

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
December 18, 2024
Long Valley Community Hall
2005 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle, CA 95658

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Secretary Heisterkamp 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. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Burns seconds the motion. Motion carries via roll call vote (4/0).

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 (4/0).

5. Correspondence

- a. None

6. Public Comment

- a. Tim Monroe (FSC) – Two new Fire Wise communities have been completed and two applications are in the works.

7. Chief's Report

- a. Chief Gow reporting:
 - i. L3800 now represents Truckee Fire.
 - ii. Political efforts are ongoing.
 - iii. Engine 41 had been out of service for a couple of weeks due to a brake issue. It has been repaired.
 - iv. Employee physical project – Staff are still interviewing potential vendors. As this will be a change in working conditions there will need to be a meet and confer done before implementation. More information to follow.
- b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi reporting:
 - i. 1 SFD sprinkler hydro (rough) inspection.
 - ii. Code changes are coming in Placer County. The process for variance requests will become administrative. Covered porches and decks on ADU's will be assessed development fees.
 - iii. County asked how we are going to collect mitigation fees when SB 937 goes into effect on 1/1/2025. There will be no change to when Newcastle collects development fees. They will continue to be collected up front.
 - iv. Placer County is looking at going to digital plan submittal.
- c. BC Nelson Reporting:
 - i. 64 calls for November.

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 reported that we received the refund from PG&E in the amount of \$64,967. The check has already been deposited.
- b. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.
 1. Chairman Elder reported that she and Secretary Heisterkamp attended the LAFCO meeting on 12/11. There will be another meeting on 1/8/2025.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. Board to discuss Newcastle Fire's parcel ownership at the Chantry Hill ballfield.
 - i. Secretary Heisterkamp reporting:

1. Superintendent Sean Healy spoke with Secretary Heisterkamp. There has been no change in the project's status. County counsel will speak to the County Board of Supervisors to get direction on how to proceed.
- b. Board to review and discuss the Placer County Municipal Services Review.
 - i. Chief Gow reported that LAFCO has requested that all district's submit requested corrections to the MSR for consideration.
- c. Board to discuss options for recognizing the contributions of Chairman William Kahrl.
 - i. Chairman Elder reported that she, Captain Shaw, Engineer Knuckles and Chief Gow met to discuss this. Their recommendation is to install a memorial plaque on the station and add Mr. Kahrl's name to it.
 1. Passing a board resolution recognizing Chairman Kahrl's contributions was also recommended.
 2. Patrice will provide a copy of a proclamation Foresthill Fire used when one of their board members passed away.

11. Action Items

- a. Oath of office for John Burns, Lawrence Bettencourt, James Heisterkamp and Roger Lee.
 - i. Chairman Elder administered the oath of office to all directors (except Director Lee who was absent).
- b. Consider and approve meeting dates for 2025.
 - i. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the 2025 board calendar as presented. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).

12. Director's Reports


- a. Director Bettencourt would like to revisit the installation of fuel vaults at the new station. Item to be placed on the January agenda as an informational/discussion item.

13. Chairman Elder adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary



Chairman,
Newcastle
Approved