

**EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
DAVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 33
425 MACE BOULEVARD
DAVIS, CA 95618
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD May 20, 2022
VIA ZOOM MEETING**

PRESENT: Commissioners John Lindsey, Bill Weisgerber, Michael McMahon

ABSENT: David Robert, Tad Henderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Davis Fire Department Chief Joseph Tenney, Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza, Davis Fire Department Fire Marshal Patrick Sandholdt

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Weisgerber asked for a motion to hold meetings virtually per Assembly Bill 361 for another 30-day period. Lindsey moved to continue Board meetings virtually for the next 30 days and until the next meeting. McMahon seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

MINUTES

Weisgerber said that the minutes from the previous meetings for 2022 had been sent out for review and asked if there were any comments or corrections. McMahon moved to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded, and all were in favor.

WEED ABATEMENT

Weisgerber noted that one parcel cited had an error and the correct parcel number for 27435 Oakside should be 069-180-040. This has been corrected but the Board will need to approve this correction. Lindsey moved to approve the correction, McMahon seconded, and all were in favor.

WEED ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Weisgerber opened the public comment for any members of the public to contest or discuss the weed abatement citations. No members of the public were present so McMahon moved to close the public comment session, Lindsey seconded, and all were in favor.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Provenza said that he had met with LAFCo Director Christine Crawford regarding LAFCo's recent MSR and recommendations stemming from the that MSR. Provenza said that he asked what the benefit of reorganization as suggested by the MSR would be and Crawford said that there would be no benefit to the District but that there would be a county wide benefit with the reorganization. Provenza said he disagreed with this contention and that he plans to air that disagreement at the May 24 Board of Supervisors meeting where the MSR will be presented.

There was then a discussion of whether the District was paying the City too much for fire service and the Board members decided that this was not the case at all after looking at Battalion Chief Swanson's analysis and given that each parcel only pays \$277 per year on average for fire service.

Provenza then asked the District's position on the MSR proposal and Weisgerber said that the Board had written a letter to the Board of Supervisors opposing the plan and asking to exclude the District from any reorganization. Provenza asked if a Board Member could attend the May 24 Board of Supervisors meeting and Weisgerber said he would attend on the District's behalf.

The Board then discussed the situations in the No Man's Land and Springlake Districts including how their contracts really do not have cost containment as the current process simply takes all the levied amounts and divides them up into service areas. Provenza said that No Man's Land will most likely need a Proposition 218 assessment to cover costs and that he would be working on studying that issue. The Board then talked about how the District's contract works including the formula used to compute how much is owed to the City each year. Weisgerber said that Mark Krummenacker is working on another formula to help smooth out the peaks and valleys that happen when the out of area services are subtracted from the bill to the District as the timing of that reconciliation is often out of phase with the billing cycle.

The Board then discussed the potential increase in workload that would be caused by the MSR reorganization and other issues that the reorganization might present in terms of revenue and Proposition 218 conflicts. Provenza said that he still does not see why East Davis has to be included in the MSR reorganization as the District is stable and not experiencing any service issues. Tenney added that he felt that East Davis was the best run District in the county and echoed Provenza's support for not including the District in any proposed reorganization. Lindsey asked about how property values are reviewed for the calculation for the service bill every year and Weisgerber said that the Assessor's office provides this data.

There was then a discussion of how the East Davis, Springlake, and No Man's Land contracts all function. Provenza said that neither Springlake nor No Man's Land have any reserve capability because of how their contracts work. Provenza asked Tenney if the City has any issues with how the District's contract is worded and Tenney said that there were no concerns that he was aware of. Tenney said that the City is trying to find a way to resolve the shortfalls in No Man's Land.

The group then discussed the potential workload increase that would be imposed by the MSR reorganization plan and Provenza reiterated that he is not clear on why the District needs to be included. He said that he plans to oppose this reorganization at the May 24 Board of Supervisors meeting and Weisgerber reaffirmed that he would be present to indicate the District's opposition to the reorganization.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Tenney told the Board that the six new firefighters are now all assigned to stations and working shifts. Tenney said that the new wave of COVID has arrived and that hospitals are seeing more cases. The Department has had some cases but they have managed to maintain staffing levels.

Tenney said that a new Type 2 Engine would arrive in a few months and that the ladder truck build is on track it should arrive in August 2023. The Department is working on cleaning up Station 33 and the back parking lot will be repaved so that more training exercises can be held there and there are

also plans underway to get Station 31 ready for the ladder truck when it arrived. If 31 is not ready, then the ladder can fit at 33 until 31 is remodeled. Tenney said that Station 32 will get a kitchen remodel soon and that it has been challenging to get contractors in place to do the work.

Weisgerber then asked about how the out of area assistance capability looked for this year and Tenney said that this would be a challenge due to cutbacks all over the state for wildfire crews. Tenney said that the number of available engines is way down this year and that the usual 180 inmate crews available are down to less than 90. There are also challenges with staff retirements and departments all over the state are rushing to replace them with new firefighters.

Tenney then said that in the last 20 years the Department has seen service calls increase from 1500 per year to over 6200 per year with little to no increase in resources. Tenney said he is working with other departments as far away as Fairfield and Vacaville for mutual and automatic aid to ensure there is service when the Department is spread thin. Tenney noted that the eight biggest wildfires have happened in the last five years and that six of those have been in the last two years. Tenney said that it is critical to get more support from the state and local governments as these trends show no sign of abating any time soon.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

There was no new accounts payable as the District is current on all submitted invoices.

BUDGET

Mark Krummenacker was not able to attend the meeting so this discussion was table until the next meeting.

UPDATES

Lindsey said the he helped with a presentation to the Willowbank CSA meeting regarding the upcoming brush clearance in the North Fork of Putah Creek. Lindsey offered that the presentation went well and that he wanted to thank Elisa Sabatini from the County, Fire Marshal Sandholdt, John McNerney from the City, Chair Weisgerber, and Supervisor Provenza for supporting the meeting. Weisgerber said that the funding for the project is still under review at FEMA and that he hopes to have an update in June.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Weisgerber said that this will be completed once the current year end forms with the new address have been submitted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Adopt Budget
- LAFCo MSR Report
- Proposition 218 CPI adjustment

NEXT MEETING

May 19th, 2022 via Zoom meeting per A.B. 361.

ADJOURNMENT

There was then a motion by Lindsey that was seconded by McMahon to adjourn the meeting; approved unanimously at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

John W. Lindsey

Board Member