



Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District  
Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting  
Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6 PM.  
Geyserville Fire Station – 20975 Geyserville Ave, Geyserville, CA

## 1. Opening Greeting

- a. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 6:00 PM.
- b. Roll Call: Board Members Robert Stewart, Larry Heiges, Pat Abercrombie, Fred Peterson and Scott Newman were present. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville, Treasurer Michael Pigoni and Clerk Anneke Turbeville were also present.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Approval or Amendment of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Heiges) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

## 2. Public Discussion

Nancy Graalman and Val Swisher, COPE leaders of Franz Valley, asked for clarification about the relationship between Knights Valley Volunteer Fire Department (KVVFD), Northern Sonoma County Fire Foundation, and Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District. They wondered about the best way to make donations for Knights Valley Fire Station repairs. Scott Newman explained that the District is responsible for all repairs, and that donations should come to the Northern Sonoma County Fire Foundation. Graalman and Swisher asked if Rob Stewart's email could be put on a District letterhead and made public; Stewart will get the letter to them tomorrow. Joe Stewart, Vice President of the Northern Sonoma County Fire Foundation, offered to add information about donating to the Knights Valley fire station on the Foundation website. Scott Newman wants this to be on the agenda next month- a meaningful discussion and a public statement. Newman and Stewart will work together to prepare this agenda item.

## 3. Old Business

- a. Northern County Fire JPA Oversight Committee
  - Cloverdale property owner Geoff Peters said the fire-year timeline for consolidation is too long; he hates waste and delay and encouraged the District to address issues straight on. He is encouraging the citizens of Cloverdale to attend the joint meeting in Cloverdale next month. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to schedule a joint Cloverdale and Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection Board Meeting for March 27, 2025 at 6:00 at the Cloverdale Fire Station. All ayes.**

b. Policies

- **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Heiges) to approve the Credit Card Purchases policy. All ayes.**

c. Multi-Purpose Room

- **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Heiges) to adopt the Facility Rental policy, Facility Use Agreement, and the Application for Facility Use. All ayes.**

#### **4. New Business**

- Policies - The following policies were introduced for possible adoption at the March meeting:
  1. Use of District Owned and Personal Property
  2. Public Hearing and Reporting on Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts

#### **5. Minutes**

- **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to approve the January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All ayes.**

#### **6. Financial Report**

- Larry Heiges delivered the financial report.

#### **7. Consent Calendar**

- **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to approve the January checks issued. All ayes.**

#### **8. Chief's Report**

- Chief Turbeville answered questions about the Chief's Report, including influx of applicants, vegetation management funding, and fire signs.

#### **9. Correspondence**

- a. There were no nominations for FRMS Board of Director positions.
- b. There were no nominations for the CSDA Board of Directors.
- c. Anneke Turbeville will put Rob Stewart's email response to the Franz Valley COPE on the District letterhead for Stewart to sign tomorrow.

#### **10. Good of the Order**

- Fred Peterson announced that next Thursday is the fire districts' association dinner at Kenwood. Peterson is taking Paul Bernier.
- From 2-4 PM on March 8<sup>th</sup> there is a W Dry Creek meeting at Peterson Winery, during which the chief will unveil his fire break plan.
- Larry Heiges reported that they had a good NE Geyserville COPE meeting.

## 11. Adjournment of the Meeting

- A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Peterson) to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM. All ayes.

Peterson/Newman

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Motion Made/Seconded

*Anneke Turbeville*

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Anneke Turbeville - Clerk of the Board