

**EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
625 COURT ST STE 204
WOODLAND, CA 95695-3490
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD June 17, 2021
VIA ZOOM MEETING**

PRESENT: Commissioners John Lindsey, Bill Weisgerber, David Robert, Tad Henderson
ABSENT: Michael McMahon
OTHERS PRESENT: Davis Fire Department Chief Joe Tenney, Assistant Supervisor Rich Reed

Chair Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

MINUTES

Weisgerber submitted the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting and the May 20, 2021 for approval. Robert moved to approve the minutes, Henderson seconded the motion and all were in favor of approving the minutes as submitted.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Reed reported that the County is currently looking for input on how to spend \$42.8M granted to the County by the American Rescue Fund to help with losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Reed said there would be community meetings held to get input and then the Board of Supervisors will decide on how to use the funding in July.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Tenney said that the Department is currently looking to fill two Captain positions and that one of the spots was created when Mike Porter was promoted to Battalion Chief and that one was due to a retirement. When these remaining positions are filled the Department will have three positions available for new firefighters. Tenney reported that the City is now working on the budget process and that the Department is trying to preserve a 10-15% budget reserve to address any shortfalls. The ladder truck acquisition is still on schedule and will be presented to the City in July. Once the truck funding is approved it will take 12-14 months to build the truck. Tenney then told the Board that the drought has created critical fire danger and that he expects a very bad fire season. Weisgerber then asked about staffing for the ladder truck and Tenney said that the truck would have 3/0 staffing and that some overtime may be required to cover the truck staffing as personnel levels are low. Weisgerber asked where the ladder truck would be stationed and Tenney explained that the truck would be stationed downtown at Station 31 once the remodeling has been done but that it probably will initially be stationed at Station 33 as it will fit in that building currently.

BUDGET 2021-2022

Mark Krummenacker reported that he had sent out a recommended 2021-2022 budget as well as some adjustments for the 2020-2021 budget to the Board. Krummenacker said that the expenses for 2020-2021 were \$76,339 higher as a result of a greater invoice from the Davis Fire Department. Krummenacker recommended that the Board approve using \$54,680 from the reserve account to

cover the increased expenses and encouraged the Board to consider using the allowed CPI inflator in the future to cover any increases in the bill from DFD. Krummenacker also recommended that the Board amend the 2020-2021 budget to reflect a \$2296 increase in collected tax revenue, a \$195 line item to pay for accounting expenses, and a \$2101 line item to pay for the support of the Proposition 172 effort by the Yolo County Chiefs Association. Robert asked about the 11% increase in the DFD invoice and Tenney said that this resulted from increased personnel and other costs during the year. There was a discussion of the trends in the DFD invoice over the past few years and Tenney reassured the Board that the invoicing is very accurate now and that the increase was solely due to overhead expenses DFD incurred.

Robert then moved to approve the 2021-2022 budget of \$885,389.00, Lindsey seconded and all were in favor.

Robert then moved to approve the recommended 2020-2021 adjustments of increasing the tax revenue by \$2296, increasing the accounting line item by \$195, and increase non-county expenses by \$2101. Henderson seconded and all were in favor.

PROPOSITION 218 DISCUSSION

Weisgerber presented Resolution 2021-2 to approve the tax rolls when they are compiled and reviewed. Lindsey moved to approve the resolution, Robert seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

There items to be paid which is the \$94.40 invoice for the weed abatement notice that DFD published on behalf of the District in the Davis Enterprise, \$250 for Mark Krummenacker's accounting services, and the \$883,683.51 invoice from the City of Davis for fire services. Robert moved to approve the payments, Lindsey seconded, and all were in favor.

PUTAH CREEK/FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Weisgerber reported that he is scheduled to meet soon with City and County representatives to hopefully get the fuel clearance started in the North Fork of Putah Creek that is within the District.

Lindsey then updated the Board on the recent Yolo County Fire Safe Council meeting and said that he and Weisgerber were working on having a clearance project ready for when the FSC is funded and ready to distribute grants. Lindsey also said he applied for the District to be a voting member of the FSC and that he and Weisgerber will continue to attend meetings and work on helping to get the FSC up and running with the Resource Conservation District.

UPDATE: YOLO CO. RURAL FPDS

Tenney updated the Board on the effort by the Yolo County Chiefs Association to get some of the funding from Proposition 172 levies that is currently allocated to the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's office even though the funds are supposed to be used for all public safety purposes. Currently Curtis Lawrence from Esparto and Eric Zane from Woodland are leading the

effort. Weisgerber reported that he had talked to both Lawrence and Zane and had advised them to consider possibly using a Proposition 218 levy for funding as that might be more successful than their current strategy. Tenney said that the Association has hired a lawyer who is mounting a PR campaign that is focused on using the current fire danger as a motivation to fund the rural districts that are struggling. Weisgerber commented that former DFD Chief Rose Conway did an excellent job drafting the District's 218 levy as it is very iron clad and also included the ability to apply a CPI inflator when necessary. Weisgerber said that there has been some discussion about merging the District with the No Man's Land District to obtain funding to serve that area but that neither the Board nor the District are open to that approach. Tenney reported that the Board of Supervisors has said that this will be a very slow and lengthy issue to resolve as it is very complicated. Tenney then said that the rural districts are unable to secure volunteers in the current economic climate as potential volunteers do not have the time to commit to serving their fire district so there might have to be community funded professional firefighters on staff in order to provide service. Tenney added that the Proposition 218 levies could solve this problem and also said that combining many small districts into larger consolidated districts could also help. Tenney said that he would continue to monitor the effort and report again at a future meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- YCPARMIA invoice
- Proposition 218 inflator discussion
- Rural District update
- Fire Safe Council update

NEXT MEETING

September 16, 2021 via Zoom meeting or in person depending on State health guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Tenney thanked the District and the Board for all of the support of the Department and expressed his appreciation for that support. There was then a motion by Henderson that was seconded by Robert to adjourn the meeting; approved unanimously at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
John W. Lindsey
Board Member