

**EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
DAVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 33
425 MACE BOULEVARD
DAVIS, CA 95618
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD April 21, 2022
VIA ZOOM MEETING**

PRESENT: Commissioners John Lindsey, Bill Weisgerber, Michael McMahon

ABSENT: David Robert, Tad Henderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Davis Fire Department Battalion Chief Paul Swanson, Yolo County Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, Davis Fire Department Fire Marshal Patrick Sandholdt, Pete Hartnett

Chair Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 month's meeting had not been sent out for review yet but that they would be sent out after the meeting so that they could be approved at the next meeting.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Allen reported that the County and the City of Davis are working on the property line clarifications and ownership transfer in the North Fork Putah Creek channel. McMahon asked if the residents who would be affected by potential property line changes or easements have been notified of the possible changes. Allen said that for now the City and County are working on their process and that the residents will be notified later once that process is complete.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Battalion Chief Swanson said that the six new firefighters will soon complete their initial training and will be assigned station shifts soon. Swanson said that the main focus this week is preparing for Picnic Day and all the challenges that event presents. Weisgerber asked when the new firefighters would complete their training. Swanson said that would complete their training on April 26th and will be on regular shifts starting on May 2nd.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

WEED ABATEMENT

Fire Marshal Sandholdt reported that he had completed the neighborhood tour and had identified a number of properties that need their weeds to be abated. The list has been submitted to the Board and if the Board approves the list and motion to order abatement the process will begin. The abatement notices will be mailed before May 19th with a deadline of June 6th to clear the weeds. Sandholdt said that if weeds are not cleared by then that he will engage a local contractor who does this work for the City and for the City of Woodland to do the work and that the property owners will be charged for the cost of abatement plus a 20% administrative fee. The clearance will then happen between June 7th and June 30th. The Board then discussed a few individual parcels that may have already been cleared so they could possibly be removed from the list and Sandholdt explained it is best to leave them all on the list in case the weeds have grown back by the abatement deadline. McMahon asked if the County parcels would be cited and abated and Sandholdt said he would work with Elisa Sabatini on this as it is part of the proposed clearance to be handled by West Coast Arborist. Allen said she would check in with Sabatini to make sure the clearance project was on track and that the County would receive the notice from Sandholdt.

McMahon then moved to declare the parcels with weeds a nuisance to be abated and that the owners would be notified of the nuisance with an opportunity to lodge any possible objections at the next meeting on May 19th. Lindsey seconded the motion, all were in favor, and this motion will be recorded as Resolution 2022-001 to be signed by Weisgerber as Chair and Lindsey as Vice Chair for submittal to the County.

NEW BUSINESS

Weisgerber then updated the Board on the Putah Creek brush clearance project. Weisgerber said that Kurt Johnson from Yolo County had contacted him again for more detail to submit to FEMA for funding. Weisgerber and Lindsey will continue to attend the Fire Safe Council meetings to see if there are any more possible funding opportunities and they will also work on possible doing some FireWise projects and education as those may be helpful for future funding and grants.

Lindsey said that he has asked John McNerney from the City of Davis, Elisa Sabatini from the County, Marshal Sandholdt, and Chair Weisgerber to attend the May 17th Willowbank CSA meeting to answer any questions from residents who are concerned about the North Fork Putah Creek brush clearance project. Lindsey said that he will also attend the May 27th El Macero HOA meeting to update the residents attending about the District's recent activities and projects. Lindsey then said that he attended the March 31st LAFCo Board Meeting to reiterate the District's opposition to the proposed MSR plan to merge the District with Springlake, No Man's Land, and possible Elkhorn. Lindsey said he would continue to monitor that process and report back when he hears anything.

Weisgerber then updated the Board on his work with Mark Krummenacker on the upcoming budget. Weisgerber said that Krummenacker is working on a formula to apply to future budgets that will hopefully smooth out variations in charges from DFD versus revenue for the District. Weisgerber said he also spoke with Sheryl Hardy-Salgado from the County about invoicing and collecting fees from State and local agencies that are delinquent in their fees owed to the District. Weisgerber said that he will be working with Krummenacker to refine the formula and then present a preliminary budget at the meeting on May 19th with a goal to finalize the budget by June 22nd. McMahon then asked if the out of area brush service had been backed out of the invoice and Weisgerber said he would verify that it has been. Swanson said that he felt that the brush service had been removed and

that the bill this year was \$70,000 less so all appeared to be correct. Weisgerber said the he will go back and review a ten year period of invoices to better understand the trends and detect any possible erroneous billing.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Weisgerber said that he is still working with USPS to get the change done and that Robert has volunteered to help with the process. McMahon volunteered to also help to get this done.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Weed Abatement Public Hearing
- Preliminary Budget
- 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