

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
ESPARTO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
16960 YOLO AVE
ESPARTO, CA 95627**

**September 14, 2023
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Commissioner Mitch Roath.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Mitch Roath, Barry Burns, and John Hulsman

Absent: Rudy Lucero and David Schwenger

Other present: Chief Curtis Lawrence

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsman and seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

4. Public Comment

None

5. Approve Minutes of August 9, 2023 Special Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 special meeting.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

Commissioner David Schwenger arrived at 6:04 p.m.

6. Approve Payment of September 14, 2023 Claims

Motion as made by Commissioner Roath and seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the September 14, 2023 Claims.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

7. Review and Approve Resolution No. 23-005, Resolution to Oppose Initiative 21-0042A1

Motion as made by Commissioner Schwenger and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve Resolution No. 23-005, Resolution to Oppose Initiative 21-0042A1.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

8. Review and Approve Resolution No. 23-006, Resolution to Approve The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7GF23309

Motion as made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Schwenger to approve Resolution No. 23-006, Resolution to Approve the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7GF23309.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

9. Fire District’s Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee

Chief Lawrence gave updates on:

- a. Due to the death of Supervisor Gary Sandy, the County will replace his vacant position with another supervisor.
- b. There have been a few meetings with County staff and other fire districts regarding possible reasons that Proposition 218’s failed in some districts but passed in others.
- c. Commissioner Burns asked about the \$205,000 the County had authorized if Proposition 218 had passed. Chief Lawrence said he would be discussing this in his Staff Reports.

10. Yolo County Fire Safe Council

A. Updates

Chief Lawrence advised the Board that the California Conservation Corp is working to clean out Lamb Valley Slough along Plainfield Street.

B. Yolo Prescribed Burn Association

Chief Lawrence had no update.

11. Staff Reports

A. Office/ Financial Report

- a. Chief Lawrence presented the GL worksheet to the Board for their review. A budget amendment will be prepared after the FY 2022-23 ending balance is finalized and we know if the County will be awarding EFPD the \$205,000 for trying to pass a Prop 218.
- b. Chief Lawrence reported:
 - i. That the meeting room will be a workout room for staff and would the Board want to move Board meetings to the Community Hall; the Board said to continue Board meeting in the current location.
 - ii. The first payment for the Yolo County Grant PO4584 of \$10,652.19 was received and posted to FY 2022-23. The next payment request for FY 2023-24 will be sent to the County after the end of the September quarter.
 - iii. Although our Prop 218 failed, he has contacted the County to find out how to request the \$205,000 funding they promised to pay if a District’s Prop 218 passed. He is fairly certain, based on the efforts our District put in to try and pass the Prop 218, the County will award EFPD these funds. He will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

B. Building & Maintenance Report

- a. Chief Lawrence reported that:
 - i. The clinic building has been removed. Once they pay their last water/sewer bill, he will have ECSD change the account to inactive. The clinic representative told him that PGE has been inactivated. He is working with Colin Crerar regarding the drainage issue. The estimated cost to fix the drainage issue, remove the hardscape and fix the ground drainage will be roughly \$8,000 - \$10,000. The plan is to gravel the area for parking.
 - ii. He plans to purchase a washer/dryer stackable for staff to wash towels, sheets, etc. The current machines are for PPE. The cost for the stackable should be around \$1,200.

C. Chief’s Report

- a. Chief Lawrence:
 - i. Gave an update on his efforts to replace the vacant firefighter position.

- ii. Advised the Board that the Volunteer's Annual Sausage Feed will be held on October 14, 2023.
- iii. Advised that Yolo County Fire Chief's Association is holding a Cornhole Fund Raiser on October 28, 2023.
- iv. Reported that quite a bit of building has been happening in Esparto including an apartment building and several ADU's.
- v. At the next Board meeting, he will include an agenda item to strategize on the possibility of proposing another Proposition 218.
- vi. Advised that he will be starting the north lawn replanting project.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

Mitch Roath, Commissioner

Curtis Lawrence, Secretary to the Board
& Fire Chief