

Amador Air District Board of Directors Meeting

Summary Minutes for May 16, 2023 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
Frank Axe	Amador County District 4, Supervisor
Brian Oneto	Amador County District 5, Supervisor
Bob Stimpson	City of Jackson, Councilman

Absent on Roll Call:

Bruce Sherrill	City of Amador City, Councilman
Julia Sierk	City of Sutter Creek, Councilman
Diane Wratten	City of Ione, Councilman
Keith White	City of Plymouth, Councilman

Staff/Others:

Herminia Perry, Air Pollution Control Officer
David Estey, AAD Inspector

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 Oneto</u>, seconded by <u>Director Axe</u>, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for this date. Vote 6-0-4</p> <p>Absent: Directors Sherrill, Sierk, 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 March 21, 2023 Board Minutes: Approved with minor corrections.</p> <p>It was moved by Director Forster, seconded by Director Crew, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for this date with minor corrections. Vote 6-0-4</p> <p>Absent: Directors Sherrill, Sierk, Wratten and White</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>Motion:</p>	<p>Fechter & Company Air District 2021/2022 Audit Presentation: Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>APCO Perry introduced Mrs. Sandy Sup of Fechter and Company, who performed the two-year audit of the District’s finances for years 2021/2022.</p> <p>Mrs. Sup reviewed the resulting documents, Management Reports, and the Financial Statements with the Board and answered questions.</p> <p>In all, Mrs. Sup found the District’s finances to be in order and no issues of concerns were found.</p> <p>It was moved by <u>Director Crew</u>, seconded by <u>Director Stimpson</u>, and unanimously carried to accept the Air District’s 2021/2022 Audit as presented by Mrs. Sandy Sup. Vote 6-0-4</p> <p>Absent: Directors Sherrill, Sierk, Wratten and White</p>

3.	<p>Woodstove Reduction Incentive Program Participation and Resolution 23-02: Action</p> <p>APCO Perry explained that the Amador Air District (AAD) has been participating in the Woodstove Reduction Incentive Program (RIP) with the assistance of El Dorado Air Quality Management District (EDAQMD) serving as the administrator of the program on our behalf through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Effective January 1, 2023, EDAQMD terminated the MOU to focus on their core responsibilities including grants and incentives workload which has increased dramatically since we started the partnership back in 2017.</p> <p>Although, the program has a number of time-consuming and resource-draining administrative requirements including special contracts and agreements for retailers and installers, inspections, monitoring, evaluating, reporting; and low-income verification, training and education, APCO Perry felt it was necessary, even with the limited staff and resources the District has, to at least attempt to implement the program. In addition, APCO Perry also suggested we allow residents to purchase outside of Amador County into El Dorado County since contracts and retailers are familiar with the program.</p> <p>After Board discussion, the majority of the AAD Board of Directors felt that this program was not a good use of AAD staff and resources. Board members voiced their displeasure in the way the State puts together programs such as the Woodstove RIP. The objective of the program per the State is to reduce emissions but adds numerous guidelines/caveats that make many residents ineligible to participate due to income or geographical locations.</p> <p>Motion: Motion failed to approve APCO’s recommendation to participate in program. Board determined a strongly worded letter written by Director Forster to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) expressing the Boards nonsupport for the Woodstove RIP guidelines was not necessary. Vote 3-3-4</p> <p>Yay: Directors Brown, Axe, and Crew Nays: Directors Forster, Oneto, and Stimpson Absent: Directors Sherrill, Sierk, Wratten and White</p>
4.	<p>October 2023 Meeting Date Change: Action</p> <p>APCO Perry brought to the Board a request to change the date of the October 2023 Board Meeting due to her planned vacation for that week. The original meeting date fell on the same week as school’s fall break.</p> <p>New meeting date was set for Tuesday, October 10th at 1:30pm</p> <p>Motion: No formal motion was made. Board unanimously agreed on October 10, 2023 at 1:30pm.</p>

	Absent: Directors Sherrill, Sierk, Wratten and White
Correspondence:	None
Adjournment:	At 2:19pm the meeting was adjourned until August 15, 2023 at 1:30 pm