



## Albion Little River Fire Protection District

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 21, 2022, 6:00 pm

This meeting was held at Station 810, 33900 West Street, Albion, CA and via videoconference on the Zoom platform. Information on attending this meeting was published on our website <http://www.alrfpd.com> under the Notices tab and the Meetings tab.

1. **Call to order and determination of a quorum.** Board President Greenberg. Directors Linstedt, Acker, and Welty were present, director Christensen was present on Zoom. Also present Wend Meyer, Chief Rees, Assistant Chief Gates and Laurie Starr. Ted Williams and Giny Chandler were present on Zoom. Two members of the public were present. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Greenberg.
2. **Motion by Secretary Steve Acker to adopt agenda:** Approved by a board vote of 5 ayes.
3. **Public communication to the board:** Albion Farmers Market requested use of the area north of the 810 firehouse. Site preparation is needed and an application needs to be filled out. Karen Bowers expressed need to raise the parcel tax
4. **Consideration of Giny Chandler a potential lawyer for ALRFPD.** Terry Gross due to illness cannot continue as legal counsel. Motion by Linstedt to hire Giny Chandler as legal counsel at \$185/hr. for the district. Approved by a board vote of 5 ayes.
5. **Chief's report** (see packet) Chief Rees noted a need of new turnout gear to equip new firefighters and replace out of date and worn out gear at a cost of +- \$140,000. Possible Cal Fire grant available. The department needs to recruit new younger firefighters to cover increased call numbers. Funding for a paid shift program to address staffing is needed. Rees and Welty will meet to adjust the budget and strategic plan. Acker will research district demographics to help with recruiting.
6. **Consent calendar:** Approved by a board vote of 5 ayes.
  - a. **Approval of the February, regular meeting minutes.** (see packet)
  - b. **Acceptance of March correspondence report.** (see packet)
  - c. **Acceptance of submitted current financial.** (see packet)
7. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Building Committee:** Motion by Welty: Approve \$5000 to hire contractor to build room divider at Station 810 office. Approved by a board vote of 5 ayes.
  - b. **MCAFD:** (see packet). There will be additional TOT funding to complete the distribution of funds.
  - c. **Treasurers report Welty:** Wendy and Welty will meet to work on the format of the financial statement.
  - d. **Grants, Fire safe council Christensen:** New Dunn and Bradstreet number will be issued on April 4. New rules for insurance companies will require justification before canceling fire insurance. Christensen attended a webinar on tsunamis. A tsunami test-drill will be on March 23 from 11:00 to noon.
8. **Items for discussion and possible action by the board**
  - a. There will be a Cal Trans hearing in mid-April to address addition of shoulder and barrier on Hwy 1 south of Navarro Ridge. Chief Rees will represent the District and Fire Dept. in favor of the safety improvement.
9. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm. The next regular meeting is on Monday April 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm on Zoom and at Station 810, 33900 West Street, Albion, CA.