

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

September 10, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Location: 631 9th Street, Arcata

Arcata Fire Station Classroom

Board of Directors

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

CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Board of Directors for the Arcata Fire District was called to order by President Eric Loudenslager at 5:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Loudenslager.

ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting continued with a quorum and the following were present: President Eric Loudenslager, Vice President Jason Akana, Director Nicole Johnson, Director Blaine Maynor, and Director Randy Mendosa.

Additional District administrative staff included Chief Chris Emmons, Assistant Chief Ross McDonald, and Board Clerk Katie Hill.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion: Mendosa; Second: Johnson

Roll Call: Ayes; Akana, Johnson, Maynor, Mendosa, Loudenslager. **Absent:** None
Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

Local 4981 – Captain Marcus Lillard summarized the Local 4981 monthly report.

AVFA - President Roy Willis provided AVFA monthly statistics.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code section 54956.8.)
Property: 631 9th Street, Arcata CA 95521
Agency negotiator: *District Counsel, Ryan Plotz*
Negotiating parties: *Arcata Volunteer Firefighters Association*
Under negotiation: *Lease agreement for 631 9th Street, Arcata Station*

President Loudenslager adjourned to closed session at 5:38 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:30 pm.

Report out of closed session by President Loudenslager; nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes from August 22, 2024 Special Meeting
3. August 2024 Financial Report
4. Accept the GASB 75 Actuarial Report (Measured as of June 30, 2023) for the Fiscal Year End June 30, 2024 Financial Reporting
 - a. Attachment 1 – GASB 75 Actuarial Report FYE June 30, 2023
5. Adopt Resolution 24-315 Directing Transfer of Cash From the Humboldt County Treasurer Account to the CalTrust Liquidity Fund

It was moved to approve consent calendar items.

Motion: Akana; Second: Mendosa

Roll Call: Ayes; Akana, Johnson, Maynor, Mendosa, Loudenslager. **Absent:** None
Motion carries

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING - Adoption of Resolution 24-316 Finalizing the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25

Chief Emmons read his staff note aloud.

Directors provided comments and questions.

There were no comments from the public.

It was moved to adopt the FY 2024/25 budget as presented.

Motion: Mendosa; Second: Akana

Roll Call: Ayes; Akana, Johnson, Maynor, Mendosa, Loudenslager. **Absent:** None
Motion carries

2. Adopt Resolution 24-317 Approving an Option Agreement with the Arcata Volunteer Firefighter's Association for the potential Acquisition of the 9th Street Station and Finding the Action Exempt from CEQA

Chief Emmons read his staff note aloud.

AVFA President Roy Willis spoke during public comment.

There were no comments from the Board.

It was moved to approve Resolution 24-317, approving an option agreement with the Arcata Volunteer Firefighter's Association for the potential acquisition of the 9th Street Station and finding the action exempt from CEQA.

Motion: Akana; Second: Johnson

Roll Call: Ayes; Akana, Johnson, Maynor, Mendosa, Loudenslager. **Absent:** None
Motion carries

3. Adopt Resolution 24-318 Approving the Form and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Financing Documents for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition of Real Property and Facilities Comprising the District's Fire Headquarters Facility, and Providing for Other Matters Properly Relating There to

Chief Emmons read his staff note aloud.

AVFA President Roy Willis spoke during public comment.

There were no comments from the Board.

It was moved to adopt Resolution 24-318 approving the Form and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Financing Documents for the Purpose of Acquiring the District's Fire Headquarter Building and Facilities and Authorizing Other Related Actions in Connection Therewith.

Motion: Johnson; Second: Maynor

Roll Call: Ayes; Akana, Johnson, Maynor, Mendosa, Loudenslager. **Absent:** None
Motion carries

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

1. Public Correspondence

- a. Thank you poster from Tot Camp – Captain Nate Baxley and Engineer Wes Row
- b. Thank you from 2024 Summer Algebra Institute Team – Prevention Specialist Alyssa Alvarez, Engineer Arly Allen, Captain Marcus Lillard, Engineer Jesus Barron, Captain Tony Freeman

2. Committee Reports

- a. Fire Station Ad-Hoc Committee (*Maynor, Akana*) – nothing to report
- b. AVFA, L4981, AFD Relations Ad-Hoc Committee (*Maynor*) – nothing to report
- c. FY 2024/25 Budget Committee (*Johnson, Loudenslager*) – nothing to report
- d. Chief's Evaluation Committee (*Loudenslager, Mendosa*) – nothing to report

3. Fire Chief's Monthly Report – Chief Emmons read his monthly report aloud. The Chief commented on the Round Up event that occurred in August through McKinleyville Home Center with the District receiving a donation check for \$1698.69. Captain Marcus Lillard spoke to one of the notable incidents.

4. Director Matters – Director Akana provided comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Director Mendosa and a second by Director Akana, President Loudenslager adjourned the meeting at 7:11pm.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2024, at the Arcata Downtown Station Classroom, 631 9th Street in Arcata at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Hill,
Clerk of the Board