

## MINUTES

*Regular Board Meeting  
August 9, 2022  
5:30 p.m.*

*Location: Remote Via Zoom*

### **Board of Directors**

*Randy Mendosa (Division 3) - President, Blaine Maynor (Division 1) - Vice-President,  
Nicole Johnson (Division 2) - Director, Eric Loudenslager (Division 4) - Director  
David Rosen (Division 5) - Director*

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Board of Directors for the Arcata Fire District was called to order by President Randy Mendosa at 5:33 pm.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance has been suspended during Shelter in Place.

### ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting continued with a quorum and the following were present remotely via zoom: President Randy Mendosa, Vice President Blaine Maynor, Director Eric Loudenslager, and Director David Rosen. Director Nicole Johnson was absent.

Additional District administrative staff included Fire Chief Justin McDonald, Assistant Chief Sean Campbell, and Board Secretary Becky Schuette.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved to approve the agenda.

**Motion:** Maynor; Second: Loudenslager

**Roll Call: Ayes;** Loudenslager, Maynor, Rosen and Mendosa. **Absent;** Johnson  
Motion Carries

### PUBLIC COMMENT

President Mendosa called for public comments and there were none.

Senior Management Group – Nothing to report.

Local 4981 – Captain Marcus Lillard reported that there are three new Captains starting next week. Thank you to Director Loudenslager for coming on a ride-along.

Arcata Volunteer Firefighters Association (AVFA) – Roy Willis, President, reviewed his staff note and added an invite for the Board Directors to meet with AVFA about the association, who they are and how they can help the District.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from June 14, 2022, Regular Meeting
2. June 2022 Financial Report
3. July 2022 Financial Report

4. Renewal of Adoption of Resolution 21-247 for an Additional 30 Days, Making Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, As Amended by Assembly Bill 361, and Authorizing the Continued Use of Virtual Meetings
5. Adoption of Resolution 22-268 with Exhibit A, Confirming the Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code
6. Update Signers for the Arcata Fire District's Accounts with Coast Central Credit Union and the County of Humboldt Treasury Accounts
7. Adoption of Resolution 22-269 Amending Exhibit A Adopted in Resolution 21-241 Approving Exemptions to Specific Parcels for the 2006 Benefit Assessment and 2020 Special Tax (Measure F)

President Mendosa reviewed the consent items aloud and queried if anyone wanted any items pulled. There were no public comments and two Directors had questions, however, no items were pulled.

It was moved to approve the consent calendar.

**Motion:** Maynor; Second: Rosen

**Roll Call: Ayes;** Loudenslager, Maynor, Rosen and Mendosa. **Absent;** Johnson  
Motion Carries

### **CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS**

President Mendosa was having technical difficulties with his computer and electronic packet and asked that Director (Vice President) Maynor read the correspondence.

1. Public Correspondence – Vice President Mendosa reviewed the FDAC EBA correspondence letter aloud. There were no additional comments from the Board or the public.

2. Committee Reports:

a. Arcata Station Committee (*Mendosa, Maynor*) – Nothing new to report. Chief McDonald did advise that the AVFA is planning to meet to discuss the lease agreement with the District.

b. Arcata General Plan & Gateway Area Plan Committee (*Loudenslager, Mendosa*) – President Mendosa led with discussion on the Gateway expansion, as well as the Cal Poly growth. The topic was blurred with District Business Item 1 and lengthy consideration documented later in these minutes under the appropriate item.

c. Measure F Committee – Chief McDonald first meeting of the committee is meeting in the morning to review last year's finances. Hopeful for a report or full findings by the next meeting.

President Mendosa called Director Matters prior to the Chief giving his monthly report.

4. Director Matters – Director Loudenslager briefly discussed his ride-along. Director Maynor and President Mendosa had questions about engines 8216 and 8239 which were answered by the Chief and Assistant Chief Campbell.

3. Fire Chief's Monthly Report – Chief McDonald reviewed his monthly report aloud with a reminder about the public hearings for the budget and fee schedule, as well as beginning the process of adoption of the fire code at the next several Regular Meetings.

## **DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**1. Board Discussion Regarding the Potential Impacts from the Cal Poly Humboldt Buildout:** As referenced earlier in the minutes, this topic had somewhat blended in with the Gateway Committee report.

Both Director Loudenslager and President Mendosa provided input from their communications and involvement with the community and public meetings on both the Gateway project as well as the Cal Poly expansion. Each spoke at length on their respective study and desired collaboration of the proposals. It was noted by Director Loudenslager that the Cal Poly expansion is "more urgent" than the Gateway Project which actually interferes with the Gateway deliberations, as things are moving quickly with the Craftsman's mall activity.

There was a lengthy discussion on numerous topics related to both projects. Concern about a reduction in the property tax base as Cal Poly purchases properties which will be exempt and if there are ways to recoup the loss in some way.

Service impacts, not just to the Fire District but also the hospitals, ambulance company and infrastructure capabilities.

The height of the buildings under consideration was also cited, referencing the lack of fire personnel, equipment, apparatus, and training for mid to high-rise building fires. Assistant Chief Campbell pointed out that a residential structure fire requires a minimum of 14 firefighters to control the fire, while a mid to high-rise building requires 49 firefighters. It is not just about the lack of a ladder truck and training but the limited personnel. There are not enough firefighters in all of Humboldt County to put out a significant fire in a high-rise building locally.

The Fire District would like to schedule meetings, write letters, and make direct contact with the leadership for both projects; President Jackson (Cal Poly), David Loya and Karen Diemer (City of Arcata), and possibly the State Fire Marshal. Senator McGuire was also mentioned.

There were no public comments.

This item was for information only with no action taken.

**2. Consider Contracting with InterWest Insurance Services for Risk Management Consulting Services:** Chief McDonald reviewed his staff note aloud and made his recommendation.

There were no comments or questions from the Board or the public.

It was moved to authorize the Chief to enter into a service agreement with InterWest Insurances Services for the listed services.

**Motion:** Maynor; Second: Loudenslager

**Roll Call: Ayes;** Loudenslager, Maynor, Rosen and Mendosa. **Absent;** Johnson  
Motion Carries



**3. Consider and Discuss Updates to Station Signage and Vehicle Logos:** Chief McDonald reviewed his staff report aloud and made his recommendation.

Several of the Directors had comments and requests about the language on the signs and the logo's that were presented by the Chief. There were also recommendations on locations for putting signs.

There were no public comments.

The item was referred back to staff with no action taken and no motion made.

### **CLOSED SESSIONS**

There was no closed session scheduled.

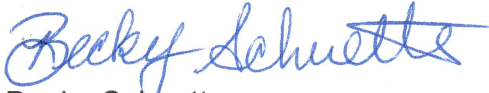
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Following a motion, President Mendosa adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

**Motion:** Maynor; Second: Randy

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for **September 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Schuette,  
Clerk of the Board