

NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

November 4, 2015, 6:00 P.M. – Special Meeting

at 461 Main Street, Newcastle, CA 95658, Newcastle, CA 95658

MEETING MINUTES

Board Present: Jim Jordan, Chairman
Eric Sprouse, Vice Chairman
Jonita Elder, Secretary
Rocky Robinson, Director
Robin Enos, Director

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- (A) Chairman called meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All Board Members Present.
- (B) Chief Higgins in attendance.
- (C) Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- (A) November 4, 2015 Special Meeting Agenda.
Director Robinson motioned to move Action Items (C) and (D) to the regular board meeting; seconded by Secretary Elder. Motion carried out unanimously with all Directors present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- (A) Mr. Orsolini thanks for the board for their kindness and thoughts on his loss.
- (B) Mr. Green shared Measure B Text (pink paper). He would like to see annual report (if someone can find it for him) and where Measure B is separate funding source.
He read the report from South Placer – suggests drafting a bond measure.
Real issue: emergency medical response time – too long.
- (C) Mr. Monahan recently experienced great response time.
- (D) Jacqueline Garrens – Castle City and Gold Hill mobile homes. Mobile homes are approximately 25% of the Newcastle population. They had several incidents/emergency calls. Concerned about emergency response delays. Doesn't want the fire department to close.
- (E) Mr. Saladana – Pointed out necessity of moving forward with fire station regardless of tree impacts. Presence and persistence to County Board is important. Concerned about more taxes paid as a home owner than mobile home park residents.

4. INFORMATIONAL/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- (A) Correction of Administrative Error Regarding Land Donation/Land Deed
 - Secretary Elder described details regarding donated property. A new Grant Deed was drafted to transfer a small piece of property (driveway) back to Mr. Saladana. The error originated from a very old deed.
 - **Director Robinson made the motion to bring the approval and processing of the corrected grant deed to a vote; seconded by Director Enos. Motion carried out unanimously with all Directors present.**
 - Copy presented to Chairman Jordan for signature and Director Robinson will process.
- (B) Approve tentative MOU with Newcastle Fire Association
 - Statement from Secretary Elder regarding revenue, budget, wages and cost to run the station.
 - Questions posed to Chief Higgins...What is the cost of this contract to the District? What are the yearly wages under the contract? What are the proposed and current benefits?
 - Secretary Elder would also like to see wording adjustments in the contract. She will provide the list of questions to the Chief.
 - MOU with Newcastle Fire is posted under documents on the District Website.

- Question: When were the last wage and benefit increases? Last took place in 2012. Only state mandated benefits on vacation were added.
- **Secretary Elder made the motion to postpone approval of contract pending more information; seconded by Director Robinson. Motion carried out unanimously with all Directors present.**

Items C & D struck from agenda:

- ~~(C) Discussion/Opportunities for Consolidation, Merging or Joint Relationship through a JPS between Newcastle Fire Protection District and Penryn Fire Protection District.~~
- ~~(D) Determination to proceed with negotiations and/or talks with SPFD or dismiss SPFD proposal for contracted services.~~

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

5. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Location: 461 Main Street.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Capik, Recording Secretary