

**EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

**Regular Board Meeting
February 18, 2010**

2850 Fair Lane Court Building "C"
Placerville, CA 95667
2:00 P.M. Closed Session
3:00 P.M. Open Session

2:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

1. Meeting with designated representatives of the El Dorado County Fire Protection District regarding employee salaries, salary schedules, and/or other compensation in the form of fringe benefits pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6. The El Dorado County Fire Protection District's designated representatives are Fire Chief Bruce Lacher, Director Tom Mahach, and Director Dennis Edwards. Consider designation of additional representatives.
2. Govt. Code 54956.9 Conference with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding existing litigation. Subdivision (a.). Case: Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District v. El Dorado County Fire Protection District, et al.
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) to consider the appointment of a labor negotiator to represent the district.

3:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Rose, Courtial, Edwards, Mahach, Weidmer
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. **APPROVE AGENDA:**
It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Courtial to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Weidmer, Rose, Courtial, Edwards
Noes: None
Absent: None

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

(All items approved on a single vote except those pulled for individual discussion and action).

A. **Minutes: January 21, 2010 Regular Board Meeting**

B. **Claim Payments/Deposits**

District Claims:

\$163,962.93

\$49,920.15

\$124,406.17

JPA Claims:

\$3,957.03

\$11,637.91

Deposits:

\$604.81

\$5,340.99

\$222,379.38

It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Edwards to approve the consent calendar. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Weidmer, Rose, Courtial, Edwards

Noes: None

Absent: None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

(Any person wishing to address the Board on any item that is not on the agenda may do so at this time. Public comments are limited to five minutes per person).

No public comment

7. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:**

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No action taken

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Chair Rose reported on the dismissal of the suit with Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District.

No action taken

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) to consider the appointment of a labor negotiator to represent the district.

Chair Rose reported the board met with labor negotiator Dave Mackowiak to consider his appointment as a labor negotiator and human resource consultant for the district

No action taken

8. **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:**

A. Resolution 2010-01 commending Assistant Chief Johnson for 31 years of dedicated service to the district

Adopted resolution recognizing Mark Johnson for his 31 years of service to the district.

It was moved by Director Weidmer and seconded by Director Courtial to approve resolution 2010-01. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Weidmer, Rose, Courtial, Edwards
Noes: None
Absent: None

B. Election of Officers

Chair Rose opened nominations for Chairman.

It was moved by Director Courtial and seconded by Director Mahach to appoint Jose Rose as Board Chair. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Weidmer, Rose, Courtial, Edwards
Noes: None
Absent: None

Chair Rose opened nominations for Vice Chairman.

It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Edwards to appoint Ed Courtial as Board Vice Chair. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Weidmer, Rose, Courtial, Edwards
Noes: None
Absent: None

C. Myers-Stevens & Toohey vision plan increase

The Fire District provides vision coverage for employees. Notification was received of a rate increase of 4.5%. Staff recommends approval.

It was moved by Director Courtial and seconded by Director Edwards to approve Myers-Stevens & Toohey vision plan increase. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Weidmer, Rose, Courtial, Edwards

Noes: None

Absent: None

D. Upcoming vacancy for fire board member

Chief Lacher reported that the board may fill the vacancy by appointment. The appointed person can hold the office until the next general election or in lieu of making an appointment the board may within 60 days of notified vacancy can call an election to fill the vacancy. Board recommends filling the vacancy by appointment and directs staff to publish a public notice of vacancy. Public hearing to be scheduled for the March 18, 2010 meeting. Interviews will take place in open session.

E. Draft of Citygate fire service study report

Chief Lacher reported on January 27, 2010, representatives of Citygate presented a draft report of the fire and emergency services study. The final report will not be filed until the effected agencies have an opportunity to review the report and provide substantiated documentation of requested edits. The Board reviewed the report and discussed several inconsistencies. The Board directed staff to respond to Citygate regarding inaccuracies in the study.

F. Hold Harmless Agreement (Marshall Foundation)

Staff requests approval of the Hold Harmless Agreement with Karen Good, Executive Director of the Marshall Foundation for the purpose of firefighter training and authorized the Fire Chief to sign said agreement.

It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Courtial to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Weidmer, Rose, Courtial, Edwards

Noes: None

Absent: None

G. Consider an employees request for the advancement of sick leave pursuant to board policy 2040

Chief Lacher reported the district has an employee who has exhausted their sick and vacation leave. Board policy 2040 states the board may advance one year of sick leave. Staff requests the board approve the advancement of sick leave.

It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Weidmer to approve employee's request. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Wiedmer, Mahach
Noes: None
Abstain: Edwards, Courtial, Rose
Absent: None

Motion to direct staff to investigate a catastrophic leave program and prepare a draft of policy. It was moved by Director Edwards and seconded by Director Courtial. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Weidmer, Rose, Courtial, Edwards
Noes: None
Absent: None

H. Strategic Planning

Chief Lacher presented a draft report of the 5 year strategic plan for the board to review and bring any addition, comments and/or changes to the next board meeting.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Facilities & Equipment

Chief Lacher reported construction of station 28 to start around March 15, 2010. The district is looking into a funding source through a governmental institution for California public agencies. Loan interest rate would be less then 3%. Board suggests using reserves until loan is approved.

B. Fire Prevention

Director Mahach reported last month was the annual gathering of various Fire Safe Council officials. Cameron Park Fire continues to work on a weed abatement ordinance. Cal Fire budget is grim. January 2011 all new homes to be sprinkled. Projects funded through Fire Safe Council 2005-2009, senior assistance, community planning, public education and the chipping program.

C. El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority (JPA)

Chief Lacher reported last month JPA made a presentation affirming the bi-laws. All 10 agencies in the JPA voted to pass. Moving forward on the electronic PCR project. JPA received grant money from home land security to help with the

project. A pilot study will be done on the software. Response times for the month of January were compliant in all areas, urban, rural, semi rural, and wilderness.

D. Human Resources

No report

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:

- Letter from City of Sacramento to Chief Cima for his participation in CATF-7.
- Letter from David Brazzel, EMS Director approving Jason Snyder as a Field Training Officer for El Dorado County
- Letter from Thomas Keating, Fire Chief , Rescue Fire Dept. to personally thank Chief Huffman and Captain Rick Branaugh for helping with their testing process
- Thank you letter from Toy For Tots
- Thank you letter to station 25 from Carly Lane
- Thank you from Susan and Jean Pierce to station 72
- Thank you from Lucy Whietice to station 72
- Thank you from the Finley Family
- Letter to Honorable Diane Feinstein from Chief Lacher
- Engine response stats
- Agenda for El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority Board of Directors meeting

11. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Lacher reported Garden Valley's Fire Chief asked if the board would provide him with a contract for service for a 2-0 staffed engine company and a supervisor. Board advises sending a letter to Garden Valley advising them of the cost. The County received a grant for disaster planning and response. EMI training exercise is scheduled for April, it will be an EOC activity that will involve all emergency agencies within the county. The exercise will take place in Maryland. Chief Lacher and a PIO will be attending. Chief Lacher also reported he is working with developers regarding a commercial parcel in Placerville with the possibility of a lease/purchase for a new administration office/fire station. There is an on going investigation regarding medication missing from an incident the fire district responded to.

12. BOARD COMMENTS:

Mahach: Thank you to Director Weidmer for his years of dedicated service, wishing him success on his mission.

Weidmer: It's been a pleasure working with everyone on the board and with the District.

Edwards: Good luck to Director Weidmer and thank you to Mark Johnson.

Courtial: It's been a pleasure working next to Director Weidmer.

Rose: Director Weidmer, sorry to see you go. Wish you well, thank you for your friendship.

- 13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
- A. Committee appointments
 - B. Board vacancy
 - C. Strategic planning
 - D. Fire Recovery USA staff report
 - E. Citygate fire service study

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, March 18, 2010,
2850 Fairlane Court, Building C, Placerville, CA

- 14. ADJOURNMENT: 5:43 P.M.**