

## MINUTES

*Regular Board Meeting*

*December 12, 2023*

*5:30 p.m.*

*Location: 631 9<sup>th</sup> 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 5:31 pm.

### **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, Assistant Chief Chris Emmons, Board Secretary Becky Schuette and Public Information Officer Alyssa Alvarez.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved to approve the agenda.

**Motion:** Mendosa; **Second:** Loudenslager

After the motion and prior to the roll call, Chief McDonald advised that the Fire Station Committee, under Committee Reports, should identify Director Akana rather than Director Loudenslager as a member.

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

Motion Carries

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

Senior Management Group – Nothing to report.

Local 4981 – Captain Marcus Lillard reported on behalf of the Local 4981.

Arcata Volunteer Firefighters Association (AVFA) – AVFA President Roy Willis made his report and added that the AVFA will not be attending the Board meetings beginning next year, however, they will continue to submit the report.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes from November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting
2. Minutes from December 5, 2023, Special Meeting
3. November 2023 Financial Report
4. Adopt Resolution 23-296 Approving the Schedule of Dates, Time, and Location for the 2024 Regular Board Meetings
5. Approve the Side Letter Between the Arcata Fire Protection District and the Arcata Professional Firefighters Local 4981

It was moved to approve the consent calendar.

**Motion:** Akana; Second: Johnson

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

Motion Carries

### **DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING - Consider Adoption of Resolution 23-297 Requesting the Local Agency Formation Commission Take Proceedings for the Annexation of Arcata Fire District Good Will Response Area:** The Chief deferred the report to Colette Santsche, who serves as Executive Director of LAFCO.

There were questions from the Directors.

President Maynor opened public comment and the following commented:

Roy Willis

President Maynor closed public comment.

There were no Board deliberations.

Director Mendosa made a motion, which prior to a second, was followed by discussion about the indemnification checkbox in the application.

Director Mendosa amended his motion.

It was moved to adopt Resolution 23-297, that the Board does not authorize staff to check the indemnification clause, and that the District conducts substantial notice of the intended area so that the residents are well notified of the pending proceedings.

**Motion:** Mendosa; Second: Loudenslager

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

Motion Carries

### **2. Election of the New Board Officers for 2024:**

There were no public comments and no questions from the Board.

It was moved to nominate and approve Director Loudenslager as the next President and Director Akana as the Vice President.

**Motion:** Mendosa; Second: Johnson

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

**3. Set a Meeting Date to Receive a Presentation from David Loya:** Director Mendosa will be recusing himself once again. The Directors agreed on Friday, January 19 at 4:00 pm.

**4. Update of the Cal Poly, City of Arcata, and Fire District Working Group:** Assistant Chief Emmons reviewed his staff report. This item was for information only, and no action was taken.

### **CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Public Correspondence – Chief McDonald briefly reported on the ISO rating letter.
2. Committee Reports:
  - a. Fire Station Committee (*Maynor, Akana*) – Nothing to report out.
  - b. AVFA, L4981, AFD Relations Committee (*Maynor*) – A request is out to staff, to the Union and will be going out to the Board members for bullet points to take to mediation if needed in the future.
3. Fire Chief’s Monthly Report – Chief McDonald reviewed his report aloud. Measure F next meeting correction should be December 16. Fire Prevention Specialist Alvarez spoke about her experience at the National Fire Academy.
4. Director Matters – Director Johnson would like to put the topic of reinstating Board compensation on a future agenda. Director Mendosa will miss the January meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

President Maynor adjourned to closed session at 6:29 pm.

The meeting resumed at 6:49 pm. Report out of closed session; Staff was given direction to contract with Jack Hughes for contract negotiations with future Chief Emmons.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Maynor adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for **January 9, 2024, at the Arcata Downtown Station Classroom, 631 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Arcata at 5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Schuette,  
Clerk of the Board