



FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

131 Kirby Street, Felton CA 95018 831 335-4422

Special Meeting Minutes

Of The Board of Directors

September 27, 2023

Location: *Felton Fire Station Meeting Room, 131 Kirby St, Felton California*

ZoomOption:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85343956260?pwd=RcAgpiVKmMIOYyMfcAMeLKneylfqny.1>

Convene Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Anderson at 7:02 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call: Directors C. Foreman, J. Anderson, N. Crandell, D. Ladd

Staff: Chief Gray, L. Dennis

Absent: Director Gelini

Guests: Capt. Patrick Rosso (squad Pres.), Capt. Samantha Moeller, Capt. Ian Jones, Chief Mark Bingham BCFD, Director Dave Bingham BLFD, Chief Mike Ayers BLFD, Dan "Ward" Walters (remote), Dave Underwood (remote).

1.4 Approve meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 11, 2023.

Regular meeting minutes approved as written on motion by Director Foreman and second by Director Ladd and passed.

Ayes: Directors Foreman, Anderson and Ladd

Noes: none

Abstain: Crandell

Absent: Gelini

1.5 Considerations of Additions to the Agenda: None

2.0 Public Comment: Chief Mark Bingham thanked Chief Gray for his service and presented him with a challenge coin that they had made after the CZU fires.

3.0 Unfinished Business:

3.1 Fire Chief Recruitment – Discussion and selection of Interim Fire Chief.

Director Anderson stated that there were two candidates that expressed interest for interim Chief- Dan Walters and Mike Ayers that they would be considering.

Captain Rosso asked to share the list the squad made last week as requested by Directors Crandell and Foreman when they met to discuss their desires in the next chief. They hope to continue to build on what Chief Gray has developed.

- ✓ Chief that's supportive of squads' desire for additional training classes/ certifications and opportunities, both in house and out of District
- ✓ Supportive of maintaining and expanding the EMT program we have
- ✓ Someone who lives in the valley and is familiar with rural firefighting
- ✓ Someone who will maintain the progressive culture and changes they've made
- ✓ Will embrace technology. Will maintain the professionalism that the squad personifies. He feels the public impression they maintain is important and they don't often realize this is a volunteer department.
- ✓ Wants to invest in the department and staff, and is approachable
- ✓ Director Foreman also added that they asked that the interim process not be elongated

Director Foreman and Director Crandell thanked the squad for their input and frankness. She asked they provide the board their list in writing also.

Director Anderson adjourned the regular meeting and the board went into closed session at 7:10.


4.0 Closed Session: Squad, Auxiliary, and Fire Chief Expectations

Director Anderson adjourned the closed session at 8:25 p.m.

The regular meeting was reopened at 8:26 p.m. Director Anderson reported that the board unanimously voted to name Dan "Ward" Walters as interim Chief.

5.0 Set date for the next meeting: The next Regular Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 04, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be in person at the Felton Fire Station.

6.0 Adjourn: Director Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.



Jim Anderson, Chairperson



Attest: Laurie Dennis, Secretary