

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
June 19, 2024
Long Valley Community Hall
2005 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle, CA 95658

Amended 7/18/2024

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the agenda changing item 11. (H) from an Action Item to a Discussion Item. VC Elder 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. Secretary Heisterkamp 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 Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).

5. Correspondence

- a. None

6. Public Comment

- a. Tim Monroe and Kathy Baxter from the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council were in attendance. Mr. Monroe spoke briefly about FSC activities.
- b. Jon Anacker – Spoke to the value of volunteers to help abate fuels where neighbors are unable or unwilling to do so.

7. Chief's Report

- a. Chief Gow reporting:
 - i. Some emotional support dogs (puppies) visited Placer Hills. PHF is considering getting a dog.
 - ii. Placer County contracts with AMR for ambulance services within the county (except for South Placer and Foresthill). The current contract expires this year.
 - iii. LAFCO MSR is currently ongoing.
 - iv. Engine 41 is becoming a real problem. Planning to bring a proposal to the Newcastle Board in July to move the current Engine 41 to reserve status and rent an engine from Placer Hills Fire.
 - v. Placer Hills Fire
 1. Going to fully fund a full-time mechanic position.
 2. Sierra College is starting a paramedic program which will cost approximately \$1500 per year. Placer Hills is going to convert three of their 6 seasonal positions into full-time firefighter positions. Each of those positions will be sent to paramedic school at district expense.
- b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi Reporting:
 - i. 1 Single Family Dwelling (SFD) plans reviewed.
 - ii. 1 SFD final inspection.
 - iii. 2 LPG inspections.
 - iv. 1 rough hydro inspection.
 - v. Updated developer fees will take effect on 8/10/2024.
- c. BC Williamson Reporting:
 - i. Newcastle is fully staffed.

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

- i. No report.

9. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee report on the new fire station.
 1. No report

b. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.

1. No report

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. Board to discuss NFPD's parcel ownership at the Chantry Hill Ballpark.
 - i. Director Bettencourt asked the board if anyone objected to him reaching out to Gordy Ainsleigh, Board Member - Auburn Area Recreation & Park District (ARD) to discuss options for the ball park. None of the board members present objected.
- b. *Moved from 11. (H)*: Secretary Heisterkamp reported that an amendment to the Incident Deployment Rules of Engagement Policy will be presented at the July meeting.

11. Action Items

- a. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 adjusting Tax **Measure B** by a Cost-of-Living increase of 3% for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
 - i. Director Bettencourt made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- b. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 adjusting Tax **Measure F** by a Cost-of-Living increase of 3.7% for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
 - i. VC Elder made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- c. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2024-05 requesting collection of Measures B and F charges on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
 - i. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- d. Consider and Approve the Administrative Contract with Placer Hills Fire Protection District for the Term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
 - i. Chief Gow reported that the contract is for one year. Some of the wording has been cleaned up for LAFCO. The cost is \$184,270.00.
 - ii. Director Bettencourt made a motion to approve the Administrative Contract with Placer Hills Fire as presented. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- e. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2024-06 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
 - i. Secretary Heisterkamp reported that Placer County requested the budget revisions.
 - ii. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- f. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
 - i. Director Bettencourt made a motion to adopt the 2024/2025 preliminary budget as presented. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- g. Consider and Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the terms and cost (\$6,327.17) for the Auditor-Controller services for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
 - i. Director Bettencourt made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Placer County Auditor-Controller's Office for fiscal year 2024/2025 as presented. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- h. Moved to item 10. (B).
- i. **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 7:35 p.m.
 - ii. Chairman Kahrl re-convened the open session at 7:42 p.m.
 - iii. VC Elder made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Nevada County Professional Firefighters, Local 3800 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).

12. Director's Reports

13. Chairman Kahrl adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary

Approved