Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, 2025
Long Valley Community Hall
2005 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle, CA 95658

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
   a. Chairman Heisterkamp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
   b. Chairman Heisterkamp led the flag salute.
   c. All directors were present.
   d. Chief Gow, BC Nelson and Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi were present.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
   a. Director Elder made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. VC Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. Director Elder made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19th regular meeting as presented. VC Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries 4/0 via roll call vote with Secretary Burns abstaining.
   b. Secretary Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25th special meeting as presented. Director Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
4. **Approval of Financial Report**
   a. VC Bettencourt made a motion to approve the financial report as presented by Chief Gow. Director Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
5. **Correspondence**
   a. None
6. **Public Comment**
   a. Tim Monroe – Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council
      i. The FSC is trying to raise up the feelings of the public to the county board of supervisors.
   b. Jon Anacker
      i. Tim and Kathy (Baxter) have brought a new energy to the Auburn FSC.
7. **Chief's Report**
   a. Chief Gow reporting:
      i. The county board of supervisors has re-enacted the fire ad-hoc committee. They're interested in discussing the financial issues of Placer County special fire districts.
      ii. Work is continuing on the physical exam policy which will include a change of vendor. Should be presented in May or June.
      iii. Chief Rogers from Auburn City Fire approached Chief Gow about possibly jointly hiring a full-time fire marshal.
      iv. Chief Rogers and Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi brought a proposal to Chief Gow regarding the sharing of command staff. They are currently assessing the feasibility of this concept.
   b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi Reporting:
      i. Single Family Dwelling (SFD) Plan Review 1
      ii. Hydro/Rough Inspection (SFD) 1
      iii. Final Inspection (SFD) 3
      iv. LPG 2
      v. DEVFEE increase to be presented to county board of supervisors on 5/13.
      vi. April 21st will be the next Directors Group meeting at Placer Hills Fire, 10 a.m.
   c. BC Nelson Reporting:
      i. Call Volume 1/1/2025 – 3/31/2025 (199)
         1. Fire 7
         2. Overpressure 0
         3. Rescue EMS 119
         4. Haz. Condition 11
         5. Service Call 25
         6. Good Intent 33
         7. Severe Weather 1

8. Special Incident 0

ii. 16 instances of mutual aid given.

iii. 5 instances of mutual aid received.

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

i. No report.

9. Board Committee Reports

a. Building Committee report on the new fire station.

i. VC Bettencourt reported that he and Director Lee spoke with Hunt. They will complete the work for $34k.

ii. BC Nelson reported that the initial permit fee is $465 and the annual renewal is $465.

b. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.

i. No report.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

a. Board to discuss Newcastle Fire's parcel ownership at the Chantry Hill ballfield.

1. No report.

b. Board to review and discuss the Placer County Municipal Services Review.

i. Chief Gow reporting:

1. The MSR was accepted by LAFCO. Foresthill and Placer County Fire have been removed.
2. The *Sphere of Influence* (SOI) report expected to be heard at the June meeting.
3. After the SOI report is complete, the application can be approved.

c. Board to discuss the selection process of board members for the re-organized Placer Hills and Newcastle Fire Protection District.

i. Chairman Heisterkamp asked the board who was interested in serving on the new board?

1. Directors Elder and Bettencourt are not interested in serving on the new board.
2. Director Burns indicated that he would be interested if two members did not want to serve. If two do want to serve, he will sit in the background as an "alternate" if something were to change.
3. Directors Heisterkamp and Lee would like to serve on the new board.
4. Chairman Heisterkamp reported that any board members not sitting on the new board will need to resign when the time comes.

11. Action Items

a. **None**

12. Director's Reports

a. None

13. Chairman Heisterkamp adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary

Approved