



# LINDEN – PETERS FIRE DISTRICT

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Kirk Noffsinger, Fire Chief

## Board Members

President: Paul Castellou Jr.  
Vice-President: Kenneth “Kenny” Watkins III  
Secretary: David Frison  
Member: Ryan Hansen  
Member: Robert Dondero

## Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2024

The Adjourned Regular meeting of the Linden–Peters Rural County Fire Protection District Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President Kenny Watkins III at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Vice President Kenny Watkins III, Member Robert Dondero, and Member Ryan Hansen

Members Absent: President Paul Castellou, Jr. and Board Member David Frison

L.P.F.D. on duty staff present: Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger, Captain Marcel Mojalli, and Administrative Assistant Lorena Coose.

(I.) Call to Order – 7:01 PM

(II.) Roll Taken

Meeting minutes were taken by Administrative Assistant Lorena Coose.

(III.) Approval of the Agenda – A motion to approve the Agenda was made by R. Dondero and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero

NOES: ( )

ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castellou, Jr., Secretary David Frison

ABSTAIN: ( )

(IV.) Minutes

A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Regular Board Meeting Minutes– May 2, 2024

A motion to approve the May 2, 2024 Board meeting minutes noting a correction to strike Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger’s name under Item VII Financial Summary and Report was made by R. Hansen and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero

NOES: ( )

ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castellou, Jr., Secretary David Frison

ABSTAIN: ( )

B. Discussion & Possible Action re: Special Board Meeting Minutes– May 8, 2024

A motion to approve the May 8, 2024 Special Board meeting minutes was made by R. Dondero and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero  
NOES: ( )  
ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castillou, Jr., Secretary David Frison  
ABSTAIN: ( )

**(V.) Public Comment –**

There were five public comments regarding the Ayera camera on the rooftop noting the impact to neighboring community members.

**(VI.) Board Committee Reports**

- A. Training Facility Committee Report – There is no further update at this time. The last update was that windows are being installed on the connex.
- B. Finance Committee Report – Vice President K. Watkins III noted that the Finance Committee met to review the financials and everything was in order.

**(VII.) Financial Summary and Report**

- A. Monthly Financial, Current events summary for May 2024 - Presented by Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger. Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger provided an overview of the financials for May 2024 noting that San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors have approved returning ERAF funds to Fire Districts. The District will receive \$83,553.00 for FY 24-25 out of the San Joaquin County general funds. Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger noted that staff would be working on applying for a California Fire Foundation Ventilation Prop Grant in the amount of \$19,000.00. This grant is 100% funded and there is no District match.

**(VIII.) Consent Agenda:**

- A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Approval of the May 2024 Monthly Financial Reports and expenditures. A motion to approve the financial reports was made by R. Hansen and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero  
NOES: ( )  
ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castillou, Jr., Secretary David Frison  
ABSTAIN: ( )

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

- A. Departmental Report-Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger:



Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger provided an update on the events and meetings held for the month of May 2024 along with providing an overview of the calls, volunteer report, Shift report, training, and FIU report.

B. Union Report – None

**(X.) Unfinished Business:**

A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Ayera Camera on Rooftop

There was a lengthy discussion regarding privacy concerns and the functionality of the camera. The Board directed Chief Noffsinger to work with Ayera to find a way to cover the bottom of the camera so that the camera can only view distances and the horizon. The Board directed Chief Noffsinger to provide a presentation of the camera capabilities at a future Board meeting once the changes to the camera had been made.

Vice President K. Watkins III thanked the community members for their comments noting that the objective is to save lives without infringing on community rights noting that the camera is a tool that someday may make a significant difference.

Board Member Ryan Hansen thanked the community members for their patience as it will take time to find a solution noting that the expense of the solution may also need to be considered.

B. Discussion & Possible Action re: Allow the Fire Chief to Solicit Bids through the Request for Proposal (RFP) Process and Allocate the Necessary Funds for the Immediate Repair of the Fire Station Roof. A motion to allow the Fire Chief to solicit bids through the RFP process and allocate the necessary funds for the immediate repair of the station roof was made by R. Hansen and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero

NOES: ( )

ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castillou, Jr., Secretary David Frison

ABSTAIN: ( )

**(XI.) New Business:**

A. Discussion & Possible Action re: FY 2024-FY 2025 Preliminary Budget  
A motion to approve the FY 2024-FY 2025 Preliminary Budget was made by R. Dondero and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero

NOES: ( )

ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castillou, Jr., Secretary David Frison

ABSTAIN: ( )

B. Discussion & Possible Action re: Resolution No. 24-07 Adopt the FY 2024-2025 Proposition 4 Appropriation Limit

A motion to approve Resolution No. 24-07 to adopt the FY 2024-2025 Proposition 4 Appropriation Limit was made by R. Dondero and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero

NOES: ( )

ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castillou, Jr., Secretary David Frison

ABSTAIN: ( )

C. Discussion & Possible Action re: July Board Meeting – Set Regular Board Meeting Date to July 11th due to 4th of July Holiday

A motion to set the Regular Board Meeting Date to July 11, 2024 was made by R. Hansen and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero

NOES: ( )

ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castillou, Jr., Secretary David Frison

ABSTAIN: ( )

D. Discussion & Possible Action re: Approve the Agreement between the Linden-Peters Rural County Fire Protection District and the San Joaquin County Fire Fighters I.A.F.F Local 1243 dated **July 1, 2018**

A motion to approve the Agreement between the Linden-Peters Rural County Fire Protection District and the San Joaquin County Fire Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 1243 dated **July 1, 2018** was made by R. Dondero and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero

NOES: ( )

ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castillou, Jr., Secretary David Frison

ABSTAIN: ( )

E. Discussion & Possible Action re: Approve the Agreement between the Linden-Peters Rural County Fire Protection District and the San Joaquin County Fire Fighters I.A.F.F Local 1243 dated July 1, 2021 **noting that the Agreement dated July 1, 2023 Supersedes the Agreement dated July 1, 2021**

A motion to approve the Agreement between the Linden-Peters Rural County Fire Protection District and the San Joaquin County Fire Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 1243



dated **July 1, 2021** noting that the **Agreement dated July 1, 2023 Supersedes the Agreement dated July 1, 2021** was made by R. Hansen and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

- AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero
- NOES: ( )
- ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castellou, Jr., Secretary David Frison
- ABSTAIN: ( )

(XII.) Board Questions and Comments – None

(XIII.) Closed Session – None

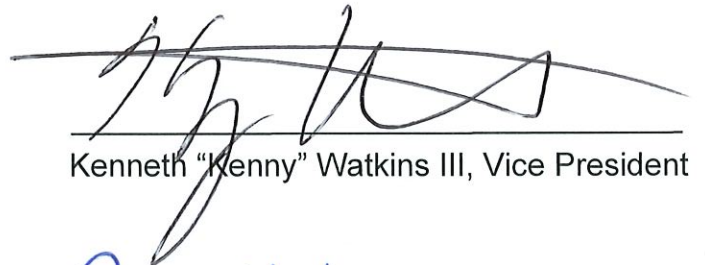
(XIV.) Adjournment: Motion made by R. Dondero to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by R. Hansen. Being there was no further discussion, the motion passed by the following vote:

- AYES: (3) Vice President Kenny Watkins III; Member Ryan Hansen;  
Member Robert Dondero
- NOES: ( )
- ABSENT: (2) President Paul Castellou, Jr., Secretary David Frison
- ABSTAIN: ( )

Motion carried and so ordered at 8:10 pm.

Absent

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Paul Castellou, Jr., President

  
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Kenneth "Kenny" Watkins III, Vice President

Absent

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David Frison, Secretary

  
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Ryan Hansen, Member

  
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Robert Dondero, Member