



LINDEN – PETERS FIRE DISTRICT

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President: Paul Castillou Jr.
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Member: Ryan Hansen
Member: Robert Dondero

Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, August 7, 2025

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 Vice President Kenny Watkins III at 7:03 pm.

Members Present: Vice President Kenny Watkins III, Board Secretary David Frison, Member Ryan Hansen, and Member Robert Dondero

Members Absent: President Paul Castillou, Jr.

L.P.F.D. staff present: Fire Chief Brandon Ruegsegger, Captain Jacob Reed, Lieutenant Ken Dahlenburg, Firefighter/Engineer Dylan Dennis, Probationary Firefighter Dominic Dias, and Administrative Assistant Lorena Coose.

(I.) Call to Order – 7:03 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. Hansen and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

(IV.) Minutes

A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Approve July 3, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A motion to approve the July 3, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes was made by R. Dondero and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

(V.) Public Comment – None

(VI.) Board Committee Reports - None

(VII.) Financial Summary and Report

- A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Monthly Financial, Current events summary for July 2025 - Presented by Fire Chief Brandon Ruegsegger and Approval of the Financial Report and expenditures.

Chief Ruegsegger provided a presentation on the financials for July 2025. Chief Ruegsegger noted that the payment was made to Hi-Tech for the Water Tender in the amount of \$690,444.76. The District will receive \$517,024.46 from the San Joaquin County ARPA grant to cover part of the expense for the Water Tender. Chief Ruegsegger noted that the FEMA Regional Radio grant funds are no longer suspended and the District is moving forward with requesting approval to purchase additional items.

A motion to approve the financial reports was made by D. Frison and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

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

- A. Departmental Report-Fire Chief Brandon Ruegsegger

Fire Chief Brandon Ruegsegger provided an update on the events and meetings held for the month of July 2025 along with providing an overview of the calls, Prevention, Training, Volunteer, and FIU report. Chief Ruegsegger noted that staff attended a BESS training. The training is beneficial to staff because of the facility in Linden. The facility in Linden is monitored and there is an office building onsite. The Chief welcomed new hire Probationary Firefighter Dominic Dias to the District. Prob/Firefighter Dias thanked the Chief and the Board for the opportunity to work for the Linden-Peters Fire Department.

- B. Union Report – None

(IX.) Unfinished Business:

- A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Water Tender

Chief Ruegsegger noted that water tender has been ordered and Hi-Tech is coming out to take measurements of the old water tender.

(X.) New Business –

- A. Discussion & Possible Action Re: Lexipol Annual Fire Policy Manual, Annual Fire Supplemental Manual, and Annual Fire Procedures.

A motion to approve the Lexipol Annual Fire Policy Manual, Annual Fire Supplemental Manual, and Annual Fire Procedures in an amount not to exceed \$7,523.10 was made by D. Frison and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

- B. Discussion & Possible Action Re: FY 2022-FY 2023 Financial Audit Prepared by Croce, Sanguinetti, & Vander Veen and FY 2022-2023 Single Audit

Mark Croce provided a presentation on the FY 2022-FY 2023 Financial Audit and FY 2022-2023 Single Audit.

A motion to accept the FY 2022-FY 2023 Financial Audit and FY 2022-2023 Single Audit as prepared by Croce, Sanguinetti, & Vander Veen was made by D. Frison and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

C. Discussion & Possible Action Re: FM Bank CD Renewal

The Board directed Chief Ruegsegger to renew the FM Bank CD for another six-month period.

- (XI.) Board Questions and Comments – Board Secretary David Frison turned in his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors noting that his last meeting would be the September 3, 2025 Board meeting.
- (XII.) Closed Session – None
- (XIII.) Adjournment: Motion made by R. Hansen to adjourn the meeting seconded by R. Dondero. Being there was no further discussion, the motion passed by the following vote:

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Motion carried and so ordered at 8:12 pm.

Absent

Paul Castillou, Jr., President



Kenneth "Kenny" Watkins III, Vice President



David Frison, Secretary



Ryan Hansen, Member



Robert Dondero, Member