



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 March 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Board Members: Vice Chairperson Angelina Sutcliffe, Director Teresa Whitfield,
Director Donna Carpenter and Director Dave Rudolph

1. Call to Order:

- a. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice Chairperson Sutcliffe. Director Carpenter was absent.
- b. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

2. Public Comment

Beckworth Fire Department representative handed Secretary Katy Martinez a sealed envelope and then left the meeting.

3. Closed Session:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Director Sutcliffe stated that under California law public comments at Special Meetings are limited to subjects on the agenda only. Public comments relating to the closed session item; Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, will be taken at this time.

There was no public comment

Director Sutcliffe moved the meeting into closed session at 6:03 PM

4. Report on Closed Session:

Director Sutcliffe called the meeting back into open session at 6:20 PM.

Anthony Amara with Meyers Nave provided the following report:

This is a required closed session report out pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1 subsection a.3.a. The Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors considered and accepted a settlement agreement from John Fatheree regarding Case #CV-20-00176 in today's closed session. In the case Mr. Fatheree had sued the District regarding its compliance with the Brown Act and Public Records Act on a number of different dates and agenda items. By a closed session vote of 3 yesses and 0 noes, the District approved the settlement agreement. The yesses were from Board Members Rudolph, Whitfield and Sutcliffe. There were no Board Members that voted no. I'm required to read some of the substantive terms of the agreement which are as follows: The District will pay an amount of \$35,000 payable to The Doyle Law Firm Client Trust account. In addition, the District will audio record its closed session's for 15 months and will preserve the audio recordings in confidence for 6 months after the conclusion of the 15 month period. The District will also provide or obtain mandatory Brown Act Training for all Board Members. The District will adopt a policy regarding its responses to any requests made pursuant to the Public Records Act. The District no later than the 2nd regular meeting following the execution of this agreement, will read a statement pursuant to Section 8 of the agreement regarding its noncompliance with the Brown Act and Public Records Act. Finally, with the exception of the terms under

Section 3 of the settlement agreement, for the payment of attorney's fees, the remaining obligations under the terms of this settlement agreement shall terminate upon the Districts dissolution or annexation. In addition, the legislative body shall provide to any person who has submitted a written request to the legislative body within 24 hours of the posting of the agenda or to any person who has made a standing request for all documentation as part of a request for notice of meetings Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54954.1 or 54956 if the requester is present at the time the closed session ends, copies of any contracts, settlement agreements or other documents that were finally approved or adopted in the closed session. The District Board took no other reportable action.

5. Next scheduled Regular Board Meeting April 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

6. Adjournment

Director Sutliffe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM.

Director Whitfield seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Director Sutliffe – Aye, Director Whitfield – Aye, Director Rudolph – Aye.

The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

ATTEST:

Katy Martinez, Secretary

Angelina Sutliffe, Vice Chairperson

APPROVED AND SIGNED AT EPRFPD'S 04/15/2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING