

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

**October 12, 2023  
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, Mitch Roath, Barry Burns, and John Hulsman

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 Minutes of September 14, 2023 Meeting**

Motion was made by Commissioner Roath and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

**6. Approve Payment of October 12, 2023 Claims**

Motion as made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Roath to approve the October 12, 2023 Claims.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

**7. Review Financial Report**

The Financial Report was reviewed by the Board. It was reported that the actual beginning balance for FY 2023-24 is \$221,428, an increase of \$20,237 from the budgeted beginning balance.

**8. Authorize Fire Chief to Submit Request to Yolo County for Fire District Sustainability Funding**

Motion as made by Commissioner Roath and seconded by Commissioner Burns to authorize the Fire Chief to submit the request to Yolo County for the Fire District Sustainability Funding.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

**9. Future Funding Strategy**

Chief Lawrence advised the Board that the District will request a one-time grant of County Fire District Sustainability Funds for this fiscal year. Grant requests can be made for two fiscal years. He suggested the Board wait until the end of the two years to propose another Proposition 218 funding. He advised that Yolo County Board of Supervisors will expect fire districts to attempt another Proposition 218 assessment election in order to continue to receive the Fire District Sustainability

Funding beyond the initial two years. The Board agreed to Chief Lawrence's suggestion and will wait two years before attempting another Proposition 218 assessment election.

**10. Fire District's Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee**

- a. The Board of Supervisors amended the Fire Sustainability Funding Proposal to allow fire districts who have not yet done their Proposition 218 assessment election to be eligible to receive funds while working on the proposition
- b. Due to the death of Supervisor Gary Sandy, the governor appointed Mary Sandy to fill the vacant position. It has not yet been determined if she or, possibly, Supervisor Sam Lucas, will fill the committee's vacant position.

**11. Yolo County Fire Safe Council**

- A. Updates  
Commissioner Burns reported they are still working on cleaning out Lamb Valley Slough along Plainfield Street. Chief Lawrence reported that they are working with the Council to clean out all the way down through Alpha Street and he rented two port-a-potties for the project.
- B. Yolo Prescribed Burn Association  
Chief Lawrence had no update.

**12. Staff Reports**

- A. Office  
Chief Lawrence advised that this is a quiet time for the office.
- B. Building & Maintenance Report  
Chief Lawrence reported that he is still working with Colin Crerar regarding the drainage issue and to get a quote to fix the drainage issue, remove the hardscape and fix the ground drainage.
- C. Chief's Report  
Chief Lawrence:
  - a. Gave an update on his efforts to replace the vacant firefighter position.
  - b. Advised the Board that the Volunteer's Annual Sausage Feed will be held on October 14, 2023.
  - c. Call volume has been steadily average as fire season is coming to an end.
  - d. He did a final inspection on the new clinic which resulted in a few things they have to fix. He will be going back on October 13, 2023 to inspect the fixes.

**13. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

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Rudy Lucero, Chair

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Curtis Lawrence, Secretary to the Board  
& Fire Chief