



LINDEN – PETERS FIRE DISTRICT

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

Minutes of Board Meeting Thursday, November 5, 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 President Paul Castellou, Jr. at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: President Paul Castellou Jr, Board Secretary Duane Brown, Member Ryan Hansen, and Member Robert Dondero

Members Absent: Vice President Kenny Watkins III

L.P.F.D. staff present: Fire Chief Brandon Ruegsegger 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. Hansen and seconded by D. Brown.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (X) P. Castellou Jr., D. Brown, R. Hansen, R. Dondero

NOES: ()

ABSENT: (X) K. Watkins III

ABSTAIN: ()

(IV.) Minutes

A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Approve October 2, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and October 2, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the October 2, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes and October 2, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes striking David Frison from the vote of the Special meeting minutes because David Frison was not present was made by R. Dondero and seconded by R. Hansen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: (X) P. Castellou Jr., D. Brown, R. Hansen, R. Dondero

NOES: ()

ABSENT: (X) K. Watkins III

ABSTAIN: ()

(V.) Public Comment – None

(VI.) Board Committee Reports – None. Finance Committee meeting to be scheduled.

(VII.) Financial Summary and Report

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

Chief Ruegsegger provided a presentation on the financials for October 2025. Chief Ruegsegger noted that the Diesel Performance invoices paid were to replace the drums and pads on one Engine and to service the other Engine. The Haidlen Ford invoice listed covered the costs associated to C51 including weathertech floor mats.

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: (X) P. Castillou Jr., D. Brown, R. Hansen, R. Dondero
NOES: ()
ABSENT: (X) K. Watkins III
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 October 2025 along with providing an overview of the calls, Prevention, Training, Volunteer, and FIU report. Chief Ruegsegger noted that staff is working hard on preparing for the upcoming rib feed.

- B. Union Report – None

(IX.) Unfinished Business:

- A. Discussion & Possible Action re: Water Tender

Chief Ruegsegger noted that the water tender chassis is looking good. The Chief estimates that the build process normally takes about one year.

(X.) New Business –

- A. Discussion & Possible Action Re: Approval of Resolution No. 25-05 Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7FG25060 and Authorizing Fire Chief Brandon Ruegsegger to sign and execute the Agreement

A motion to approve Resolution No. 25-05 Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7FG25060 and Authorizing Fire Chief Brandon Ruegsegger to sign and execute the Agreement was made by D. Brown and seconded by R. Dondero.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

- B. Discussion & Possible Action Re: Continue/Discontinue Fire Recovery Services

After some discussion, the Board directed Chief Ruegsegger to allow the Fire Recovery Services account to go inactive.

C. Discussion & Possible Action Re: Approval to Shred Documents

A motion to approve the shredding of the documents in Box #19-002 was made by R. Hansen and seconded by D. Brown.

Box No. 19-002 FY 2017-2018

Certificates of Deposit
F&M Bank Transfers
F&M Bank Statements –Monthly
SJCO Reports
Monthly Bills
Linden County Water District Fuel Reimbursements

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

(XI.) Board Questions and Comments – None

(XII.) Closed Session –

At 7:28 p.m., President Paul Castellou Jr. announced that the Board would enter into closed session to discuss the following items:

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiations (§54957.6)
Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief
- B. Report of actions taken in closed session

At 7:56 p.m., President Paul Castellou, Jr. announced that the Board returned from closed session noting that no reportable action had been taken and the negotiations team would meet with Chief Ruegsegger.

(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) P. Castellou Jr., D. Brown, R. Hansen, R. Dondero
NOES: ()
ABSENT: (X) K. Watkins III
ABSTAIN: ()

Motion carried and so ordered at 7:57 pm.



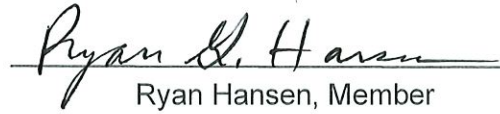
Paul Castellou, Jr., President

Absent

Kenneth "Kenny" Watkins III, Vice President



Duane Brown, Secretary



Ryan Hansen, Member



Robert Dondero, Member