

**EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
DAVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 33  
425 MACE BOULEVARD  
DAVIS, CA 95618  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD March 2, 2022  
VIA ZOOM MEETING**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Davis Fire Department Battalion Chief Paul Swanson, Christine Crawford (Yolo County LAFCO), Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza

Chair Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Weisgerber asked for a motion to hold the meeting virtually per Assembly Bill 361. McMahon moved to hold the meeting virtually. Lindsey seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**LAFCO MSR FOLLOW-UP**

Weisgerber thanked Christine Crawford for meeting with the Board to present some additional information.

Weisgerber then asked why LAFCO initiated this study and Crawford said that it was part of a required review of special districts that takes place every 5 years.

Crawford then explained how the Springlake, No Man's Land and East Davis districts create revenue through property taxes and Proposition 218 levies. East Davis pays for fire service based on a formula in the contract with the Davis Fire Department while Springlake passes revenue directly to DFD, and No Man's Land uses a simple percentage inflator to calculate the amount owed each year. Crawford said that both the Springlake and No Man's Land contracts have cost containment provisions but that East Davis does not. Crawford then presented the cost per call for each of the three districts that showed East Davis was at \$2975 per call, Springlake was at \$2561, and No Man's Land was at \$2260. Crawford said that both Springlake and No Man's Land do not cover DFD's costs to serve those areas.

McMahon then asked if DFD had backed out the out-of-area wildfire costs that DFD incurred. Weisgerber said he was working with Chief Tenney and Theresa Kenui to verify that this cost was not included for the last year of service.

Weisgerber then noted that East Davis did have to go into the reserve fund to cover costs in the previous year and that the Board would most likely use the allowed CPI inflator to raise rates to ensure the cost of service is covered going forward.

There was then a discussion of how Springlake and No Man's Land are not covering the cost of service from DFD and most likely would have to increase their amounts paid in the future.

Robert then asked Swanson if DFD tracks the costs per dispatch internally. Swanson said that this was not done regularly as the key concern is the provision of essential services without focusing on costs per run.

Lindsey then asked if the other districts contracts also ran to 2029 and Crawford confirmed that they do.

McMahon then asked how the proposed five service areas were constructed and if they were related to contract versus staffed fire services. Crawford said that the only focus was on fire service and there was not a distinction made on how those services were provided to create the five proposed service areas.

There was then a discussion of why standardization of contracts and how LAFCO has looked at perhaps combining East Davis, Springlake, and No Man's Land into one district in order to improve operational efficiency.

Weisgerber then asked about the implementation dates for the LAFCO presentation and any potential action from the recommendations in the presentation. Crawford said that she was still presenting to the fire districts for input and that she planned to present the proposed plans to the LAFCO Board on March 31. Crawford said that any potential final recommendation and requests for public comment would not happen until late April or May.

Weisgerber asked who will have the final approval of any plans for action based on the LAFCO recommendations. Crawford said that the Board of Supervisors would implement the changes but that all the fire districts would be able to provide input. Crawford said that the District is welcome to comment at the LAFCO Board meeting or another other meetings. Robert then asked when a decision on whether to implement the recommended changes would happen and Crawford said there was no fixed date and that LAFCO is simply providing a direction that may or may not be acted upon.

Swanson then asked about the Springlake Board and if they had been made aware of the recommendations. Crawford said that she had not been able to arrange a meeting with them and she believes that the Board may dissolve and just be managed by the Board of Supervisors like the No Man's Land District.

Provenza then commented that there are many issues to consider but that he believes East Davis is well run and funded with no need for any changes to the District.

Weisgerber then said that the Board would discuss this issue at the March 17, 2022 meeting and get any comments back to Crawford then. Crawford said that the final presentation probably would not be done by then but would try to get it to the Board as soon as possible.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There was then a motion by Henderson that was seconded by Lindsey to adjourn the meeting; approved unanimously at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
John W. Lindsey  
Board Member