



Albion Little River Fire Protection District

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 10:00 AM

Please note that this meeting was held at Station 810, 33900 West Street, Albion, CA and via videoconference on the Zoom platform.

1. **Call to order and determination of a quorum.** The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by President Greenberg. Directors Acker, Welty, Linstedt, Greenberg and Meyer were present at Station 810, Chief Rees was also present. 4 members of the public were present at Station 810 and 3 were present on Zoom.
2. **Motion by Secretary Steve Acker to adopt agenda:** Approved by a board vote of 5 ayes.
3. **Public communication to the board:** Jacques Tenzel stated that he has lost confidence in the Albion Fire because of a slow response to a fire on his property. He called for the Chief to resign. Chief Rees explained that the call was mis-dispatched. The address was given as an Albion Ridge Road address without the letter designation of the Road or a Name of the 911 caller. It was noted that if an address with a name is given to 911, and the person provides permission to use their name, it may be included in the dispatch. This may make it easier to find the location of the call.

Letter of comment by Dan Gates. (see page 2)

McDonald comment. The Board meetings need a more formal Process to comply with the brown act and Roberts rules.

4. **Chief's reports:** (see packet)
5. **Consent calendar:** Approved by a board vote of 5 ayes.
  - a. **Approval of the October 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes.** (see packet)
  - b. **Acceptance of October, November 2024 correspondence report.** (see packet)
  - c. **Acceptance of submitted current financial report.** (see packet)
6. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Building Committee:** 811 doors will be operational soon so fire trucks can be stored out of the weather.
  - b. **Treasurers report:** Welty- Approval of final 2024-2025 budget. (see packet) **Motion:** Approve the 24-25 Budget as revised version date 12/16/2024. Moved Chuck Greenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy Meyer. Approved by a vote of 5 ayes
  - c. **Finance Committee:** Welty: \$271K has been invested in LAIF see the packet balance sheet. (see packet)
  - d. **Resource Committee:** Greenberg: no report
  - e. **Fire Tax Ad Hoc Committee:** There is a need to reform the fire tax committee to plan for a future tax measure.
  - f. **MCAFD report: Linstedt-** Questions for the County Representative can be submitted to Linstedt. Possible topics, Consolidation of fire districts, Burn Permits, OES as examples.
7. **Items for discussion and possible action by the board**
  - a. **Letter from Lee Christensen** (see packet)
  - b. **Special Tax Appeal Form** (see packet) Special Fire tax committee to rework appeals process. Pam Linstedt, Lee Christensen, Wendy Meyer.

- c. **Administrative Assistant Job Description** (see packet) The Job has been advertised. 25 people have responded. A job application will be sent out. Pam Linstedt, Wendy Meyer and Chief Rees will create an application form and interview applicants.
  - d. **MCAFD : Motion:** Moved Linstedt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Meyer ALRFPD Board member or Fire Chief in attendance at an MCAFD meeting is authorized to fully represent the ALRFPD. Approved by 5 Ayes
  - e. **Special annual evaluation session in January:** Scheduled for January 14, 2025 10:00am to 2:00pm.
  - f. **Election Of Board Officers:** President-Wendy Meyer, Vice President-Pam Linstedt, Secretary- Steve Acker, Treasurer- Lee Welty. All approved by a vote of 5 ayes
8. **Closed Session:** Gov. Code 54957(b)(1) personnel.
- a. **Report:** Motion: Approve new contract for Chief Rees effective January 1, 2025. Moved Linstedt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenberg, Approved by a vote of 5 ayes.
9. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 10:00 am at Station 810 and Zoom.
3. **Public Communication to the board:** (continued)

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Tue, Dec 17, 2024 at 9:01 PM

I wish to congratulate  
 Elan Stopnetzky, Madelyn Crowningshield, and Wyatt Lawrason on completing EMT. Having completed that program myself I know what dedication it takes. I hope that they get more recognition than a mention in the meeting packet.

I am glad to see that Chief Michal Rees is improving his certification levels. and hope that he has been working on leadership training as well. His leadership style is the reason I am no longer a member.

I am curious as to plans for surplus equipment. Once declared surplus they should be going away. Because the need for roofs over our active equipment is too great. Also curious as to how long the new 8160 will be in the winter weather? What is the projected time frame for 811 completion.

Lea Christensen removal,  
 Having read the letter submitted by Lea Christensen I find it very disturbing that 4 members of the board chose to oust a board member. My understanding is that the only way to remove an elected officer is through the recall process or by the DA after conviction of a crime. Why did you not simply let her term expire?  
 Letting the community know of an upcoming empty seat and a call for someone to run in the election would have given transparency to the board actions. As it came to pass it seemed a very backroom secretive action. This does not reflect well on the board.

I have been pleased to see that you are posting upcoming meetings on multiple platforms, Hopefully this will increase community involvement.

It would be wonderful to see some volunteer recognition posted there as well. I would like to see what our volunteers are accomplishing.

In the past couple years all that I have seen is pleas for money. It would be nice to see how the money we contribute to the department goes to improve our community.