

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
ESPARTO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PO BOX 366, 16960 YOLO AVE, ESPARTO, CA**

MEETING LOCATION: ESPARTO COMMUNITY HALL, 17020 YOLO AVE, ESPARTO, CA 95627

**May 14, 2026
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, John Hulsman and Barry Burns

Members Absent: Dave Schwenger and Mitch Roath

Other present: Chief Curtis Lawrence and Monica Burns, Secretary to the Board

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. Board Member Communication

None

5. Public Comment

None

6. Approve Minutes of April 9, 2026 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve the April 9, 2026 minutes.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

7. Approve Payment of May 14, 2026 Claims

Commissioner Hulsman questioned the payment to US Bank. Chief Lawrence explained that the payment included rope rescue gear, which was reimbursed by the volunteers, and Community Hall appliances, which were reimbursed from proceeds generated by renting the hall. A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve the May 14, 2026 claims.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

8. Review Financial Report Including:

A. Claims Paid on April 23, 2026

Monica Burns reported that the transfers from the Unassigned Reserve to the Capital Asset Reserve and the General Reserve, as designated in the Board-approved revised budget, had been completed and were included in the financial report. The Board reviewed the financial report and the claims paid on April 23, 2026.

9. Fire District’s Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee

There were no updates to report.

10. Yolo County Fire Safe Council

A. Updates

Commissioner Hulsman reported that the following items were discussed at the last Fire Safe Council meeting: the Bio Char Kiln; the Knoxville-Blue Ridge Fire Safe Council; the chipper program; burning and grazing activities on Highway 128; and the possibility of returning to in-person meetings, for which there was little interest.

B. Yolo Prescribed Burn Association

There were no updates to report.

11. Staff Reports

A. Office Report – Chief Lawrence reported that:

- a. Commissioners Lucero, and Schwenger still need to complete Ethics Training.
- b. Commissioners Burns still needs to complete Sexual Harassment Training.
- c. Set a meeting date with the Budget Committee board members, Rudy Lucero and Barry Burns, for May 29, 2026 at 9:00 am.

B. Building & Maintenance Report

- a. Using proceeds of renting the Community Hall, a new refrigerator, stove, stove hood and chairs were purchased for the hall.
- b. Engine 219 is undergoing major repairs.

C. Chief’s Report – Chief Lawrence reported:

- a. He has applied for the 2026-27 CalFIRE VFC grant.
- b. He is considering establishing an independent PulsePoint account for the District, which would cost between \$800 and \$1,600, depending on whether other local fire districts participate in the account.
- c. The District will undergo an Insurance Services Office (ISO) review, and he has a meeting scheduled with the ISO evaluator on June 2, 2026.
- d. The new firefighter, Nicolas Hernandez, started on May 5, 2026.
- e. An employee will be taking the Driver/Operator Course offered through Yuba College in Marysville, California.
- f. Calls have been fairly steady, and the first grass fire of the season occurred two days ago.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

Monica Burns, Secretary to the Board

Printed Name

Title