

Amador Air District Board of Directors Meeting

Summary Minutes for August 17, 2021 Meeting held at 1:30 pm

Meeting was recorded in the Amador County Board of Supervisors Chambers
810 Court Street, Jackson, California

Determination of a Quorum

Present on Roll Call:

Richard Forster	Amador County District 2, Supervisor
Jeff Brown	Amador County District 3, Supervisor
Frank Axe	Amador County District 4, Supervisor (Chair)
Linda Rianda	City of Sutter Creek, Councilman
Diane Wratten*	City of Ione, Councilman
Susan Bragstad*	City of Amador City, Councilman

*Attended via Zoom

Absent on Roll Call:

Pat Crew**	Amador County District 1, Supervisor
<i>**Recovering from surgery</i>	
Brian Oneto**	Amador County District 5, Supervisor
<i>**Attending Celebration of Life for Mr. Dick Cooper</i>	
Keith White	City of Plymouth, Councilman
Bob Stimpson	City of Jackson, Councilman

Staff/Others:

Herminia Perry, APCO
Matt Peterson, AAD Inspector
Bruce Smith, Amador City

<p>NOTE: These minutes remain in <i>Draft</i> form until approved by Minute Order at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Any packets prepared by Staff are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference as though set forth in full. Any staff report, recommended findings, mitigation measures, conditions, or recommendations which are referred to by Board members in their decisions which are contained in the staff reports are part of these minutes by reference only. Any written material, petitions, packets, or comments received at the hearing also become a part of these minutes by reference.</p>

At 1:34 p.m. Chair Axe called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum for business.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Axe led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<p>Approval of Agenda: Approval of the agenda for this date; any and all off agenda items must be approved by the Board (pursuant to §54954.2 of the Government Code).</p>	
<p>Motion:</p>	<p>It was moved by <u>Director Forster</u>, seconded by <u>Director Brown</u>, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for this date. Vote 6-0</p> <p>Absent: Directors Crew, Oneto, Stimpson, and White</p>
<p>Public Matters Not on the Agenda: Discussion items only; no action to be taken. Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Amador Air District Board of Directors; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or a committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Board meeting. Please note - there is a five (5) minute limit per topic</p>	
<p>Upon request from Director Forster, Director Brown gave an update on the conditions of the Caldor fire. Currently, it has burned 17,000 acres, moving north/northeasterly direction towards Jenkinson Lake. There’s 282 personnel on the ground, a Type-1 team arriving today, and more staffing to come in. AFD is also on scene. The Amador County Fair Grounds are being used as the large animal shelter. There are concerns that with the wind shifts the fire could potential go towards Plasses’s Resort.</p>	
<p>Administrative Matters</p>	
<p>1.</p> <p>Motion:</p>	<p>Minutes: Review and approval of the May 18, 2021 Board Minutes: Approved.</p> <p>It was moved by Director Forster, seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for this date. Vote 5-0-1</p> <p>Absent: Directors Crew, Oneto, Stimpson, and White Abstained: Director Rianda</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>Motion:</p>	<p>Public Hearing for FY 2021/2022 Final District Budget and Resolution 21-04: Action</p> <p>Public Hearing Opened at 1:41pm APCO Perry explained the change in the budget since the May 18, 2021 meeting. Our budget went from \$643,904 to \$1,050,315. This was a result from the Amador Air District (AAD) getting the second check from the State for the purchase of the electric school bus for the school district too late into the fiscal year. The money rolled into reserves at the end of the fiscal year. The updated budget line item for the purchase is reflected on the final budget. The other notable change was an additional grant that was awarded to AAD for AB 197. This grant covers AAD staff time for CEIDARS/Emission Inventory Database submittals. The goal is to have an ongoing budget that does not continue to add huge amounts of money to the District's reserves; we have achieved this by implementing various programs in our District.</p> <p>Public Hearing Closed at 1:48pm</p> <p>It was moved by Director Forster, seconded by director Brown to officially close the public hearing. Vote 6-0</p>

Motion:	<p>It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Director Rianda, and carried to approve by Resolution 21-04 Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Final Budget for the Amador Air District. Vote 6-0</p> <p>Absent: Directors Crew, Oneto, Stimpson, and White</p>
3.	<p>CARB Truck and Bus Regulation: Discussion and Possible Action APCO Perry expressed the interest from the Board to bring back to this meeting the CARB Truck and Bus Regulation. In 2008, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved the Truck and Bus Regulation to significantly reduce particulate matter (PM) and oxides of nitrogen emissions from existing diesel vehicles operating in California. This regulation applies to nearly all diesel fueled trucks and buses with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 pounds that are privately or federally owned. On-road diesel vehicles with a GVWR of more than 14,000 pounds had the option to either install a diesel particulate filter (DPF) or upgrade to a 2010 engine model year or newer to be fully compliant. In September 2019, our Board sent a letter to CARB requesting relief from this regulation in the form of a grace period. CARB Executive Officer, Richard W. Corey, did reply to the letter sent. Unfortunately, Amador Air District (AAD) was told that CARB needed to equally enforce the existing regulation across the board without the possibility of individual amendments.</p> <p>APCO Perry explained that AAD does not regulate on-road vehicles. It is truly unfortunate Amador County residents have had to faced financial hardships due to this regulation but there isn't much our District is able to do. Director Forster advised APCO Perry to reach out to Mary Pitto to see if a small county exemption is an option.</p> <p>No formal motion was made. APCO Perry was advised to get in touch with Mary Pitto and bring this item back to a later meeting with more information and further discussion.</p> <p>Absent: Directors Crew, Oneto, Stimpson, and White</p>
4.	<p>APCO Updates: Information only, no action to be taken.</p> <p>Smoke Reduction Bin Program (Pine Needle Bins): Our Neighborhood Bin Program was a complete success. We had a total of six (6) neighborhoods this time around. Each neighborhood did a tremendous amount of clean up around their neighborhood and in reducing the fire risk. Our Free Disposal Days at the Pine Grove Transfer Station have been very busy. Good turnouts. The Sutter Creek Fire Station bin is still being utilized on a regular basis.</p> <p>Financials: APCO Perry presented the Board with current financial sheets. Informational purpose only.</p> <p>Absent: Directors Crew, Oneto, Stimpson, and White</p>
Correspondence:	None
Adjournment:	At 2:00pm the meeting was adjourned until October 19, 2021 at 1:30 pm