

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting
October 18, 2023
Held via teleconference and in-person at:
Long Valley Community Hall
2005 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle, CA 95658

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. VC Elder called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- b. Director Bettencourt led the flag salute.
- c. Directors Elder, Heisterkamp and Bettencourt were present. Chairman Kahrl was absent.
- d. Chief Gow and BC Nelson were present.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Director Bettencourt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (3/0).

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18th regular meeting as presented. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (3/0).

4. Approval of Financial Report

- a. Director Bettencourt made a motion to approve the financial report as presented by Chief Gow. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (3/0).

5. Correspondence

- a. None

6. Public Comment

- a. Jon Anacker – Gave kudos to the Placer County Chipper Program. Mr. Anacker highly encourages residents to “think outside the box” when it comes to wildfire fuel mitigation.

7. Chief’s Report

- a. Chief Gow reporting:
 - i. Newcastle
 1. There was a residential structure fire at the business across the street from the Long Valley Community Hall (48 Planks). A professional job was done by all.
 2. A board vacancy has been posted. So far there have been no applications received.
 - ii. Penryn
 1. Looking into purchasing a new type 3 engine.
 2. In the middle of labor negotiations.
 - iii. Placer Hills
 1. Have not filled the Engineer/Paramedic position.
 2. MOU committee meets next week.
 3. Nicole’s position has been filled
 4. Final 3 candidates for Gill’s job are being interviewed next week.
 - iv. All 3 districts are attempting to meet with county supervisors.
 - v. Local 3800 is also meeting with each supervisor.
 - vi. LAFCO MSR (*Municipal Services Review*) is continuing. Each districts management and some board members are being interviewed.
 - vii. Auburn City has browned out station 3 (Maidu).
- b. Fire Marshal D’Ambrogi Reporting:
 - i. No report.
- c. BC Nelson Reporting:
 - i. 43 Calls for September. 579 YTD. 581 this time last year.

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

- i. No report

9. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee report on the new fire station.
 - i. Director Bettencourt reporting:
 - 1. Working with Placer Hills to get a bid for a fuel tank at station 41. A 50/50 grant will be applied for.
 - 2. Between 11/10 and 12/10 PG&E is supposed to string the line across the freeway.
- b. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.
 - i. No movement is anticipated until the MSR is complete.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. None

11. Action Items

- a. Consider a request from Ms. Mahaffey-Raty to exempt Measures F and B from her property – APN 042-225-010-000.
 - i. After much board discussion, Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to deny Ms. Mahaffey-Raty's request and directed the Fire Chief to ask Gill to send a letter to Ms. Raty on how to combine parcels. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (3/0).
- b. Consider and approve the Appropriations (GANN) limit of \$1,883,073.81 for FY 2023-2024 as prepared by the Placer County Auditor-Controller. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the GANN limit as presented. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (3/0).
- c. Consider and approve staff to submit an application for a USDA Community Facilities Grant for equipment not to exceed \$100,000.00. The district's share not to exceed \$50,000.00.
 - i. Director Bettencourt reported that the grant would be used to buy a fuel vault for station 41.
 - ii. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the submission of a grant application with the district's matching share not to exceed \$50k. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (3/0).

12. Director's Reports

- a. Director Bettencourt reported that he attended the South Placer Fire board meeting as an observer.

13. VC Elder adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary



Approved