

Newcastle Fire Protection District  
Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting  
September 20, 2023  
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 6:01 p.m.
- b. VC Elder led the flag salute.
- c. All Directors were present. Secretary Heisterkamp was present via Zoom.
- d. Chief Gow, Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi and BC Slusher were present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Director Bettencourt made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16th regular meeting as presented. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).

**4. Approval of Financial Report**

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

**5. Correspondence**

- a. VC Elder announced that former NFPD board member, Bill Fawx has passed away aged 99.

**6. Public Comment**

- a. Jon Anacker – Reported that he was turned down by his insurance underwriter even after all the work that was done clearing his property.

**7. Chief's Report**

- a. Chief Gow reporting:
  - i. Hiring lawsuit against the fire district has been resolved.
  - ii. Re: Municipal Services Review (MSR), AP Triton will meet with command staff at the end of October.
  - iii. Met with Supervisor Jones who is very supportive of consolidation. Suggested having another open house at station 41.
    1. Director Enos reported that the date of the open house will be October 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. Former Auburn Mayor, Ms. Powers is now working for Supervisor Gustafson.
  - v. Penryn is looking to purchase a new Type I engine.
  - vi. Placer Hills is having difficulty filling an Engineer/Paramedic position.
  - vii. There are 9 candidates for the Placer Hills District Manager position.
  - viii. Will possibly be the middle of 2024 before the LAFCO MSR is released.
- b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi Reporting:
  - i. Inspections Performed:
    1. 1 Single Family Dwelling
    2. 1 Cell Tower
    3. 1 Hydro Rough-in
    4. 2 LPG
  - ii. The old Rinky Dink building is going through a major renovation.
- c. BC Slusher Reporting:
  - i. 57 Calls for August.
    1. Provided mutual aid 10 times
    2. Received mutual aid 6 times.

**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. PG&E has to subcontract transformer work. No definitive date has been set.
- 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 and approve the second reading of the audit for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 prepared by Smith & Newell CPA's.
  - i. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the 21/22 audit as presented. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
- b. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 approving the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.
  - i. VC Elder made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 as presented. Director Enos seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
  - ii. Director Bettencourt reported that Mike Vukas from the USDA had mentioned the possibility of a 50/50 grant for the purchase and installation of fuel tanks at station 41. Director Bettencourt asked the board if anyone objected to him reaching out to Mr. Vukas to inquire. No one objected.
- c. Presentation of a letter from the Board to Robin Enos on his retirement from his duties as a Director of the Newcastle Fire Protection District.
  - i. Director Enos was presented with a plaque from the staff.
  - ii. Chairman Kahrl read the letter from the board aloud to everyone.

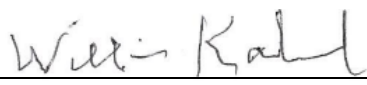
**12. Director's Reports**

- a. Director Bettencourt reported that a Little League board member at station 41 is of the impression that the fire district is making money on the fields. He let the person know that as long as the insurance is paid by the league that the fire district does not seek any type of compensation.
- b. Secretary Heisterkamp thinks the board should discuss the liability of the Chantry Hill ball fields at an upcoming board meeting.

**13. Chairman Kahrl adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary

  
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Approved