



## Foresthill Fire Protection District

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**DISTRICT BOARD**  
**RICHARD HERCULES**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**JOHN MICHELINI**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**CHRIS REAMS**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**KEITH DRONE**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**DERRICK PERRY**  
**DIRECTOR**  
  
**DENNIS MARTIN**  
**FIRE CHIEF**

Foresthill Fire Protection District  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
District Administration Office  
24320 Main St., Foresthill, CA 95631

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

- a. Meeting called to order by President Hercules at 6:03 PM.

**2. FLAG SALUTE:** led by Chief Dennis Martin.

**3. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:**

- a. All directors were present.  
b. Chief Martin was present.  
c. Administrative Staff were present.

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL:**

- a. Director Drone made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Perry, motion passes (5/0).

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**6. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- a. Director Perry motioned to approve all consent items as presented; Minutes from March 11, 2026 - Regular Board of Directors meeting, Minutes from March 30, 2026 – Finance Committee meeting, Financial Documents - FM 9, second by Director Reams, motion passes (5/0).

**7. FIRE CHIEF REPORT:**

- a. President Hercules gave kudos for the Night Training Drills conducted.

### Staffing

- We currently have three Firefighter Paramedic vacancies. An offer has been made and accepted for one position.
- Engineer Testing completed. Interviews and an offer to be made this week.
- Firefighter/Paramedic application process is continually open, and we are actively recruiting.

### Incident Responses

- Total calls for service for March of 2026 were 47.
- Last year at this time there were 54 calls for service.
- Total EMS calls for March of 2026 were 34 and 44 for March of 2025.
- Ambulance Transports for March of 2026 were 26 and 34 last year.

### **Training**

- 292 Training hours logged for the month of March.
- All crews participated in Night Drills. Additionally, Stations 11, 10 and 180 participated. The training was well received by all.
- Monthly Training with the JOA is on-going.

### **Community Risk Reduction**

- March – 14 Inspections (1 LPG Rough, 2 LPG Finals, 2 Sprinkler Finals, 3 Plan Check Reviews and 6 Defensible Space Inspections)

### **Community Interactions**

- Nothing to report

### **Fleet**

- Nothing to report

## **8. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Board vote for Special District representative on LAFCO ballot. VP Michelini recommended the Board vote for Judy Friedman. Director Reams made a motion to vote for Judy Friedman which was seconded by VP Michelini; motion passes (5/0).
- b. Board vote for vacancy on the FRMS Board ballot. A motion was made by VP Michelini to vote for Don Butts, Tom Perazzo, Carol Pignoni, and David Sargenti. Director Reams seconded the motion and it passed (5/0).
- c. Board approved the purchase of a new phone system from Telecom Data for \$8775 with VP Michelini motioning and Director Perry seconded, the motion passed (5/0).
  - i. Director Drone inquired on contingency for if the communications line goes down, President Hercules indicated Sebastian has a backup line.
  - ii. Additional funding will be used from the operational budget to cover the cost difference over the \$6000 originally encumbered.
  - iii. Captain Sett inquired if this would include the phone systems at the Fire Stations; at this time the purchase is only to upgrade the Admin Office.
- d. Board approved the purchase and contracting of an updated building alarm from Sebastian Communications with VP Michelini making the motion, seconded by Director Drone and all board members in favor.
  - i. The cost for purchase and install is \$675 with a monthly monitoring fee of \$49.95. The budget allotted \$539 for annual monitoring; this will be \$599 annually.
- e. Board made a decision on Development/Mitigation fee for 5845 Sunset Dr, Foresthill. George McCafferty was asked to provide an overview of the project by VP Michelini. Director Reams motioned to waive the Development/ Mitigation fee for the project since it is not a new development project, VP Michelini seconded and all were in favor.
  - i. The project was described as being 1/3 the size of the original structure which had been damaged by the snow storm in 2023. The project will have the same use as the previous structure, serving as a fitness center for the community. The classification of the project is a Minor Use Permit (MUP) which covers projects such as churches, child care centers and recreation or fitness centers. Sprinklers

and LPG inspections will be conducted and those fees collected when the structure is enclosed.

- f. Board approval of Measure B exemption for parcels 072 320 010 and 072 320 020 was pulled from the agenda until the May meeting when a Staff Report can be drafted to further document the decision.
- g. Authorization of the Board President to secure legal representation for PERs and Labor Contract negotiations in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 was motioned by Director Drone and seconded by Director Perry. The roll call vote resulted in a (4/1) decision to pass the motion, with Director Reams opposed due to cost. Budget adjustments will be made to cover this cost.
  - i. Captain Sett inquired if the PERs resolution had been sent for Legal Review so the contract negotiations can continue; this has not occurred.

#### **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- i. A brief overview and walkthrough of the new website was provided by administrative staff.

#### **10. REPORTS**

- a. Finance Committee- (Michelini/Perry)
  - i. VP Michelini provided a recap of the Measure B exemption for the 2 parcels included in the Placer Land Trust. A Staff Report is needed to further document the decision and this will come back on the May agenda with the amount to be refunded and the effective date for the exemption.
  - ii. The Development Mitigation fee structure update did not make it on the April Agenda, this will need to be added to the May agenda for the Board to vote on the obtaining engineering study bids.
  - iii. The Monte Verde Estates fuel break ownership agreement still needs to be signed, this is an administrative task for the district. Funds may still need to be turned over to Placer County. The HOA will carry on once the responsible party situation has been solidified.
- b. Strategic and Long-Range Planning- (Hercules/Michelini)
  - i. The Middlefork funds for special incidents may be determined based on the incidents FFPD has responded to which fall within the outlined area. Data has been requested to support the funds currently allotted for FFPD; however, the cost of providing emergency services to those areas is beyond what the Placer County funds currently cover.
- c. Assets and Facilities- (Drone/Reams) No report
- d. Directors Report- No Report

#### **11. NON-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

- a. Foresthill Volunteer Firefighters Association- Easter Egg Hunt was a success.
- b. Foresthill & Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council Report- None

#### **12. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. None

#### **13. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Fire Chief discussed the effort to obtain a current District map with clear delineation of the boundaries. Placer County has been able to assist in a meaningful way and the Surveying Department is currently working the request. Ultimately, Placer County may require a survey be conducted to determine the exact FFPD boundaries. This is still in

process with little to no movement from Placer County.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Meeting adjourned by President Hercules at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Rachel Peeler*

Administrative Assistant