



LINDEN – PETERS FIRE DISTRICT

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President: John E. Plotz
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Member: Paul Castillou Jr.
Member: Kenneth “Kenny” Watkins III

Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2020

The meeting of the Linden–Peters Rural County Fire Protection District Board of Directors was called to order by President John E Plotz at 7:04 PM. Members present: Vice President Thomas G. Watkins, Board Secretary David Frison, and Board Member Kenny Watkins III. Members Absent: Paul Castillou, Jr. L.P.F.D. on duty staff present: Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger, Captain Jacob Reed, and Administrative Assistant Lorena Coose.

(I.) Call to Order.

(II.) Roll Taken

Minutes for October’s meeting were taken by Administrative Assistant Lorena Coose.

(III.) Public Comment – None

(IV.) Minutes:

A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Regular Board Meeting Minutes- August 2020
Board Minutes approved on motion by D. Frison and seconded by T. Watkins. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

B. Discussion & Possible Action re: Regular Board Meeting Minutes- September 2020
Board Minutes approved on motion by D. Frison and seconded by T. Watkins. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

(V.) Financial Summary and Report

A. Monthly Financial, Current events summary for September 2020 - Presented by Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger. Chief Noffsinger provided an update on the September 2020 Financial Reports.

President Jack Plotz moved Unfinished Business items A , B, and C to the Consent Agenda.

(VI.) Consent Agenda:

A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Approval of the September 2020 Monthly Financial Report and expenditures. A motion to approve the financial report was made by T. Watkins seconded by D. Frison. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

B. Discussion & Possible Action re: Mission Policy
A motion to approve the Mission Policy was made by T. Watkins seconded by D. Frison. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

C. Discussion & Possible Action re: Firefighter Code of Ethics Policy

A motion to approve the Firefighter Code of Ethics Policy was made by T. Watkins seconded by D. Frison. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

D. Discussion & Possible Action re: Philosophy and Goals Policy

A motion to approve the Philosophy and Goals Policy was made by T. Watkins seconded by D. Frison. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

(VII.) Current Events Summaries, Reports, and/or Correspondence:

Current Events and Reserve Report for the Linden-Peters Fire District was presented by Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger

A. Departmental Report-Chief Kirk Noffsinger: Chief Noffsinger provided an update on the events and meetings held for the month September 2020. Chief Noffsinger noted that he attended the San Joaquin County Approval Authority meeting noting that there is a huge disconnect due to inoperability of the County communication systems. The Chief discussed the 3205 JRUG EMS policy in regards to response to the Delta area by Highway 4. At this time, the District will not respond to that area because of the high response time. There were some damages to the Water Tender in an approximate amount of \$14,000. The insurance should pay for those costs after a \$100 deductible. The radio is being installed on Engine 51 and it should be delivered to the station once that is completed. Captain Jacob Reed provided the shift, training, and volunteer reports.

B. Union Report – None

(VIII.) New Business

A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Weist Law Firm CalPERS Pension and UAL Board Presentation

California Municipal Advisors, LLC representative Dimitry Semenov provided a presentation on different funding options available to pay off the District's CalPERS Unfunded Liability Debt.

B. Discussion & Possible Action re: Purchase of Water Tender

After some discussion regarding purchasing a Water Tender, the item was tabled to discuss again in January 2021. At this time, the 1990 Peterbilt Water Tender does not meet NFPA standards and there are issues with it being a standard versus automatic. This causes difficulties when the engineer is required to drive and speak on the radio.

C. Discussion & Possible Action re: Purchase of Battery Operated Extrication Tools for Engine 51

A motion was made by D. Frison to approve the Purchase of Battery Operated Extrication Tools for Engine 51. The motion was seconded by T. Watkins. Vote 4-0

D. Discussion & Possible Action re: Sale of Old Engine 51

The Board directed Chief Noffsinger to advise the Board of the sale price of the Engine two days prior to the end of the auction for further instruction.

President Jack Plotz approved to move the Contract Firefighter under closed session to the open session as New Business Item E.

- E. Discussion & Possible Action re: Contract Firefighter
A motion was made by K. Watkins III to hire a Contract Firefighter. The motion was seconded by T. Watkins. Vote 4-0

(IX.) Unfinished Business –

- A. Discussion & Possible Action re: 100 Fire Service Authority Policy
A motion was made by K. Watkins III to approve 100 Fire Service Authority Policy. The motion was seconded by T. Watkins. Vote 4-0
- B. Discussion & Possible Action re: 101 Chief Executive Officer (Fire Chief) Policy
A motion was made by K. Watkins III to approve 101 Chief Executive Officer Policy with verbiage that states the Board has final discretion of the Fire Chief’s required qualifications. The motion was seconded by T. Watkins. Vote 4-0
- C. Discussion & Possible Action re: 103 Policy Manual
A motion was made by K. Watkins III to approve 103 Policy Manual with the addition of verbiage that states the Board has final approval of all policy changes. The motion was seconded by T. Watkins. Vote 4-0

(X.) Board Questions and Comments – None

(XI.) Closed Session – None

(XII.) Adjournment: Motion made by K. Watkins III and seconded by D. Frison to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor 4-0. Motion carried and so ordered at 9:04 pm.

John E. Plotz, President

Thomas G. Watkins, Vice President

David Frison, Secretary

Absent
Paul Castillou, Jr., Member

Kenneth “Kenny” Watkins III