

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

**August 9, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Rudy Lucero.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Rudy Lucero, Barry Burns, John Hulsman, Mitch Roath

Absent: David Schwenger

Other present: Chief Curtis Lawrence

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

4. Public Comment

None

5. Approve Cancellation of August 10, 2023 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Roath and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to cancel the August 10, 2023 regular meeting.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

6. Approve July 13, 2023 Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

7. Approve Payment of August 9, 2023 Claims

Motion as made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Roath to approve the August 9, 2023 Claims.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

8. Review and Approve Resolution No. 23-004, Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll

Motion as made by Commissioner Roath and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve Resolution No. 23-004, Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

9. Employee Medical Benefits:

A. Review and Approve Maximum Employer Contribution for Medical Coverage for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

i. Motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve a monthly maximum employer contribution of \$500.00 for medical coverage for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roath.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

- B. Review and Approve Cash-in-Lieu of Medical Coverage (Cash Option) Plan Effective September 1, 2023.

- i. Motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Cash-in-Lieu of Medical Coverage Plan effective September 1, 2023 providing a \$250 monthly cash-in-lieu amount. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roath.
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

10. Fire District's Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee

Chief Lawrence gave updates on:

- i. The current Proposition 218 approved and failed status for fire districts in Yolo County.
 - ii. The new statewide initiative #21-0042A1 (aka #1935) that would limit government entities, including special districts, ability to enact special assessments and could retroactively reverse prior approved special assessments.

11. Yolo County Fire Safe Council

- A. Updates
Commissioner Burns had no update.
- B. Yolo Prescribed Burn Association
Chief Lawrence had no update.

12. Staff Reports

- A. Office/ Financial Report
 - a. Chief Lawrence presented the GL worksheet to the Board for their review.
 - b. Chief Lawrence reported:
 - i. That the new Yolo County accounting system is requiring extra administrative hours.
 - ii. The \$10,000 CalFire VFC Grant was approved.
 - iii. Although our Prop 218 failed, he will begin working on a funding request to Yolo County for the \$205,000 funding they promised to pay if our Prop 218 passed.
- B. Building & Maintenance Report
 - a. Chief Lawrence reported that:
 - i. The refrigerator went out and a new one has been purchased. They were able to have the old one fixed and will put it in the Scout Cabin.
 - ii. The ice machine is broken and he has found someone to fix it and service it on a regular 6-month basis.
 - iii. The director of the old medical clinic is working to remove the building. The District will need to work on the drainage issue in that area once it is gone.
- C. Chief's Report
 - a. Chief Lawrence:
 - i. Gave an update on the CalPERS Safety Contract addition. He advised the Board that it may take up to six (6) months to complete and that it may impact current employees being reported under the Miscellaneous Contract. He will keep the Board updated as additional information is received.
 - ii. Updated the Board on posting the vacant firefighter position.
 - iii. Advised that EFPD held I-MCI (Intentional Mass-Casualty Incident) trainings with Yocha Dehe Fire Department, Yolo County Sheriffs and the school district. He will be purchasing PPE that may cost between \$5,000 - \$10,000 and that the Volunteers will be paying 50% of PPE cost.
 - iv. Said the National Night Out was held and went well but he would like to see it moved back to the Community Park next year.

13. Convene to Closed Session – Personnel (Gov. Code 54957)

Chair Rudy Lucero convened the meeting to Closed Session at 6:30 pm.

14. Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Rudy Lucero reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:53 pm. There was no action taken in Closed Session.

15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Roath to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

Rudy Lucero, Chairman

Curtis Lawrence, Secretary to the Board
& Fire Chief