



FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

131 Kirby Street, Felton CA 95018 831 335-4422

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Of The Board of Directors

June 19, 2024

Location: Felton Fire Station 131 Kirby St Felton CA

1. Convene Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Anderson at 6:01 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call: Directors Jim Anderson, Norm Crandell, Mike Shults

Staff: D. Arndt, L. Dennis

Absent: none

Guests: Samantha Moeller, Patrick Rosso, Zach Ackemann, Mark Rose, Mark Giblin, Aidan Malmberg, Rebecca Mitchell, Ian Jones, Adam Hensleigh, Don Jarvis, Max Chun/Lookout Santa Cruz

1.4 Considerations of Additions to the Agenda- None.

2.0 Public Comment: Ian Jones reiterated the intent of the email he sent to the board members regarding the formation of the IAFF Union local 5499. He stated they feel this will enable them to work in a more formal way with the Board on any issues.

Any person may address the Board at this time on any matter not on this agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Felton Fire Protection District. The Board Chair may request that comments be limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Any matter that requires Board action will be referred to staff for a report and action at a subsequent meeting. The Brown Act prohibits the board from taking action on any item not listed on the agenda. If you would like to comment while using Zoom, use the chat function to express interest in making public comment

3.0 Unfinished Business:

3.1 Appoint two interim Board Members for board vacancies- update/action.

Director Anderson reported that he received another challenge letter from the same public entity. We are waiting for direction from legal and through County Elections and the FPPC before taking any action.

3.2 Shared Services: Ben Lomond response- discussion/action.

Director Anderson read the letter received from the Ben Lomond Fire Protection Board, Chief Brownlee and Assistant Chief Ayers. They were unable to reach consensus on the draft Services Agreement or JOA. They remain open to future collaboration and opportunities and will continue to support Felton Fire.

3.3 RFP request to CalFire-Arndt update.

Director Anderson stated the official RFP was submitted and they are waiting for the formal proposal. He hopes to have a document for the next meeting according to his conversation with Chief Armstrong.

3.4 Immediate and longer-term plans/goals (including “fully staffed” goal) and timeline-discussion.

Director Anderson stated the contract with CalFire will determine what this will look like. We should have more details to report at the next meeting. Our goal is to keep us whole he added.

Dan Arndt wanted clarification that this will be the Amador Agreement, to which Director Anderson responded yes. Director Crandell added we are basically down to two choices now- to go with CalFire or to dissolve. Some discussion followed. Director Anderson said we will still be financially responsible to spending on some in-house expenses, insurance, workers comp and those types of things.

Ian Jones stated he has concerns with going to CalFire dispatching services as he feels it will be a further disconnect from other local fire departments. Director Anderson responded that it's not a requirement to use their dispatching as part of the agreement. More discussion followed.

Ian Jones stated that we are now actually missing calls due to lack of staffing. Sam Moeller suggested possibilities of paid staff signing up for night shifts. Discussion regarding possible options and other pay hours. Director Anderson responded we do need to look at these options, and will need input from the labor attorney regarding impacts on paid staff and what we can do. Director Anderson stated we will put this on the next regular board meeting agenda.

3.5 Acting Chief Arndt's position- discussion/action.

Director Anderson stated he met with Dan Arndt the previous night and discussed his returning to Captain position.

Arndt requested to comment as to this- he referred to the meeting of April 18 and stated that it said he would step down from Acting Chief to Battalion Chief. He has more time now and plans to coordinate training and oversee operations.

Director Anderson asked him why this wasn't brought up and addressed in their discussion last night, to which Arndt replied he'd forgotten about it and read it later when he got home.

3.6 Alternative Acting Chief possibilities- discussion/action.

Director Anderson said they are working on this still and have a couple of possible candidates. Director Crandell added the position they are looking at would be someone to do the Chief administrative stuff, which would relieve that area from Dan Arndt.

Don Jarvis asked if the board will have to vote regarding the selection, or the chairman will appoint someone. Director Anderson stated it could be an appointed position. Arndt asked if this will be an unpaid position, to which Anderson responded yes.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Updated contract/renewal with Central Fire District for fleet services- discussion/approval

Director Anderson explained this is a renewal and reflects a slight increase in costs. Feels this is the best deal. Some discussion. Director Crandell moved to accept and approve the Central Fire fleet service renewal; it was seconded by Director Shults and approved unanimously.

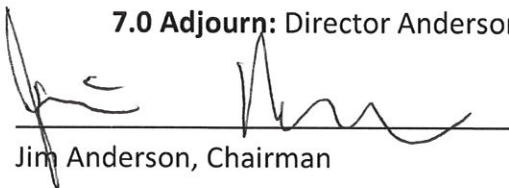
4.2 Invoice for Service from Zayante Fire District- discussion/action

Director Anderson stated he had a discussion with Chief Maxwell regarding the invoices, as a second one was received. Sam Moeller spoke to some of the calls and described the situations for the responses. Other squad members voiced comments regarding past responses for Zayante Fire calls. Director Anderson asked Moeller to email the response circumstances and explanations to the board members for review. Moeller and others argued that paying the invoices doesn't feel good and could be precedent setting. Don Jarvis asked if it is really worth arguing paying the \$2,000 in Zayante bills, and causing such an issue or "starting a war" with a fellow local department. Director Anderson stated he would speak with Maxwell to try to avoid future invoices, under the current known situation we are in and until we can get CalFire in place. He feels this was intended to get the boards' attention and it has. Director Crandell made a motion to pay the invoices for these two bills only. Director Shults seconded and it was passed.

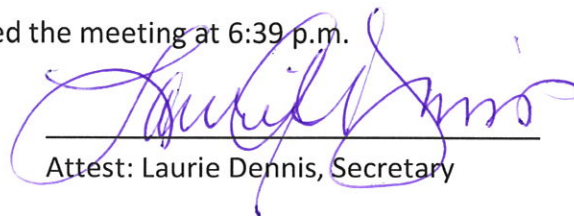
5.0 Closed Session: None.

6.0 The date for the next regular meeting is: July 01, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Location in person at Felton Fire Station

7.0 Adjourn: Director Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.



Jim Anderson, Chairman



Attest: Laurie Dennis, Secretary

