Assignments Completed	
Users with assignments completed:	12
Percent of users with assignments completed:	86%
Assignments completed:	59
User Logins	
Users who have logged in:	14
Percent of users who have logged in:	100%

Full-Time Employees: 6
 Part-Time Employees: 5
 Resident Firefighters: 4
 Volunteers: 0

STAFFING LEVELS (INCL. ADMIN):

2/0 staffing: 20/30 days = 67.00%
 3/0 staffing: 9/30 days = 30.00%
 4/0 staffing: 01/30 days = 03.00%
 5/0 staffing: 00/30 days = 0.00%

CURRENT PROJECTS:

A SHIFT:

Attended trench rescue training in Roseville.

B SHIFT:

Wrote multiple SOP's.

C SHIFT:

Wildland hand tool training.

Captain Hickok is currently enrolled in an EMT Certification class, 3/2012-6/2012

We're actively recruiting for additional Resident Firefighters.

Captain Kirk will be on active duty military status for the entire month of May. We will backfill with overtime by the other 2 Captains.

2. BC Love also reported that there had been an escaped control burn on Rattlesnake Bar Rd. that burned 1/4 acre.

• Kathleen Daugherty (Web Site reports per Action Plan)

1. Mrs. Daugherty reported to the board that she is currently working on a new website which will be utilized strictly for the NFPD. Mrs. Daugherty thanked the Firefighters Association for sharing their website with the district, but the two entities need to be separated going forward.

• Board of Directors Report

1. Chairman Lewis

a. Apologized to Mr. Ward regarding his questions about Measure F. She didn't understand that it was from 1996.

- i. Mr. Ward told Mrs. Lewis that he had gotten the information he wanted from Placer County.
2. VC Stearns
 - a. Reported that he has spoken with the new management at the UAIC and expects to meet with him soon to discuss the tribe's \$100k pledge to the new fire station.
3. Secretary Calkins
 - a. Absent
4. Director Orsolini
 - a. None
5. Director Poore
 - a. None
- **Public Comment**
 1. Terry Andreucci, provided a public records request to the Clerk.
 2. Terry Andreucci, asked the board what will happen if the opposition is successful with their proposal?
 - a. Chairman Lewis, the Firefighters will not get any benefits.
 3. Bob Stearns (excused himself from the board table and addressed the remaining board members as a private citizen), Mr. Stearns reported that he is a long time resident of Newcastle and he is proud of this board for moving forward with building a new fire station. It bothers him to hear that some people think that a tin building and a portable will be an adequate station.
 4. Dave Ward, stated that a Captain had recently disrupted one of the opposition meetings while on duty. Wants to know if the Captain's hatred of the opposition applies to the board also?
 - a. Chairman Lewis, No.
 5. Susie Brown, Meet with Rui Cunha of OES. Lincoln bought a house and renovated it into a fire station. Metal buildings can be made into anything we want at a reasonable cost. Mrs. Brown would like this option considered for the new fire station.
 6. Joni Elder, asked Mr. Stearns how many parcels he owns.
 - a. Mr. Stearns, 3.
 - b. Mrs. Elder, you stated at a prior board meeting that you own 2 parcels.
 - c. Mr. Stearns, yes he knows. He has a very small, odd shaped parcel that is not assessed and he forgot about it at the time the question was asked.
 - d. John Downs, read a statement prepared by Robert Ward. **(ATTACHMENT 4)**
 - e. Sue Speck, Ms. Speck is interested in participating in the determination of the percentage of the assessment property owners with irregular shaped/sized parcels will pay.
- **Announcement of Closed Session at 7:25 p.m.**
- **Public Comment on Closed Session Items at 7:28 p.m.**
 1. No public comment received
- **Adjourn to Short Break at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Open Closed Session at 7:41 p.m.**
- **Adjourn Closed Session at 8:01 p.m.**
- **Re-Convene Open Session at 8:04 p.m.**
- **Announcement of action(s) taken in closed session:**
 1. No action was taken in closed session.
- **Announcements**
 1. NFVA Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, May 12, 2012, NESD Gym, 7a-11a
 2. Newcastle Community Day, Sunday, May 20, 2012, Marshall Square, 11a-2p
 3. NFPD Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, June 14, 2012, Newcastle Elementary School Staff Room, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Minutes Approved By:

Patrice Metz, Clerk

Yvonne Lewis, Chairman of the Board

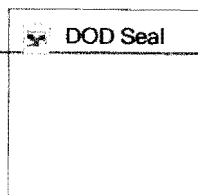


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Thursday, May 10, 2012 3:14 PM

From: "Melinda Moyn" <mmoyn@hcs.k12.ca.us>

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Department of the Army

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS TROOP
1ST SQUADRON, 73RD CAVALRY REGIMENT
82nd Airborne division
FORT BRAGG, NC 28310

To Whom It May Concern:

May 7, 2012

My name is Robert Ward and I am currently stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina in the 82nd Airborne Division.

My family has resided at 1817 Auburn Folsom Road since the 1950's. I lived there until August 10, 2008, when I enlisted in the United States Army. I have been stationed at Ft. Bragg, Iraq and Haiti.

I am almost finished with my second enlistment, and at the end of which I plan on returning to my family home

in Auburn. I am writing this letter with extreme displeasure about the taxes that I will be paying when I return

home. The fire department already taxes my family \$148.00, plus 2% per year with Measure F. Now, with

Measure B the fire department wants an additional \$146.00, plus 3% per year. This means that when I reach my Father's age of 64, I will pay Newcastle Fire approximately \$1200.00 per year.

I personally think that raising the taxes \$146.00 per year, plus 3% a year, is ridiculous knowing that service members in the military only receive an annual raise of around 1.4 to 2.0 percent. How can I be expected to pay these additional monies when in my 5 years of service to the United States I never was given a raise above 2 percent. Furthermore, I highly doubt that the fire department will need an extra 3% raise annually on top of the 2% they already receive from Measure F.

Currently this Measure is paid by the parcel owners, not the residents, which in my opinion is flawed. I believe that the taxes should be lowered and paid by the resident instead of the parcel owner. By doing so, the fire department would not only make more money, but the taxes would also be spread over a larger population. This would make more money for the fire department and the tax payers would be taxed less.

I sincerely hope to see the Measure repealed, or revised, to not only lower the taxes but also make more money for the fire department by taxing residents instead of land owners. For instance, my father is paying for multiple parcels himself, while you have communities such as Castle City Mobile Home Park that pays less than minimal taxes through the flaw in taxing parcels instead of residents.

In closing, I would again like to express my severe dissatisfaction with the way this Measure is taxing parcel owners instead of residents. Additionally, the fact that the fire department is already receiving Measure F funds plus a 2% annual raise, so to add Measure B and another 3% annual raise is illogical. I sincerely hope that this Measure is repealed, or revised.

Sincerely,
Robert Ward

ATTACHMENT 4