

Amador Air District Board of Directors Meeting

Summary Minutes for March 29, 2022 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:

Pat Crew	Amador County District 1, Supervisor
Richard Forster	Amador County District 2, Supervisor
Jeff Brown	Amador County District 3, Supervisor
Brian Oneto	Amador County District 5, Supervisor
Susan Bragstad*	City of Amador City, Councilman
Bob Stimpson	City of Jackson, Councilman
Linda Rianda	City of Sutter Creek, Councilman

*Attended via Zoom

Absent on Roll Call:

Keith White	City of Plymouth, Councilman
Diane Wratten	City of Ione, Councilman
Frank Axe	Amador County District 4, Supervisor

Staff/Others:

Herminia Perry, Air Pollution Control Officer

David Estey, AAD Inspector

Bruce Smith, City of Amador City

Rick Lahkar, Pioneer Inn & Suites

NOTE: These minutes remain in *Draft* 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.

At 1:30 p.m. Director Brown called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum for business.

Pledge of Allegiance: Director Brown 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 Crew</u>, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for this date. Vote 6-0</p> <p>Absent: Directors Oneto, Axe, Wratten, 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>Administrative Matters</p>	
<p>1.</p> <p>Motion:</p>	<p>Minutes: Review and approval of the January 18, 2022 Board Minutes: Approved.</p> <p>It was moved by Director Crew, seconded by Director Rianda, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for this date. Vote 6-0</p> <p>Absent: Directors Oneto, Axe, Wratten, and White</p>
<p><i>**Director Oneto arrived at the meeting – 1:34pm</i></p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Pilot Program – Fund Reallocation: Action</p> <p><i>Due to a conflict of interest, Director Brown recused himself from the room (Mr. Lahkar has donated money to Director Brown). At this time, Director Rianda took the gavel.</i></p> <p>At our last meeting, the Board decided to divide the unused funds from the electric vehicle charging station pilot program amongst the three participants that had committed and signed the agreement (City of Sutter Creek, Amador City, and City of Lone Golf Course). The amount to be divided was \$20,000.00, which increased each of the participants grant amount from \$10,000 to \$16,666. APCO Perry reached out to each of the participants to inform them of the increase and asked for an update on their project status. Amador City and the Lone Golf Course both were very interested in continuing with our pilot program but did inform the District that they would not be able to install their stations in this fiscal year. City of Sutter Creek never responded. Director Rianda provided an update for the City. She explained that due to staffing changes, the City of Sutter Creek was not able to respond but were still interested in participating in the program. Unfortunately, they too would not be able to complete the project this fiscal year.</p>

Motion:	<p>APCO Perry informed the Board that there was an interested private party but unfortunately, due to the language in the original agreement, this program only allowed the five incorporated cities to participate. Mr. Rick Lahkar is the owner of the Pioneer Inn & Suites and is currently remodeling. He is going to be installing three chargers and has gotten a quote for \$14,928.00. APCO Perry recommended to the Board to fully fund Mr. Lahkar’s project since none of our three participants will be doing a project his fiscal year.</p> <p>Mr. Rick Lahkar approached the Board to express his interest in participating in the program. He explained that he is invested in Amador County. His hopes after the hotel renovations are complete and with the installation of the electric vehicle charging stations, businesses along the Highway 88 Corridor will become go-to destinations.</p> <p>It was moved by <u>Director Forster</u>, seconded by <u>Director Crew</u>, and carried to approve staff recommendation to fully fund Mr. Lahkar’s project at an amount not to exceed \$15,000 completed within fiscal year 2021-2022. Vote 5-1 Ay – Directors Crew, Rianda, Stimpson, Forster, and Bragstad Nay – Director Oneto</p> <p>Absent: Directors Axe, Wratten, and White</p>
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***Director Brown reentered the room.*

3.	<p>Amador Air District Vehicle Replacement: Action</p> <p>APCO Perry explained that the Amador Air District (AAD) has two vehicles in their fleet. One is driven by the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) and the other by the Air Pollution Inspector. Both vehicles are more than ten years old and are starting to show signs of wear and tear. The last vehicle repair cost for the 2009 Ford Escape was more than \$3,500. The Jeep Patriot is starting to show signs of transmission failure. APCO Perry requested from the Board approval to start gathering quotes and look into different options (one vehicle vs. both) on the replacement of the vehicles during FY 2022-2023. It was recommended that any new vehicle purchased should be a hybrid.</p> <p>No formal motion was made. Staff was directed to proceed with gathering quotes and looking into options for replacement vehicles.</p> <p>Absent: Directors Axe, Wratten, and White</p>
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***Director Forster excused himself from the meeting to go to the UCCE meeting.*

4.	<p>APCO Updates: Information only, no action to be taken.</p> <p>ACUSD Electric School Bus: ACUSD will have their first all-electric school bus delivered to them on Thursday, March 29th.</p> <p>Green Vehicle Police Incentive Pilot Program: New pursuit vehicles are ordered and should be here in the months to come.</p> <p>Financials: APCO Perry presented the Board with current financial sheets. Informational purpose only.</p> <p>Absent: Directors Axe, Wratten, and White</p>
Correspondence:	None
Adjournment:	At 2:13pm the meeting was adjourned until May 17, 2022 at 1:30 pm