

**EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
625 COURT ST STE 204  
WOODLAND, CA 95695-3490  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD September 20, 2018  
Davis Fire Station 33, 425 Mace Boulevard, Davis, CA**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners John Lindsey, Dave Robert, Michael McMahon, Bill Weisgerber

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Cheryl Ewing

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deputy Yolo County Supervisor Richard Reed, Yolo County Manager of Natural Resources Elisa Sabatini, Yolo Fire Chief Dan Tafoya, Willow Oaks Fire Chief Marcus Klinkhammer, Retired Esparto Fire Chief Barry Burns, DFD Battalion Chief Paul Swanson, DFD Battalion Chief Joe Tenney

Chair McMahon called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Robert, seconded by Weisgerber, to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2018; approved unanimously.

**LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Chair McMahon asked the Board if all were in favor of paying the \$500 invoice for the year's liability insurance. Weisgerber moved to approve paying the invoice and all voted in favor of approval.

**SPECIAL DISTRICT FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REPORT PREPARATION**

Chair McMahon inquired as to whether the Board would be in favor of having Mark Krummenacker continue to help prepare financial reports for the Board. All Board Members indicated they were in favor of this plan. Robert and Weisgerber agreed to work with Mark Krummenacker going forward to prepare the reports. Robert said he would fill out the information form that Mark Krummenacker needs to prepare the reports and will get it to him.

**YOLO COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION PROP. 172**

Chiefs Tafoya and Burns gave the Board a summary of how the Proposition 172 funding was created in 1993 and provided the members with a packet that explained the history and current state of Proposition 172 funding in California. The state collects a ½% sales tax and those funds are then allocated by county for public safety use. For the past 25 years, law enforcement has taken most if not all of those funds despite the fact that a great deal of the effort to pass Proposition 172 was put forth by local fire departments. However, Chief Tafoya told the Board that 22 counties are now allocating funds to local fire districts like the District and that he and the other Chiefs are leading an effort to get that funding for Yolo County districts going forward. Currently Yolo County gets \$22M in funding each year. 72% of the funding now goes to the Sheriff with the Jail, Probation, and the District Attorney's office taking the remainder. The goal of the Chief's Association is to ask for 15%

of the total funding for local fire districts who will then split the money up equally to be used for personnel, communications equipment, training, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Chief Tafoya presented a letter to the Board for signature that would indicate that the District supports the Chief's Association's effort and that the District would be willing to contribute to any legal costs incurred up to a maximum of \$1000.00 in the effort to secure the funding. Chair McMahon asked about any potential negative implications and Chief Tafoya offered that he did not know of any downsides to joining this effort. Chief Tafoya also told the Board that there will be a requirement from each District to be transparent and accountable for the funds to ensure that they are being spent properly. Weisgerber moved to approve the letter and add the signatures of the Board Members to the letter, Lindsey seconded the motion, and all Board Members unanimously approved signing the letter and committing to the potential limited funding for legal costs. All Board Members present signed the letter and returned it to Chief Tafoya.

### **PUTAH CREEK COUNTRY PROPERTY DISCUSSION**

Reed opened the discussion by detailing all the work done by Elisa Sabatini in support of the recent vegetation and praised her for her efforts that went well above and beyond the initial scope of the project. Reed noted that the County covered the cost of the hours devoted to the project and also bore a majority of the cost of the project. Sabatini then explained the history of the brush clearance projects in the Putah Creek area near Willowbank and also explained the challenges presented by the confusion over what pieces the City of Davis owns and what pieces the County owns. There is also a great deal of uncertainty on property lines heading down into the creek which also complicate the process of keeping it clear. The last clearance project cost the County \$40,000 and the City paid \$12,000. The property will have to be cleared every 3-5 years going forward at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Sabatini explained to the Board that the County has tried to transfer ownership to the Yolo Habitat Conservancy but that they were not interested. The current plan on the table is for the City to assume ownership of the entire Putah Creek basin in Willowbank which will resolve the confusion going forward. However, in order to affect that transfer an accurate survey must be done at a cost of roughly \$60,000 and the City must also agree to maintain the property going forward. Reed and Sabatini explained that they have tried to find funding through the County for the survey but that the requests were denied which has effectively halted the process. Reed asked if the District could fund the survey as it would help to transfer the property to the City and thus remove the property from the future responsibility of both the County and the District which would be a benefit to the District in the future. Reed also indicated the Supervisor Provenza is in favor of the District funding the survey project as he too feels it will directly benefit the District. The Board agreed to examine the funds available for such an effort and will discuss the funding request at the next Board Meeting.

### **COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

No update.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Battalion Chief Swanson updated the Board on personnel changes in the Department. Three new firefighters are being trained which will fully staff the Department by mid-October and the search for a new Assistant Chief is almost complete. Swanson and Battalion Chief Tenney also told the Board about recent outside deployments to help with the fires this season. Weisgerber asked about getting

possible assistance from the Department with the District's reporting requirements and said he would talk further with Department staff to see if this is possible.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Discuss funding of Putah Creek property survey
- Discuss DFD request for firefighting equipment

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no report of discussion about hiring a district secretary/clerk.

**NEXT MEETING**

**October 18, 2018** at the Davis Fire Station 33, 425 Mace Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Robert, seconded by Lindsey, to adjourn the meeting; approved unanimously at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

John W. Lindsey  
Board Member