

Newcastle Fire Protection District

Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Pursuant to the Governor's Special-Order N-29-20, issued March 17, 2020, the August 17, 2022 Regular Board of Director's Meeting was held via teleconference and in-person at:

Long Valley Community Hall  
2005 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle, CA 95658

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

- a. Chairman Kahrl called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. Director Enos led the flag salute.
- c. All directors were present.
- d. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi and BC Williamson were present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- a. VC Elder made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Director Bettencourt asked for an amendment, 12. a., ..."*reaffirm the Board's commitment to expend \$3500 (which is the district's share) for the purchase of...*"
- b. VC Elder made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).

**4. Approval of Financial Report**

- a. Director Bettencourt made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).

**5. Correspondence**

- a. None

**6. Public Comment**

- a. Jon Anacker – Told story about excellent coordination between agencies in Peugeot Sound. Sees same coordination between agencies in Placer County.

**7. Chief's Report**

- a. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi reporting for Chief Gow:
  - i. All three agencies responded to the Oak Fire. Newcastle spent 12 hours at the incident and will be reimbursed.
  - ii. Penryn Brush 38 has been out for 10 days.
  - iii. Placer Hills Fire Type VI is still out of County.
  - iv. PCWA will be staging some equipment at the Chantry Hill ballpark while they make repairs up there.
- b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi reporting for Prevention:
  - i. Performed multiple inspections.
  - ii. Winery at Taylor and Callison is preparing to have their EIR (Environmental Impact Report) done.
  - iii. Received an inquiry asking for the requirements to put in a gas station across from the driving range on Indian Hill Road at Newcastle Road.
- c. BC Williamson Reporting:
  - i. All equipment is in service,
  - ii. Have run 461 calls so far this year.

**8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association**

- a. None

**9. Board Committee Reports**

- a. Building Committee report on the new fire station.

- i. Chairman Kahrl asked everyone to go look at the new station. The slope of the roof and the orientation of the building fit in very well with the community.
- ii. Director Bettencourt reporting:
  1. The gutters will be installed this week.
  2. The generator has been ordered.
  3. PG&E has been working well with Director Bettencourt.
  4. SPMUD wants a formal letter showing that Newcastle has paid for the sewer work before they will reimburse their 1/3 share.
- b. Ad-hoc Committee report on selling the existing station and dedication of the new fire station.
  - i. Secretary Heisterkamp reported that the resolution to declare the old station as “excess property” is an action item later in the agenda.
  - ii. 50% of the plaque purchase has been paid.
    1. Plaque verbiage is still being worked on.
- c. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.
  - i. VC Elder reporting:
    1. There was a committee meeting last week.
  - ii. Chairman Kahrl reported that the committee was receiving good assistance from the LAFCO Director.
- d. Contract Committee: Administration Contract with Placer Hills Fire (Directors Bettencourt and Heisterkamp).
  - i. Secretary Heisterkamp had no report.

#### **10. Informational/Non-Action Items**

#### **11. Action Items**

- a. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 22-06 declaring the property at 9211 Cypress St., Newcastle, CA surplus to the district’s needs and authorizing the disposal of the property in a manner permitted by law.
  - i. This was a very somber moment for the board.
  - ii. Secretary Heisterkamp reiterated that this is only step one in the process to dispose of the old station.
  - iii. Director Bettencourt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-06 as presented. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
- b. Consider and approve a nomination for the Alternate Special District Representative to LAFCO.
  - i. VC Elder made a motion to nominate Chairman Kahrl for the LAFCO Alternate Special District Representative. Director Enos seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
- c. Consider and complete the Response to the Grand Jury’s Final Report on Continuity and Accountability from 2020 – 2021.
  - i. District Manager Lofrano reported that included in the board’s document packet is a copy of the letter sent to the Grand Jury. The synopsis of the letter is that within the next 120 days, the district will be taking over control of their website from an outside contractor. The district will then be able to comply with CA Govt. Code Section 54954.2 and SB 929.
  - ii. Director Bettencourt made a motion to approve the response to the Grand Jury as presented. Director Enos seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).

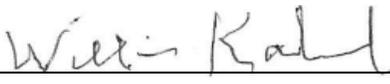
#### **12. Director’s Reports**

- a. VC Elder reported that she has decided to seek re-election to the board in November.
- b. Placer Hills Fire board member Lofrano reported that there will not be any change to their board.

**13.** Chairman Kahrl adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary

  
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Approved