MINUTES OF THE EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (EDCFPD) MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2015

DAVIS FIRE STATION #33
425 MACE BOULEVARD
DAVIS, CA 95616

PRESENT: Commissioners, Cheryl Ewing, Dave Ewing, and Patrick Reynolds.

EXCUSED: Commissioners Linda Boutin and Michael McMahon.

OTHERS PRESENT: Yolo County Deputy Supervisor Gina Daleiden, Deputy Fire Chief John Heilmann, Yolo County Chief Financial Officer Howard Newens, Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza, Secretary/Clerk Roxie Weaver and County Supervisor Representative Bill Weisgerber.

Chair D. Ewing called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES: On a motion by Reynolds, seconded by C. Ewing, the minutes of the meeting held January 15, 2015 were approved by unanimous vote.

2015-16 BUDGET: Newens submitted a multi-year revenue and expenditure summary and the 2015-16 budget. Newman explained the difference between restricted and general reserves. Restricted reserves are funds designated for a very specific purpose while general reserves provide funds for non-budgeted items. After some discussion, a motion by C. Ewing, seconded by Reynolds was made to move the excess fund balance as of June 15th for 2014-15 to General Reserves and rename General Reserves “Contingency Reserves Fund.” Another motion was made by C. Ewing, seconded by Reynolds to rename Designated Reserve “Fire Services Reserves Fund.” These funds would be committed to providing fire services in our district in the event of a contract cancellation or other emergency.

The total financing requirements for the 2015-16 budget were approved at $678,028. On a motion by Reynolds, seconded by C. Ewing, the budget was adopted by unanimous vote. This budget will be recommended to the County Board of Supervisors for incorporation into their 2015-16 budget.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR: Provenza reported that the Water Association is working on drought solutions. There seems to be better cooperation with the State. Yolo County is better off than most other counties in regards to the aquifer. Local efforts have been focused on a management plan to provide better flood protection to everyone.
A Yolo County committee (including the District Attorney, Sheriff, Public Defender, Courts, Health Department Director, CAO, and Supervisor Provenza) focusing on crime issues and protection has been formed per State statute. This Committee, the Community Corrections Partnership, includes the Probation Chief, the District Attorney, Sheriff, Public Defender, Courts, Health Department Director, CAO, and Supervisor Provenza. A Community Correction Partnership Forum will be held at the El Macero Country Club in El Macero on April 14th from 5:30-6:30. This is open to the public, and Fire Commissioners are welcome to attend. Provenza asked that Commissioners let his office know if they plan to attend so that they can be recognized.

Provenza discussed the issue of felonies becoming misdemeanors as per Proposition 47 resulting in an increase of crime in Yolo County. The reasons for this increase are being studied, and will be discussed at the Forum.

Mobile home parks run by Sierra Corporate Management have become a statewide problem because highly questionable business practices and management. A task force, including District 4, the District Attorney, Yolo County Housing Authority, Legal Services of Northern California, the CAO, the Assessor, the Sheriff, the State Department of Housing and Community Development, and County Counsel, has been formed at Yolo County to investigate and respond. The County BOS office is receiving many calls from the residents in the Royal Oaks Mobile Home Park because of hazardous fire conditions, title issues, allegations of fraudulent business practices, and units in ill repair. Most of the residents are low income and do not have extra funds for repairs or charges made by the owners. D. Ewing suggested a possible donation of funds to provide CO detectors to these residents. Provenza will investigate this option and report back at the next meeting.

Provenza reported that he is now on the Childrens Alliance, First Five Yolo, and the Yolo Crisis Nursery Committees that provide assistance and advocate for the youngest and most vulnerable in Yolo County. The Yolo Crisis Nursery has a house in East Davis that provides services and supplies for infants and families in crisis. As a newly formed independent non-profit, they have a strong Board of Directors and a great partnership with the Davis fire fighters. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Provenza reported that there is finally an agreement on sewer rates in El Macero.

Weisgerber reported he has been working in West Sacramento on emergency planning for water resources and levy safety/flood planning for Yolo County using GIS map plotting. They already have a grant but are working on a second grant.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Heilmann reported that Trauernicht is working on budget projections for the EDCFPD and should have them available soon. He is also working on the standard operating guidelines.

Heilmann announced that he has accepted the position of Fire Chief for West Sacramento. Congratulations were extended to John.

**SECRETARY/CLERK INVOICE:** Weaver submitted an invoice in the amount of $307.78 for the month of January 2015. On a motion by C. Ewing, seconded by Reynolds, the invoice was approved by unanimous vote.
COMMISSIONER TERMS: Provenza reported that based on the Board of Supervisors (BOS)1953 Resolution, the EDCFPD is exempt from the section of California Health and Safety Code 13843 pertaining to the four year term requirement for fire commissioners. As authorized by state law in 1953, the BOS created a commission to govern the district. The resolution creating the commission directly says that commission members serve indefinite terms. There has been no further BOS actions or state law changes to change the term length. The County Counsel’s office will continue to research this topic as this may not apply to other fire districts.

WEED ABATEMENT: Heilmann will connect with Tim Annis to schedule the annual drive-by survey to check properties for hazardous fire conditions. Commissioner D. Ewing will accompany Annis. Heilmann will provide a list of possible properties in need of weed abatement for the Commissioners’ review at the April meeting.

CITY OF DAVIS CONTRACT: Weaver submitted an invoice in the amount of $591,275.69 from the City of Davis for fire protection services for fiscal year 2014-15. The amount shows a decrease of $18,996.83 from fiscal year 2013-14 because of a reduction in fire staff and a management merge. On a motion by Reynolds, seconded by C. Ewing, the invoice was approved by unanimous vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
1. Weed Abatement Resolution 2015-01 – April
2. Set Public Hearing Date for Weed Abatement – April
3. CO Detectors for Royal Oaks Mobile Home Park - April
4. Secretarial/Clerk Contract Review - May
5. Budget Forecasting Costs
6. AED for Public Access

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2015, at the Davis Fire Station 333, 425 Mace Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by C. Ewing, seconded by Reynolds, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Ewing
Chair
Roxie Weaver
Secretary/Clerk

c: Fire Chief Nate Trauernicht
   County Supervisor Jim Provenza