

LAKESIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes

December 20, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

Directors Present:

Director Susan Conniry
Director Jon Lorenz
Director Pete Liebig
Director Mark Baker
Director James Bingham

Also present:

Fire Chief Andy Parr
District Counsel Lisa Foster

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 A.M. by Director Liebig with Director James Bingham absent from this meeting. Director Bingham arrived at 11:35 A.M.

2. Open Session

- Operations – Dispatch Services RFP. Discussion/Action Board
Discuss the issues thoroughly and give the Fire Chief direction on how to proceed to obtain the highest quality dispatching services and at the same time deploying cost containment strategies to provide financial stability for the District.

Chief Parr gave a chronology of Lakeside Fire Protection District's history with Heartland Communications Facility. He stated that costs were going to be increasing as other agencies pulled out of the JPA with HCFA. The Board voiced their concerns and asked Chief Parr numerous questions for clarification. They discussed the issues and the advantages of Lakeside Fire Protection District withdrawing from the JPA and using CalFire as our dispatch service.

Motion was made by Director Bingham, seconded by Director Lorenz, that we send Heartland Communications Facility 180-day notice to withdraw from the JPA. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 no, Director Baker.

3. Oral communications to the Board, Opportunity for Public Comment with Respect to Matters not on the Agenda

This portion of the agenda may be utilized by any person to address the Board of Directors on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. However, depending on the subject matter, the Board may be unable to respond at this time

or until the specific item is placed on the agenda at a future meeting, as provided by the Brown Act.

There were no oral communications.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Kuss". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Acting Clerk of the Board, Karen Kuss



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Andy Parr
Fire Chief

Thursday, December 27, 2012

Mark Scott, Bonita Fire Protection District
Chairman, Heartland Communications Facility Authority
100 East Lexington Avenue
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Mr. Scott,

The Governing Board of the Lakeside Fire Protection District held a Special Meeting on December 20, 2012 to discuss the potential withdrawal of the Lakeside Fire Protection District from the Heartland Communications Facility Authority. After much discussion and regret the District Board voted 4-1 to withdraw from the Authority.

As the Fire Chief/CEO of the District I submit this letter to you as the official 180 day notification of our intent to withdraw as is required in Section 8 of the HCFA Agreement currently in force.

Our withdrawal should not signal any disappointment or dissatisfaction with the Authority employees or the quality of the dispatching service provided by the Authority.

We withdraw with a heavy heart and recognize that as a original member we have been through many ups and downs with the Authority before. In this case we simply believe that our ability to contain our costs overrides the benefits of being a member.

We hope that the Authority regains its feet and maintains its quality service for the remaining members in the future.

The Lakeside Fire Protection District staff will be in contact with the HCFA Director in the coming weeks to determine the true and accurate cost of withdrawal for our agency and we look forward to developing a withdrawal transition plan that is convenient for both agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Parr, Fire Chief
Lakeside Fire Protection District

Cc: Mark Ochendusko, Director
Laura Fernandez, Clerk of the Board, Lakeside FPD
Valerie Nellis, Clerk of the HCFA Commission
Susan Conniry, HCFA Commissioner from Lakeside FPD
HCFA Board of Chiefs