



**PAJARO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

**Call to Order/Roll Call 5:01PM**

- Chair Martone**
- Director Sampson**
- Vice Chair Erbe**
- Director Murphy**

**Members of the Public present:** Ashley Moules, Kendel White, Don Jarvis on Zoom

**Public comments (not to exceed 3 minutes) for items not listed on the agenda.** NONE

**A. Appointment of Director to Vacant Position ACTION**

Review board member applications.  
 BC Murray reported that Director Kolondinski resigned during his first year of his term. The Board has 60 days to fill the position. The vacancy was posted, and the two candidates were present: Ashley Moules and Kendel White  
 Mr. White stated that he is here to support the Board and help make decisions beneficial to the District.  
 Director Murphy thanked both candidates for their willingness to volunteer.  
 Due to a tie vote, the Board asked both candidates questions and held a discussion to determine the best candidate for the District. The Board voted 3-1 to appoint Ashley Moules.

The entire Board thanked Mr. Kendel.

**Motion appointing new board member: Director Murphy Second Vice Chair Erbe All in favor All**

*Oath of office - BC Murray swore in Ms. Moules.*

**1. Presentations: DISCUSSION**

- 1.1. Chief's Report, Pajaro Valley
  - No significant incidents to report.
  - Training: Formalized Leadership and RIC
  - Facilities: Waiting on an update from Foothill Firefighters regarding the water tank
  - Mike Urbani has been promoted to Battalion Chief replacing Jake Dellamonica.
  - Fire Prevention/Pub Ed- December participated in Adopt-a-Family with Community Action Board (DA's office, Sheriff's, and Probation). Chief Garcia raised about \$1,500 with staff.
  - Christmas Project- Crews visited low-income families and helped pass out food and gifts.

- 1.2. Incident Report, City of Watsonville
  - No questions from the Board

**2. Minutes ACTION**

2.2 Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on November 16, 2023.

**Motion approving the Minutes: \_\_ Vice Chair Erbe \_\_ Second: \_\_ Director Murphy \_\_**  
**All in favor \_\_ All \_\_**

2.3 Approval of the minutes from the Special Board Meeting on January 11, 2024.

**Motion approving the Minutes: \_\_ Director Murphy \_\_ Second: \_\_ Vice Chair Erbe \_\_**  
**All in favor \_\_ All \_\_**

**3. Consent Agenda ACTION**

3.1 Expenditure report, Vendor & Deposit summary

Vice Chair Erbe asked the number of phones in the station. BC Murray reported that there are currently 4 landlines. 1 is for the fire alarm, 2 station lines and a fax line. One line has been dedicated to the assessment. BC Murray stated that the ATT lines can be reviewed at the direction of the Board.

3.2 Year to date County Reports

No questions from the Board

3.3 American Express statements

**Motion approving Consent Agenda: \_\_ Director Sampson \_\_ Second: \_\_ Vice Chair Erbe \_\_**  
**All in favor: \_\_ All \_\_**

**4. Committee Reports DISCUSSION**

4.1 Strategic Planning Committee Report-Director Martone

Chairperson Martone reported that they have been working with SCI. Director Murphy gave a brief overview of the assessment. The ballots are going out today and they will be collected in 45 days. The assessment amount will be included on the ballot. The first Zoom meeting with the public was held and 8 members of the community attended. Local 2881 is sponsoring the mailers and the signs. A representative is also available for the public meetings. The next public meetings will be held on Jan. 25th at the hall and Feb 23rd at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

The property owners with the highest property value will have the highest assessment.

Chairperson Martone and Directory Murphy will meet with the property owners to discuss the benefits of the assessment. The information on the assessment is on the website. Chief advised the Board that the County has placed a Special Tax Measure on the ballot that states it will benefit fire protection service, but it won't benefit the District.

4.2 Finance Committee Report-NONE

4.3 Audit Committee Report-NONE

**5. Old Business ACTION**

**NONE**

**6. New Business** **ACTION**

6.1 Selection of Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2024  
**Board of Directors to select Chair and Vice Chair for 2024 Calendar Year**

**Nominate and appoint Chair/Vice Chair, effective January 18, 2024**

Director Murphy nominated Chairperson Martone, second by Director Sampson. All in favor: All.

Chair Martone nominated Director Murphy as Vice Chair. Second by Vice Chair Erbe. All in favor: All.

6.2 Selection of Standing Committee Members for 2024

**Board Chair to appoint members to current standing committees (Finance, Audit, & Strategic Planning)**

Chair Martone and Vice Chair Murphy will stay on strategic planning.

Director Sampson and Director Moules will serve on the Finance committee.

Director Sampson and Director Erbe will serve on the Audit committee.

6.3 Resolution 2024-03 State Mandated Inspection-Pajaro Valley FPD 2023

Review staff report and inspection summary.

BC Murray reported on the mandated fire inspections that came about after the Ghost Fire.

Acknowledgment by the Board that all fire inspections were completed.

**Motion approving Resolution 2024-03 State Mandated Inspections: \_\_ Director Murphy\_\_ Second: \_\_ Director Moules\_\_ All in favor \_\_ All\_\_**

**7. Correspondence** **DISCUSSION**  
**NONE**

**8. Discussion**

BC Murray reported on a letter from LAFCO requesting interested members for a position with LAFCO. Director Erbe asked regarding the status of the consolidation. Chief reported that LAFCO is waiting for the draft report to be finalized. Chair Martone asked for the status regarding Prop 172 funds and the County has not responded. Vice Chair Murphy asked for the letter and she will inquire on the status with the County Supervisors office and report back to the Board.

**9. Agenda items for the next meeting** **DISCUSSION**


Follow-up on Prop 172


**10. Adjournment** **ACTION**

**Motion to adjourn \_\_ Vice Chair Murphy\_\_ Second \_\_ Director Moules\_\_**  
**All in favor \_\_ All\_\_ Time \_\_ 6:05pm\_\_**

**Next scheduled Regular Board Meeting**

**March 19, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.**

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