

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting
May 15, 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 Burns led the flag salute.
- c. All directors were present.
- d. Chief Gow, Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, BC Nelson, and DM Armstrong were present.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Director Burns made a motion to approve the agenda changing item 11. (D) to 11. (C) in order to correct typo. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. VC Elder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries 4/0 via roll call vote with Secretary Heisterkamp abstaining.

4. Approval of Financial Report

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

5. Correspondence

- a. None

6. Public Comment

- a. Chairman Kahrl asked Mr. Anacker to thank his wife for the decadent cookies she sent for everyone tonight.
- b. Jon Anacker – His daughter recently performed some fire abatement activities at her home.

7. Chief's Report

- a. Chief Gow reporting:
 - i. Newcastle
 1. Parts for new SCBA's have arrived.
 - ii. Penryn
 1. Nothing to report.
 - iii. Placer Hills
 1. Nothing to report.
 - iv. LAFCO MSR is currently ongoing.
 - v. The Lexipol Physical Exam Policy calls for an annual exam for all safety employees. Historically, Placer Hills has done one every two years. Newcastle and Penryn's insurer pays for one every three years. Staff has been directed to get physicals done for everyone now.
 - vi. Lawyers are reviewing the marijuana policy.
 - vii. Engine 41 has been in the shop for approximately 8 weeks. Getting the necessary part has proven difficult. The part has finally been received. The pump was tested and has a few leaks. Anticipate having the engine back in service on Monday. Parts for that engine are getting harder and harder to procure. Placer Hills new engine should be in service in approximately 8 weeks. Chief Gow will work with the Placer Hills board to put the Placer Hills reserve engine at station 41.
- b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi Reporting:
 - i. 1 Single Family Dwelling (SFD) plans reviewed.
 - i. 1 SFD final inspection.
 - ii. 2 LPG inspections.
 - iii. Possible 40 lot subdivision on Kellogg Street.
 - iv. Winery is moving forward.
- c. Chief Gow reporting for BC Nelson:
 - i. A mobile home took a direct lightning strike in Castle City. No injuries were reported.

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

- i. No report.

9. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee report on the new fire station.
 1. Director Bettencourt reporting:
 - The Erosion Control deposit refund was received and has been deposited into the bank.
 - There still has not been any movement by PG&E to set a new date to complete the previously postponed pole work.
- b. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.
 1. Chairman Kahrl reporting:
 - The Chairpersons of the three districts have been meeting. Currently there is not any fire district representation on the LAFCO Commission.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. Board to discuss NFPD's parcel ownership at the Chantry Hill Ballpark.
 - i. Secretary Heisterkamp spoke with Placer County Parks. This is a conundrum. If parks take over ownership of the ballpark there will surely be an assessment to the community. He would like to put this item on the June agenda for general discussion.

11. Action Items

- a. Consider and approve Resolution No. 2024-02 Declaring an election in November for Board Members whose terms are expiring and requesting Election Services by the County Clerk.
 - i. VC Elder made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-02 as presented. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries via roll call vote 4/0 with Chairman Kahrl abstaining.
- b. **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 7:14 p.m.
 - ii. Chairman Kahrl re-convened the open session at 7:36 p.m.
 - iii. Chairman Kahrl reported that direction was given to the Negotiating Committee. No action was taken.

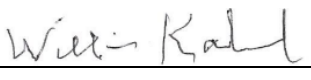
12. Director's Reports

- 13.** Chairman Kahrl adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary



Approved