



Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District

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MINUTES

For the Special Meeting of the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District's Board of Directors held at 141 Delleker Rd., Portola, CA 96122 On January 03, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Board Members: Chairperson Jeanne Graham, Director Kevin Sankey, Director Angelina Sutcliffe and Director Audrey Mitrevics

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Chairperson Graham.
2. **Roll Call:** Director Sutcliffe, Director Mitrevics, Director Sankey and Chairperson Graham were all present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was recited by all.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Oath of Office:** Directors Mitrevics, Sutcliffe and Sankey all took the Oath of Office.
6. **Board Chair message regarding the intent to cure Brown Act issue:**

Chairperson Graham read aloud the following message: *The Board has been, and remains committed to transparency in its service to the public, and is continually working to ensure it complies with all laws and regulations, including the Brown Act. The Board inadvertently did not swear in the new Board members before they started their service and took action on a single item on the Board Agenda for the Special Meeting on December 13. The Board has not had any complaint regarding this action, nor has it received any demand to cure or correct this error from any member of the public or interested party. Nevertheless, the Board is voluntarily and proactively taking this step and proposes to rescind and reconsider the item on the Special Meeting after publicly swearing in the new Board members. The fact that the Board takes the proposed actions to cure or correct its prior action shall not be construed or admissible as any evidence of a violation (Gov't Code 54960.1(f)).*

7. **Consent Items:**
 - a. Rescinding all items for which action was taken by the Board during its December 13, 2021 Special Board Meeting
 - b. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting November 15, 2021

Chairperson Graham informed the Board that she would like to remove Item (b) from the consent agenda due to an allegation that there was a procedural issue during the November 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and she would like to wait for direction from counsel before voting on this item. All were in agreement to wait for advice from counsel.

Director Sutcliffe made a motion to approve consent agenda item (a) rescinding all items for which action was taken by the Board during its December 13, 2021 Special Meeting. Director Sankey seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Director Mitrevics – Aye, Director Sutcliffe – Aye, Director Sankey – Aye, Chairperson Graham – Aye. The item passes.

8. Regular Calendar: Resolution 2022-01 to allow remote meetings in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953 (AB-361).

Chairperson Graham read aloud the following message: *Adoption of this Resolution is necessary to allow the Board to meet in a manner that protects Board members and the public from the spread of COVID-19. After adoption of this Resolution, future meetings of the Board will again be conducted by telephone and videoconference and will not be physically open to the public. The Resolution will expire in thirty (30) days unless readopted by the Board.*

Director Sutcliffe made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Director Sankey seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Director Mitrevics – Aye, Director Sutcliffe – Aye, Director Sankey – Aye, Chairperson Graham– Aye. The item passes.

9. Adjournment:

Director Sankey motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Director Graham seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Director Mitrevics – Aye, Director Sutcliffe – Aye, Director Sankey –Aye, Chairperson Graham– Aye. The item passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Katy Martinez, Secretary

Jeanne Graham, Chairperson

APPROVED AND SIGNED AT EPRFPD'S 01/24/2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING