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Foresthill Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2026
District Administration Office
24320 Main St., Foresthill, CA 95631

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- a. Meeting called to order by President Hercules at 6:02 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE: led by Director Drone.

3. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:

- a. All Directors of the Board were present.
- b. Chief Martin was present.
- c. Administrative Staff were present.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL:

- a. The Closed Session, item 14 was moved to follow Item 7. VP Michelini made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Director Perry, motion passes (5/0).
- b. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Community Meetings and Foresthill Forum were brought up by Paula Bertoncin who stated a FFPD representative is needed for attending and sharing information.

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. VP Michelini motioned to approve all consent items as presented; Minutes from May 13, 2026 - Regular Board of Directors meeting, Minutes from June 2, 2026 – Finance Committee meeting, Financial Documents - FM 11, second by Director Reams, motion passes (5/0).

6. FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Staffing

- We currently have one Firefighter Paramedic vacancy with one individual in backgrounds.
- Orientation Academy was held May 18th – 22nd and went well. We onboarded one FF/P and one Engineer.
- Firefighter/Paramedic application process is continually open, and we are actively recruiting.

Incident Responses

- Total calls for service for May of 2026 were 58.
- Last year at this time there were 85 calls for service.
- Total EMS calls for May of 2026 were 39 and 55 for May of 2025.
- Ambulance Transports for May of 2026 were 26 and 44 last year.

Training

- 506 Training hours logged for the month of May.
- All crews assisted in the Orientation Academy training.
- Monthly Training with the JOA is on-going.

Community Risk Reduction

- May – 11 Inspections (4 Defensible Space Inspections, 5 Plan Check Reviews and 2 Permits were issued for the Western States Run).

Community Interactions

- Firefighter Storytime was held at the library.

Fleet

- All apparatus is in service.
 - i. An additional note was added by the Fire Chief regarding the Hands Only CPR has been on the website for one week with 79 interested and class scheduling will start soon. Going forward a class Date/Time will be provided for community members to sign up if they are able to attend and the class size will be limited to 15 participants.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Board approved the Preliminary Budget after a note was made that the FY would need to be updated on page 16 of the Board Packet which was the 2nd page of the Director report. VP Micheline made a motion, seconded by Director Drone, passes (5/0).
- b. Board approved the MOU with Placer County Auditor Controller for FY 26/27. Motion made by Director Reams, seconded by Director Perry, passes (5/0).
 - i. A comment was made by VP Micheline that after discussions, the Placer County Auditor Controller will process bills payable immediately to ensure payments are applied to open balances on time.
- c. Board approved Resolution 2026-07 Renew and Adjust Fees for Ambulance Transportation for FY 26/27. Director Drone made the motion, seconded by VP Micheline, motion passes (5/0).
 - i. The VP noted that this does not impact Medicare beneficiaries. Due to our large geriatric population, approximately 18% of the community contributes to the ambulance program's revenue stream, which helps support current staffing levels and service delivery.
 - ii. Paula Bertoncin asked if the rate adjustments have to occur annually or if they could perhaps occur every 6 months. Response is that these are only done annually.
- d. Board approved Policy 217 revision for Training/Board Room Non-affiliated Group Use Policy which will now allow a larger population of the community groups to use the Training Room and the facility use would now include the breakroom area. VP Micheline made the motion, seconded by Director Reams, motion passes (5/0).
 - i. Background information was provided by VP Micheline regarding the intention of the new installed alarm system was to segregate public space from non-public space. Community groups who had grown accustomed to using more of the facility than was outlined in the policy were impacted by implementation of the security system.
 - ii. It was clarified that community use of the breakroom would require the installation of an additional door to properly secure non-public areas of the

building from public spaces used by community groups. This was discussed under Item 9C and addressed as part of this action item. The VP suggested that the Lions Club consider contributing funding toward the modification, as they are the only community group affected by the security system implementation.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Command vehicle presentation was provided by Fire Chief Martin who reviewed the various benefits of replacing the current command vehicle. He asked that the district establish replacement benchmarks to ensure the fleet stays operationally effective. The Fire Chief reviewed the scorecard which is used for determining fleet readiness: a score of 28 points is when a Fire District Board of Directors should consider replacement; the current Command vehicle score is 44 points which requires immediate board consideration. The researched cost for an outfitted command vehicle would be \$113k.
- b. VP Michelini presented information on the Pump Pod, emphasizing its ability to provide pump operations training without water loss. The unit supports pump testing, drafting, and flow control while conserving water resources. With an estimated cost of \$125k, the VP proposed that FFPD lead a countywide cost-sharing agreement among fire districts to support both funding and sustainability. Under the proposed model, ownership shares would correspond to each district's financial contribution and allotted days of use. FFPD's estimated share of ownership would be approximately \$7,000. It was further suggested that FFPD could fund the initial purchase using reserve funds, with participating agencies reimbursing their respective share costs through executed agreements. Participating agencies would be responsible for providing a vehicle capable of towing the unit and storing it during their allotted usage period.
- c. District Office Building Modification was discussed as part of Action Item 8D.

9. REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee- (Michelini/Perry) Preliminary budget review was conducted to ensure it was ready for the June meeting.
- b. Strategic and Long-Range Planning- (Hercules/Michelini) No report
- c. Assets and Facilities- (Drone/Reams) No report
- d. Directors Report- President Hercules stated his last day with FFPD will be Jul 08, 2026. The legally required actions to post the board vacancy and such will occur over the next few weeks. The Vice President, Fire Chief, and Business Manager were each given his Letter of Resignation.

10. NON-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

- a. Foresthill Volunteer Firefighters Association- None
- b. Foresthill & Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council Report- Fire Preparedness Day will happen at Station 10 in Auburn July 11, 2026 from 8 AM-12 PM, Foresthill will not have one.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. None

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

13. CLOSED SESSION: 6:07 PM-6:47 PM Followed Item 7 on the posted agenda

- a. Report out- the MOU for Labor Negotiations \$54957.6 is to be reviewed and approved by the Local 3800 Union.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rachel Peeler

Administrative Assistant