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Albion Little River Fire Protection District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 10:00AM

Please note that this meeting was held at ALRFPD Station 810, 33900 West Street, Albion, CA and via videoconference on the Zoom platform. Information on attending this meeting can be found on our website: https://www.alrfpd.com under the NOTICES tab.

1. **Call to Order and determination of a quorum.** The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by President Linstedt. The Meeting was late due to traffic delay on the Albion River Bridge. Directors Acker, Linstedt, and Welty were present at Station 810. Also present Chief Rees and Sydell Lapidus. Director Campbell was present on Zoom.
2. **Roll Call.** Acker present, Linstedt present, Welty present, Campbell present on Zoom
3. **Motion by Secretary Steve Acker to adopt the agenda:** Approved by a vote of 3 ayes
4. **Public communication to the board: None**
5. **Chief's report:** A storm preparation meeting at the grange is scheduled for November 4th Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association Quarterly Report will available on their web site.
6. **Consent calendar:**
    a. **Approval of the September 16, Regular meeting minutes** (see packet)
    b. **Acceptance of submitted current financial report.** (see packet)
7. **Committee Reports:**
    a. **Building Committee:** (see page 2)
    b. **Treasurers report:** Welty
    c. **Finance Committee:** no report
    d. **MCAFD report:** Linstedt
    e. **Fire Tax Ad Hoc Committee** no report
    f. **Fire Safe Council**: Lapidus: Evacuation Board Game scheduled for Sunday 1:00 to 2:00 pm + at the woods. Possibly another at the grange.
    g. **Strategic plan:** no report
8. **Items for discussion and possible action by the board.** Postponed until October 28 special meeting 10:00am at station 810.
    a. **Complete package of Training Documents requested.**
    b. **Review of Conflict of Interest Code in Bylaws (Sec 1120 found on page 9).** (see packet)
    c. **Resolution for legal services annual maximum.**
    d. **Fundraising.**
1. **Directors Discussion:** Postponed until October 28 special meeting 10:00am at station 810.
    a. **Political Position - Discussion - should the Board discuss taking a political position?**
2. **Closed Session:** Gov. Code 54957(b)(1) Personnel. Chief's duties were discussed. No action was taken.
3. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm. The a special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2026 10:00 am at Station 810 and Zoom.

Regular Meeting 10/21/26 Lee Welty ALRFPD
Notes regarding work done for last month

Work on road repair:

The new roadway and new entrance on Albion Ridge Road to Station 810 went through its first winter this last year and the winter developed several problems. The graded ditch between our new road and the hardware stove became inundated with gofers who dug and mounded soil about every 8 feet along the ditch to the culvert we installed at Albion Ridge Road. The water coming off the Hardware stove property went across and under the roadway near the curve and saturated the new road to a point where truck traffic made the roadway pump and move under load.

The solution to the stability of the roadway is as follows:

- Grade the road ditch steeper with a better slope to the culvert.
- Monitor and remove gofers in the ditch as needed.
- Monitor roadway stability for the coming winter
- If the condition remains a problem, other remediation could be proposed such as installing a dewatering drain in the ditch or asphalt paving the roadway which is what we plan on doing in the future. Also extra aggregate base in the roadway could fix it.

(It should be noted that keeping the drainage going to Albion Ridge Road culvert is needed in order to retain dry property south of the road for a possible septic leach field.)

Alex Yarman was hired and regraded the ditch, moved the soil to our soil stock pile near 810 and installed rip-rap at both ends of the culvert at Albion Ridge Road. The total cost of the work was
$1,070 which included the rip-rap placement. The project of the roadway and fence construction was appropriated to be $50,000 . Since that project was completed about $10,000 less than the appropriation, we paid the repair invoice from that account.

We are ready to monitor during the next rain.

Our book keeper,Nina, Is approved by Savings Bank to obtain our account information

Working with Leslie we are getting out thank you's for past donations and Leslie and Michael set up a spread sheet that has a box to check for when thank you letters have been sent and a list of donators that honor one event like John Hughes 100th birthday.

Bridge Project and Caltrans

Sent a letter to Bill Adams 9/28/26 showing our intent to sign his work agreement with modifications of time to pay invoices to meet our protocol and procedures. left a message on voice mail 10/8/26. Left a second message 10/20/26.

Draft letter to Tim Mcclanahan, CSRMA, asking for a zoom meeting or in person to discuss our premium changes and exactly how it is calculated.

Work on continued effort to procure a command vehicle:

Our general plan for vehicle procurement has been put on hold since 2023. The vehicle that the chief is driving was originally assigned to Station 812 as a rescue vehicle. The idea is to put the Chief in a smaller unit that is more economical for how he uses it. We are looking for a new pickup that can be set up for a total cost of around $125,000. Once we have a clear understanding of our future insurance cost we should look at paying for the truck with a combination of tax money donations and service payments. We may be in a position to do this without getting into our needed