



LINDEN – PETERS FIRE DISTRICT

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Member: Ryan Hansen
Member: Robert Dondero

Minutes of Board Meeting Thursday, September 5, 2024

The Regular meeting of the Linden–Peters Rural County Fire Protection District Board of Directors held in the Fire Station Classroom located at 17725 E Hwy 26, Linden, CA was called to order by President Paul Castellou, Jr. at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: President Paul Castellou, Jr., Vice President Kenny Watkins III, Board Secretary David Frison, and Member Ryan Hansen.

Members Absent: Member Robert Dondero

L.P.F.D. staff present: Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger, Captain Marcel Mojalli, Captain Jacob Reed, FF/Eng Tyler Watson, FF/Eng Jordan Davis, and Administrative Assistant Lorena Coose.

(I.) Call to Order – 7:00 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 K. Watkins III and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (4) P. Castellou Jr., K. Watkins III, D. Frison, R. Hansen
NOES: ()
ABSENT: (1) R. Dondero
ABSTAIN: ()

(IV.) Minutes

A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Regular Board Meeting Minutes– August 8, 2024
A motion to approve the August 8, 2024 Board meeting minutes was made by K. Watkins III and seconded by D. Frison.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (4) P. Castellou Jr., K. Watkins III, D. Frison, R. Hansen
NOES: ()
ABSENT: (1) R. Dondero
ABSTAIN: ()

(V.) Public Comment – None

(VI.) Board Committee Reports

- A. Training Facility Committee Report – Captain Jacob Reed provided an update noting that the Woodbridge Training Facility is completed and work is set to begin for the LPFD Training Facility the first week of October.
- B. Finance Committee Report – Vice President Kenny Watkins III provided an update noting that the finances were reviewed and were in order.

(VII.) Financial Summary and Report

- A. Monthly Financial, Current events summary for August 2024 - Presented by Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger. Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger provided an overview of the financials for August 2024.

Chief Noffsinger noted that the new vendor Aekerland Solutions is now the Information Technology provider for the District and also worked on a project for the District phones.

(VIII.) Consent Agenda:

- A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Approval of the August 2024 Monthly Financial Reports and expenditures. A motion to approve the financial reports was made by D. Frison and seconded by K. Watkins III.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (4) P. Castillou Jr., K. Watkins III, D. Frison, R. Hansen
NOES: ()
ABSENT: (1) R. Dondero
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 August 2024 along with providing an overview of the calls and FIU report. Captain Jacob Reed provided the Shift Reports, Fire Prevention, and Training Reports. Chief Noffsinger noted that there was an active Strike Team on the Coffee Pot Fire, that LAFCO will be conducting a Fire Service Assessment, and that the command vehicle needs to be stripped. Chief Noffsinger noted that there are plans in the works for a Haunted House at the Bean plant on Grace Street which, once approved, will be issued a 30-day use permit.

- B. Union Report – None

(X.) Unfinished Business:

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

There were three public comments regarding the Ayera camera. Chief Noffsinger provided a live view presentation of the camera's capabilities adjusting the view as directed by public comment. President Paul Castillou Jr. thanked Chief Noffsinger for all his work on the project.

- B. 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, 2024**

A motion to 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, 2024** was made by D. Frison and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (4) P. Castillou Jr., K. Watkins III, D. Frison, R. Hansen
NOES: ()
ABSENT: (1) R. Dondero
ABSTAIN: ()

(XI.) New Business:

- A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Approve FY 2024-FY 2025 Final Budget

A motion was made to approve FY 2024-FY 2025 Final Budget by D. Frison and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (4) P. Castillou Jr., K. Watkins III, D. Frison, R. Hansen
NOES: ()
ABSENT: (1) R. Dondero
ABSTAIN: ()

- B. Discussion & Possible Action re: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Awarded Funds \$500,000.00 for a Wellness Center and Roof Replacement

A motion was made to submit a change request to San Joaquin County to change the project for the awarded ARPA funds to purchase a Water Tender by D. Frison and seconded by K. Watkins III.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (4) P. Castillou Jr., K. Watkins III, D. Frison, R. Hansen
NOES: ()
ABSENT: (1) R. Dondero
ABSTAIN: ()

- C. Discussion & Possible Action re: Fill Fire Chief Vacancy

The Board directed staff to place this item on the Agenda for a future meeting.

(XII.) Board Questions and Comments – None

(XIII.) Closed Session –

At 8:02 p.m., President P. Castellou Jr. announced that the Board would enter into closed session to discuss the following items:

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators (§54957.6)
Agency Negotiator: Board President Paul Castellou, Jr.
Employee Organization: IAFF Local 1243
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiators (§54957.6)
Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief
- C. Report of actions taken in closed session

At 8:15 p.m., President P. Castellou Jr. announced that the Board returned from closed session noting that no reportable action had been taken.


(XIV.) Adjournment: Motion made by D. Frison to adjourn the meeting seconded by K. Watkins III. Being there was no further discussion, the motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (4) P. Castellou Jr., K. Watkins III, D. Frison, R. Hansen
NOES: ()
ABSENT: (1) R. Dondero
ABSTAIN: ()

Motion carried and so ordered at 8:16 pm.



Paul Castellou, Jr., President



Kenneth "Kenny" Watkins III, Vice President



David Frison, Secretary



Ryan Hansen, Member

Absent

Robert Dondero, Member