



EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Monday September 8, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.

Meeting Location: 3231 Main Street, Oakley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greg Cooper
Robert Kenny
Jonathan Michaelson

Joel Bryant-President
Ronald Johansen-Vice President
Cheryl Morgan

Randy Pope
Stephen Smith
Joe Young

CALL TO ORDER: (6:34 P.M.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (6:35 P.M.)

ROLL CALL: (6:36 P.M.)

Directors Present: Cooper, Johansen, Kenny, Michaelson, Morgan, Pope, Smith,
Young

Director Bryant arrived at 6:48 pm

ORGANIZATION OF THE EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (6:36 P.M.)

Chief Henderson administrated the Oath of Office to Director Pope, who was appointed to the Board of Directors by the City of Oakley

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (6:36 P.M.)

There were four (4) Public Speakers – Meghan Bell, Alex Aliferis, Bob Mankin, and Gil Guerrero

CONSENT CALENDAR: (6:45 P.M.)

C.1 Approve minutes from August 4, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Motion by: Director Michaelson to approve Consent Calendar Item C.1

Second by: Director Young

Vote: Motion carried: 8:0:1

Ayes: Bryant, Cooper, Kenny, Johansen, Michaelson, Morgan, Smith, Young

Noes:

Absent:

Abstained: Pope

C.2 Approve minutes from September 2, 2014 Special Board of Directors Meeting

Motion by: Director Kenny to approve Consent Calendar Item C.2

Second by: Director Michaelson

Vote: Motion carried: 8:0:1

Ayes: Bryant, Cooper, Kenny, Johansen, Michaelson, Morgan, Smith, Young

Noes:

Absent:

Abstained: Pope

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(6:46 P.M.)

D. 1 Replace Open Seat on Finance Committee

Director Cooper is the replacement for the open seat on the Finance Committee.

(6:48 P.M.)

D. 2 Receive Update on Benefit Assessment

- The district is currently in the process of mailing a postcard to each property owner explaining the situation
- The district is currently working on three (3) potential timelines for bringing a revised assessment proposal to the Board for consideration
 1. Calling for a Ballot – October 6, 2014
Ballots in the Mail – October 31,
Public Hearing & Tabulation – December 15, 2014
 2. Calling for a Ballot – November 10, 2014
Ballots in the Mail – November 28, 2014
Public Hearing & Tabulation – January 5, 2015
 3. Calling for a Ballot – February 16, 2015
Ballots in the Mail – March 13, 2015
Public Hearing & Tabulation – April 27, 2015
- Approximately 6000+ ballots have been returned and are unopened; these ballots are currently being held by the vendor True Ballot and will be retained for 2 years.
- The Board discussed (but did not take action on) creation of an Ad-hoc Committee / Working Group to address maintaining accurate data for roadways and hydrants throughout the District.

There were four (4) Public Speakers – Alex Aliferis, Bob Mankin, Vince Wells, and Dean Mereland

(7:27 P.M.)

D. 3 Discuss Timeline for Closure of Fire Station 94 in Knightsen.

Chief Henderson gave an update on the Timeline for the Closure of Fire Station 94 in Knightsen.

There was one (1) Public Speaker – Mark Whitlock

(7:34 P.M.)

D. 4 Receive Operational Update for August 2014

Chief Henderson gave an Operational Update for August 2014

INFORMATIONAL STAFF REPORTS

NONE

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: (7:40 P.M.)

Director Young - Spoke with Daniel Borenstein of the Contra Costa Times, who said that Chief Henderson is one of the most responsive and knowledgeable agency representatives in the county.

Director Kenny – Thanked the Firefighters, reiterated that the District needs to get out there and tell people what we are doing.

Director Smith – Acknowledged that these are hard times for the district, stated that we need to recognize the administration's hard work, and presented Chief Henderson a poster: "Keep Calm and Carry On."

Director Johansen – Recognized all the hard work the Chief does. Stated that the operational update does not provide the information we need; we need to see actual response times, where in the district incident occurred and where the responding units are coming from. We need to know how often the department is down to zero engines available. We need to share the true impact of the service level; the public needs to know the true impact.

Director Pope – Requested a report with more raw data, such as information that can be run through the CAD system.

Director Michaelson - Thanks all the firefighters for their efforts they put in with the resources they have, especially on the anniversary of the Morgan Fire.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

NONE

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS: (8:03 P.M.)

1. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:
Agency designated representative: Fire Chief and Glenn Berkheimer
Employee Organizations: International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1230,
AFSCME Local 2700, East County Fire Fighters Association (Reserves), East Contra
Costa Battalion Chiefs Association

REPORT ON THE CLOSED SESSIONS: (8:44 P.M.)

No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURN TO THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED: September 22, 2014: (8:45 P.M.)

MOTION BY: Director Bryant to adjourn to the Special Board Meeting scheduled: September 22, 2014

