

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting
April 17, 2024
Long Valley Community Hall
2005 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle, CA 95658

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Chairman Kahrl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Director Bettencourt led the flag salute.
- c. All directors were present except Secretary Heisterkamp.
- d. Chief Gow, Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, BC Slusher, and DM Armstrong were present.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. VC Elder made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Director Bettencourt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).

4. Approval of Financial Report

- a. VC Elder made a motion to approve the financial report as presented by Chief Gow. Director Burns seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).

5. Correspondence

- a. None

6. Public Comment

- a. Jon Anacker – Reported that they cleared debris from their property yesterday to ensure that fire apparatus can get to his house.
- b. VC Elder reported that she and her husband attended the Auburn Elk's *Public Safety Awards Dinner* on April 8th. Captain Hickok was Newcastle's Firefighter of the Year.

7. Chief's Report

- a. Chief Gow reporting:
 - i. Newcastle
 1. Is currently fully staffed.
 2. New SCBA's have arrived. Some parts had to be returned and replacements are on their way.
 - ii. Penryn
 1. Nothing to report.
 - iii. Placer Hills
 1. MOU with L3800 is done.
 - iv. LAFCO MSR is currently ongoing.
- b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi Reporting:
 - i. 2 Single Family Dwelling (SFD) plans reviewed.
 - i. 1 SFD final inspection.
 - ii. 1 Commercial Bldg. Inspection (Former Rinky Dink bldg.)
 - iii. 2 LPG inspections.
 - iv. Affordable housing project going in on Penryn Pkwy.
- c. BC Slusher Reporting:
 - i. March 2024 – 60 calls for service
 1. Fires -5
 2. Medical- 24
 3. Hazardous Cont.-2
 4. Public Assist - 10
 5. Good intent- 15
 6. False Alarms- 4
 7. YTD: 234

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

- i. Captain Shaw reported that MOU negotiations with the board have been opened.

9. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee report on the new fire station.
 1. Director Bettencourt reporting:
 - PG&E is close to getting Caltrans to extend the permit to complete pole work at the new station.
 - The erosion control refund check was mailed to the district in March, 2024. Unfortunately, it was mailed to the physical address and not the PO Box. DM Armstrong will follow up with the County to sort it out.
- b. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.
 1. No report.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. Board to review LAFCO letter regarding Joint Operations Agreement and Agreement for Administrative Services.
 - i. Chief Gow re-capped the recent LAFCO meeting.
 - ii. Chairman Kahrl stated that the issue has brought some opposition out.
 - iii. Director Bettencourt reminded the board that Cal Fire's mission is extinguishment of wildfires within the State Responsibility Area (SRA).
- b. Board to discuss NFPD's parcel ownership at the Chantry Hill Ballpark.
 - i. This issue was postponed until May because of Secretary Heisterkamp's absence.
- c. Board to discuss meeting with Local 3800 regarding their efforts to secure future funding for fire districts.
 - i. BC Slusher reported that L3800's work is complementary to the work the Boards are doing.

11. Action Items

- a. **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to CA Government Code §54957.6(a.) LABOR NEGOTIATIONS; Discussion of memorandum of understanding with L3800. District negotiators: Director Burns and Secretary Heisterkamp.
 - i. The board went in to closed session at 7:04 p.m.
 - ii. Chairman Kahrl re-convened the open session at 7:39 p.m.
 - iii. Chairman Kahrl reported that direction was given to the Negotiating Committee. No action was taken.

12. Director's Reports

13. Chairman Kahrl adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary



Approved