

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

January 10, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Location: 631 9th Street, Arcata

Arcata Fire Station Classroom

Board of Directors

Blaine Maynor (Division 1) - President, Eric Loudenslager (Division 4) - Vice President, Jason Akana (Division 5) - Director, Nicole Johnson (Division 2) - Director, Randy Mendosa (Division 3) - Director

CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Board of Directors for the Arcata Fire District was called to order by President Blaine Maynor at 5:30 pm.

1. Administration of Oath of Office – President Maynor verbally issued the Oath of Office for returning Directors Johnson and Loudenslager and new Director Akana.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Maynor.

ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting continued with a quorum and the following were present: President Blaine Maynor, Vice President Eric Loudenslager, Director Jason Akana, Director Nicole Johnson and Director Randy Mendosa.

Additional District administrative staff included Fire Chief Justin McDonald, and Board Secretary Becky Schuette.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion: Mendosa; Second: Akana

Roll Call: Ayes; Akana, Johnson, Loudenslager, Mendosa and Maynor

Motion Carries

CLOSED SESSIONS

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code Section 54956.8)
Property: APN: 021-041-002-000, 631 9th Street, Arcata
Agency Negotiators: District Counsel, Ryan Plotz and Director Randy Mendosa and Director Blaine Maynor
Under Negotiation: Lease Agreement

President Maynor adjourned to closed session at 5:35 pm.

Director Loudenslager left the closed session at 6:00 pm to attend the Arcata Planning Commission Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 6:20 pm.

Report out of closed session by President Maynor; The Board gave direction to Attorney Plotz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Maynor called for public comments and there were none.

Senior Management Group – Nothing to report.

Local 4981 – Captain Marcus Lillard introduced the newest hire, Engineer Arly Allen, in attendance. He spoke thanks to the Board adding that the Local is showing high moral, with highly trained staff with good energy.

Arcata Volunteer Firefighters Association (AVFA) – President Roy Willis reviewed his submitted staff report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from December 13, 2022, Regular Meeting
2. December 2022 Financial Report
3. Adoption of Resolution 23-279 Acknowledging Receipt of Annual Fire and Life Safety Inspections Pursuant to Sections 13146.2 through 13146.4 of the California Health and Safety Code
4. Adoption of Resolution 23-280 Directing Transfer of Cash from the Humboldt County Treasury Accounts to the CalTRUST Liquidity Fund

President Maynor queried if anyone from the Board or the public requested to pull any items from the consent calendar. There were no requests to do so.

It was moved to approve the consent calendar.

Motion: Akana; Second: Mendosa

Roll Call: Ayes; Akana, Johnson, Mendosa, and Maynor. **Absent;** Loudenslager.
Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

1. Public Correspondence – President Maynor reviewed the correspondence.
2. Committee Reports:
 - a. Arcata Station Committee (*Mendosa, Maynor*) – Nothing to report.
 - b. Arcata General Plan & Gateway Area Plan Committee (*Loudenslager, Mendosa*) – Director Mendosa reported that Director Loudenslager was presenting at the Planning Commission Meeting at the present time. He added that the Committee had met with Assemblymember Wood and Senator McGuire to discuss concerns about the Cal Poly expansion. He advised that Senator McGuire had arranged a meeting with the Cal Poly leadership later this month.
3. Fire Chief's Monthly Report – Chief McDonald reviewed his staff report.
4. Director Matters – Following a question from Director Mendosa, and a brief discussion about televising our meetings, the Director requested a topic be placed on the agenda for discussion. He would like to come up with options to provide better access to the public for our meetings.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. Consider and Discuss Updates to the Station Signage and Vehicle Logos:

President Maynor deferred to Chief McDonald who advised the topic was requested back on the agenda for discussion and direction to staff.

Director Akana had suggested a “challenge” among the firefighters to come up with a good representation for the signage. Captain Lillard advised he believed there would be staff interest in creating a design.

There was discussion about a previously considered request to include the community names on the signs and vehicle identification, as well as the placement of the language.

The Chief reminded the Board of the expanding District communities and the rotation of the placement of engines, which both affect how to identify the engines.

Captain Lillard advised he would discuss it with the Local and felt positive that ownership of the design as well as the possibility of swag resulting from the changes, he could return to the Board with options.

No further action was taken.

2. Consideration of a Safety Committee Assignment for a Board Director: Chief McDonald spoke to his staff note and explained that the Safety Committee program is being somewhat revamped. Staff will be given collateral duties soon and we had a new Director and he felt it was a good time to discuss the topic. After brief discussion, Director Akana volunteered to be on the committee.

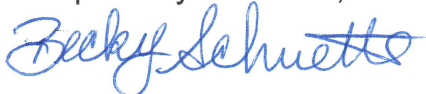
No further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Director Mendosa and a second by Director Johnson, President Maynor adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for **February 14, 2023, Arcata Downtown Station Classroom, 631 9th Street in Arcata at 5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Schuette,
Clerk of the Board