

**DIAMOND SPRINGS/EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**PLACE:** Diamond Springs Fire Department  
Station 49 Classroom  
Diamond Springs CA 95619

Director Weidert called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll call as follows	<u>Present</u> Michael Weidert Lloyd Rutherford Michael Pettibone Matthew Anderson	<u>Absent</u> Gary Cooper
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Pledge recited.

A motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Lloyd Rutherford. Motion seconded by Michael Pettibone. Motion approved.

**TIME SENSITIVE MATTERS**

1. Director Weidert opened the Public Hearing on the matter of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Final Budget at 3:02 pm.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2024, meeting made by Michael Pettibone. The motion was seconded by Matthew Anderson. Motion approved.

Director Weidert opened the Public Forum at 3:03 pm.

Correspondence: None

Consent Items: A motion to approve the September Consent Items made by Lloyd Rutherford. Motion seconded by Michael Pettibone. Motion approved.

**CHIEF'S REPORT on Operations and Training.**

- August calls: We responded to a total of 310 calls. (E349-213, R49-6, T49-1, WT49-13, M49-261)
- Fire at Fresh Mex – Fresh Mex pretty much destroyed, The Habit and O'Reilly both have small amounts of damage, but the Crew did a good stop on the fire.
- E328, WT49 were staffed for Preposition over the weekend.
- We participated in Military Service Night at UMHS. Wilson brought the antique fire engine over. We had a nice turn out.
- We will be having an Engineers Test this week on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. There are thirteen applicants.

Director Weidert Closed the Public Hearing on the matter of the 2024-2025 Final Budget at 3:08 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. 2024-2025 Final Budget – New fixed asset page handed out to correct an error in the formula. It had no effect on the rest of the budget. Chief Gallagher reviewed the changes made since the preliminary budget was approved. Revenue – pulling \$100,000 out of reserves and \$450,000 out of CFD. The Sub Object for Extra help (3001) was increased, and Overtime Sub Object (3002) was decreased because we will be billing for the Open Captain Space being filled by Andy Andreis quarterly and will charge it to Extra Help. The Sub Object for OPEB (3046) was reduced because the latest actuarial shows we do not need to make a CERBT payment this fiscal year. Increased Sub Object 4162 \$11,000 to replace computers. The Reserve Detail reflects the revenue changes. A motion to approve the 24-25 District Final Operating Budget made by Michael Pettibone. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Rutherford. Motion approved by following roll call vote: Weidert-Yes, Rutherford-Yes, Pettibone-Yes, Anderson-Yes.
2. DSP-ECF Working Group Update – We will cover this Agenda Item below under the Annexation Adhoc Committee.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation on Senate Bill 660 by ECF Board of Directors. Kaiserman & Gilcrest. Both directors have been working on unfunded liability inequities since 2022. They have discovered that the amount the Districts must pay is based on the time the retiree worked and not on the salary that the district(s) paid them when they actually worked for them. This is not equitable because if an employee leaves and takes a job with a district that pays more and then retirees, the amount is calculated on the higher salary when that is not the amount they were paid while they worked there. The directors are asking for a support letter from the Board to have the State Comptroller's Office do a study on this issue. They will send a draft letter to Chief Gallagher, and we will put an item to review and approve it on the agenda next month.
2. Director Appointments due to insufficient nominees for election – Gary Cooper and Matthew Anderson have agreed to continue on the Board. The District Secretary will fill out the form and send it to the County Elections Department.
3. Award of Bid #24-01 for Back-Up Generator Station 48 –Chief Gallagher reviewed the quotes and recommended Chandler Electric be awarded the Contract. Their quote specs out a 26 KW generator instead of 24 KW generator and provides a 10-year warranty. A Motion authorizing Chief Gallagher to contract with Chandler Electric made by Michael Pettibone. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Rutherford. Motion approved.

## Committee Reports

### Adhoc Committees

- Annexation Adhoc Committee – SB1240 to carry over retirement formulas is on Governor's Desk. The Draft of the Health Care Resolution to carry over DSP's health insurance benefits was sent to all Retirees and Employees. Chief Gallagher summarized the resolution for the directors. The Directors were given copies to review. Chief Gallagher also gave the Directors a Draft of the Annexation Resolution written by the LAFCO Consultant for review. A Joint Meeting with both boards may be scheduled to approve these resolutions. County GIS documents have been requested, (parcel information, etc.). Director Rutherford reported that they had a meeting regarding joint strategic plans to try and outline short-, medium-, and long-term goals for the combined district. Retiree Yaws was at the Board Meeting and thanked Chief Gallagher for keeping the retirees in the loop on the healthcare issue since this has been a topic of concern to them. Retirees are in favor of the annexation.

### Standing Committees

- Strategic Plan Standing Committee –No Meeting this month. Joint Strategic planning meeting with County Fire held as reported above.
- Budget/Finance Standing Committee– Director Pettibone reported that the committee met and reviewed the draft final budget and the Station 48 Generator RFP bids.

New Purchases: None

Employee/Union: Captain Wolf reported that Probationary Firefighter Jones is doing well, Morris is now a Paramedic, and they have 2 medics on C-Shift now. Vretzos will start his paramedic internship on B Shift soon. He also reported that both locals have been meeting to draft a combined MOU along with Mastagni.

Items for the next meeting: Support Letter for Senate Bill 660.

Director Weidert closed the open forum and adjourned the meeting to go into closed session at 4:19.

Director Weidert returned to Open Session at 4:29

The Directors gave approval for Chief Gallagher to sign the Release Agreement for the CalPERS Overpayment.

Director Weidert adjourned the meeting at 4:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Tuthill, Board Secretary