

**Yolo Fire Protection District  
P.O. Box 466  
Yolo, CA 95697  
Minutes –July 1, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Yolo Fire Protection District met on July 1, 2024 in a regular session at the Yolo Fire Station. Commissioner Steve Weiss called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Commissioners present: Steve Weiss, Lynnel Pollock and Chuck Hermle

Commissioners absent: None

Also present: Dan Tafoya, Chief, , Sheryl Salgado, Clerk, Lee Gerney, Yolo County Chief Technology Officer, Barbara Hayes, Rual County Representative of California.

Introduction: Lee Gerney, Yolo County Chief Technology Officer introduced himself and Barbara Hayes, Rual County Representative of California (RCRC) introduced herself.

Public Comment: None

Presentation by Lee Gerney Regarding the Possibility of Placing a Broadband Facility on District Property and Possible Action: Mr. Gerney spoke about CA-SB156 and Federal Funding for underserved areas. Along with Yolo County’s Broadband project to partner with an internet service provider to bring broadband service to the community of Yolo. He turned the presentation over to Barbara Hayes. She went on to explain on how RCRC partnered with Golden State Connect Authority a Joint Powers Authority to bring fiber network to underserved communities in rural Yolo County She went on to share grant information and timeline of the first 30 days after grant is awarded to complete install within 18-24 months. She explained they have located several areas in the community of Yolo that would be optimal location to install a HUT. A small structure that would house telecommunication and fiber optic interface equipment to allow providers to deliver high speed internet. Each address in the community would have their own fiber optic connectivity. A discussion was held on the location options of the HUT, if the fire district’s property were to be utilized. Ms. Hayes asked if the fire district was favorable, to let them know soon, as they need to move forward due to the timeline. The commissioners held a discussion after Mr. Gerney and Ms. Hayes left. It was the consensus of the commissioners that the project would benefit the community and they found it favorable to move forward. Commissioner Pollock will notify Lee Gerney of the district’s decision.

Motion made to move forward to locate a preliminary site for the broadband service HUT

Motion: Hermle

Second: Pollock

Motion: unanimously carried

Correspondence and Informational Items: Commissioner Pollock shared she had contacted AFES in regard to the contact email from the website. She is working with them to get it linked to her home computer/email and also a district computer/email. Forms 740 were completed, and clerk will submit them to the County. Chief Tafoya shared West Plainfield Fire District will be looking for a new fire chief. Chief Rita will be leaving the first of the year.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.

Motion made to approve June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Pollock                      Second: Hermle                      Motion: unanimously carried

Finances Business:

Review ledgers and status of budget by line item, receive checks for deposit, review and approve bills, consider purchases, and approve any necessary budget transfers. Financial Reports reviewed. 2023-24 invoice reviewed and 2024-25 invoices reviewed.

Motion made to approve expenditures as presented in the amount of \$4872.04 for FY 2023-24 and \$11,902.25 for FY 2024-25.

Motion: Hermle                      Second: Pollock                      Motion: unanimously carried.

Update on Prop. 218 and Possible Action: Chief Tafoya shared there was a small turnout at the last Prop 218 community workshop, but input was positive. The commissioners decided to have a community member, not associated with the district present at the ballot count.

Review and Discuss 2024-25 Authorization Forms and Possible Action: 2024-25 reviewed.

Motion to approve Authorization Forms to include all Commissioners and Clerk of the Board.

Motion: Pollock                      Second: Hermle                      Motion: unanimously carried.

Consider Resolution 70124 Requesting Collection Charges on the Yolo County Tax Roll and Possible Action. Resolution reviewed and discussed.

Motion made to adopt Resolution 70124 Requesting Collection Charges on the Yolo County Tax Roll.

Motion: Pollock                      Second: Hermle                      Motion: unanimously carried.

Discuss Process to Resolve a Tie Vote for Commissioners Election and Possible Action. A discussion was held resolving a tie vote for commissioners' election.

Motion made to draw lots in the event commissioner election has a tie vote.

Motion: Pollock                      Second: Hermle                      Motion: unanimously carried.

Review and Approve Letter to Mr. Ali Pahlavanian Denying His Claim Against YFPD and Possible Action. A review and discussion held on the notice of rejection of claim.

Motion to approve letter of rejection.

Motion: Pollock                      Second: Hermle                      Motion: unanimously carried.

Equipment Update and Possible Action: Commissioner Weiss shared the old water tender was sold. Also, there a diesel leak on E208, it has been repaired.

Fire Chief's Report and Possible Action(s): Chief Tafoya shared that Assistant Chief Tafoya is serving on the Task Force in the County at Willow Oak Station confirmed dates from July 1-4 ending date is yet to be determined, dependent on weather. He also reported in the last 20 plus days there have been 40 calls. The volunteers are scheduled to grill hot dogs for National Night Out on August 6, 2024.

Personnel Issues: No Update.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.; next regular meeting: Monday, August 5, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sheryl Salgado, Clerk