

**EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
625 COURT ST STE 204
WOODLAND, CA 95695-3490
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD October 21, 2021
VIA ZOOM MEETING**

PRESENT: Commissioners John Lindsey, Bill Weisgerber, David Robert, Michael McMahon

ABSENT: Tad Henderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Davis Fire Department Battalion Chief Paul Swanson, Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza, Mark Krummenacker, Yolo County LAFCO Executive Officer Christine Crawford

Chair Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

MINUTES

Weisgerber submitted the minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting for approval. Robert moved to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded the motion and all were in favor of approving the minutes as submitted.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Provenza told the Board that he was going to meet with City of Davis staff on October 22 to discuss the Putah Creek brush clearance and title transfer. Provenza will report the result of that meeting to the Board at a future meeting. Weisgerber mentioned that Supervisor Provenza has also been helping with the Yolo County Fire Safe Council and thanked him for his efforts on the District's behalf.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Swanson reported that the Department is interviewing to fill three firefighter positions and will have another position to fill when Steve Phillips retires. Swanson told the Board that the grant proposal for the ladder truck was not successful and that the Department will ask for budget for the truck at the November 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Weisgerber explained to the Board that the Emergency Order that authorized virtual meetings for local governing bodies has expired and that the Senate has passed Assembly Bill 361 which authorizes the continuance of those meetings on a renewable 30-day basis. McMahon moved to continue Board meetings virtually for the next 30 days and until the next meeting, Robert seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

BUDGET 2021-2022 TRUE-UP MEMO

Mark Krummenacker reported that the payment to DFD was higher than in past years and that he recommended a memo to the file to indicate that the District had to increase the amount budgeted to reflect this higher amount. There was also a decrease in revenue due to a "GASB-31" adjustment that

reflects how reserve amounts are invested by the County. This year saw a negative return which was why the negative adjustment was made the revenue. There was discussion on what the GASB-31 adjustment is and how it is a “funny number” that is very hard to predict or explain so it should not be a vital consideration for future budgeting. McMahon and Robert then asked why the DFD invoice was so much higher and Weisgerber commented that he thought that the out of district overtime amount may have been included which had previously been removed by former Chief Arbuthnott. Weisgerber said he would work with Theresa Kenui from DFD to audit the invoice and make sure the overtime was not included. Swanson said he would also look into this matter to verify that the invoice was correctly calculated. Lindsey then moved to approve the memo to the file regarding the budget adjustment, Robert seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- YCPARMIA liability insurance invoice for \$500. McMahon moved to approve payment, Robert second, and all were in favor.
- Reimbursement of Chair Weisgerber for \$340 to have properties added to the tax roll on the District’s behalf. Chair Weisgerber caught an error for 2017 where a number of newly developed properties were not adjusted on the County tax rolls. The fee to adjust the bills for those parcels was \$340 which Weisgerber paid for the District. Robert moved to approve the payment, McMahon seconded, and all were in favor.
- Mark Krummenacker proposal to prepare the District’s SCO Report which is due on 1/31/22. McMahon moved to approve the proposal, Lindsey seconded, and all were in favor.

YOLO COUNTY FPD’S-LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY OPTIONS REPORT

Weisgerber introduced a report prepared by the County regarding the long term sustainability of the Fire Districts in the County. The Board discussed the findings and implications of the report and Robert asked whether the District would be asked to fund the proposal to create a larger overlay district that would help the smaller districts that are funded. Weisgerber said that method of funding was not in the report and that the Proposition 218 funds from the District cannot be allocated to support another district or county effort.

LAFCO

Christine Crawford from the Yolo County LAFCO introduced herself to the Board and told the Board about LAFCO’s ongoing review of the local fire districts in Yolo County. LAFCO helped with the sustainability report and is now working with all the districts to try and help optimize operations and learn more about how each district operates. Weisgerber is currently working with Crawford and Mark Krummenacker to provide information from the District to help with the study. Crawford said she hopes to have the study completed for the 12/9/21 LAFCO board meeting. Provenza then commented that he is studying how the Proposition 172 funds could be used on an emergency basis to aid the struggling districts but that the districts will have to make some adjustments in the interest of sustainability in order to get those funds. The LAFCO report will help with quantifying those adjustments for the districts that are currently in danger of no longer being sustainable as they are current managed.

EL MACERO “LOT A” EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS

Weisgerber explained to the Board that the El Macero HOA is seeking to convert a lot that was a pump station into an Emergency Vehicle access point. The lot was given to the HOA by the Mace family and the pump equipment has already been removed. PG&E has not yet removed the electrical service but is going to do so soon. The access point would be reached by driving down the unpaved extension of Montgomery Avenue and would provide an entry to El Macero unencumbered by any potential traffic on Mace Boulevard. It will cost roughly \$2500 to improve the access point and DFD is looking at possibly funding the improvements from their budget. Weisgerber said he would report back to the Board if he learned of any further developments or actions required by the Board.

COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

Weisgerber reported that he investigated whether the District could qualify for any funding under the COVID-19 relief package provided to the County. Weisgerber said that the District did qualify as a special district but that there were no COVID-19 related losses so he recommended that the District not apply for any relief funding.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Weisgerber noted that the District is currently getting mail through the County Supervisor’s Office but that the mail delivery has not been consistent which has resulted in some items being misplaced or delayed. After some brief discussion the Board agreed that the mailing address should be changed to Station 33 and Weisgerber said he would take action to get that done.

PUTAH CREEK/FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Weisgerber then updated the Board on the recent Yolo County Fire Safe Council meetings. Weisgerber said that he and Lindsey have been attending meetings and that the Putah Creek brush clearance project is one of very few shovel ready projects in the queue for possible funding. The District FSC has asked for \$200k to fund an initial deep clearance and then \$50k per year for ongoing clearance projects on a regular basis. Provenza offered to help however he could to get the project funded by the Yolo County FSC. Weisgerber then suggested that perhaps the District could use the FSC for educational and outreach efforts for the property owners along the creek and that funding could be available to help with that education and outreach effort.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Fire Safe Council update

NEXT MEETING

November 17, 2021 via Zoom meeting per AB 361 if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There was then a motion by Robert that was seconded by McMahon to adjourn the meeting; approved unanimously at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
John W. Lindsey
Board Member