LIBERTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, August 13, 2026
2:00 PM

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m., by Chairman Howard Wegat.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL:

2.1 Those present included:

Directors	District Staff	Members of the Public
Howard Wegat	Chief Todd Rausser	Kim Laskowski - Absent
Bob Erman	District Secretary Heidi Graviette	
Dan Schmierer	Former Secretary Kim Shepherd	

ITEM 3. MINUTES:

3.1 Mr. Erman moved that July 2026, minutes, be approved correct as delivered. Mr. Schmierer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

ITEM 4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

4.1 The agenda was posted at Liberty Rural Fire Protection District, Oakview School and at www.libertyfiredistrict.com, on August 6, 2026.

ITEM 5. HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

ITEM 6. FINANCIAL REPORT:

6.1 Mr. Erman had questions in regard to Ackerland Techmologies and if it's a month charge. At this time, it is a monthly charge that will be reimbursed on the Cyber Security Grant. Mr. Wegat asked about the charge from Interstate Truck Center which was a valve purchased for 12-6. Mr. Schmierer asked what we purchased from Vincent Communications which was for five portable radios. Question on the invoice coming from San Joaquin ground water.

ITEM 7. CORRESPONDENCE:

7.1 None

ITEM 8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

8.1 Incident Run Report – There were 35 calls for the month of July.

8.2 Chiefs Meeting- Did not attend.

8.3 JRUG – JRUG meeting is next week. JRUG had an emergency meeting that he didn't attend, and they voted to go to Stockton dispatch Sept. 1 with a one-year contact. We are able to pull out and go to the sheriff's department. Chief is meeting with Stockton and Linden to discuss needs. The Chief mentioned that at some point we may have our own dispatch system.

8.4 EMS is hiring a new director for San Joaquin County. This should happen in the next couple of weeks.

ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS:

9.1 The concrete is complete. Chief asked if we want to consider finishing the concrete in the front of the station or use the money for other repairs or are we going to complete the back-top which would cost the least amount of money. The board members wanted to move forward with the black-top. Next month we will discuss other repairs for the station. The Chief is continuing to look for a Grant to help with the costs.

9.2 Type III Chassis Build, Hi-Tech lost two staff, therefore it will be moving forward slowly. They have radio equipment and will start installing that and Starlink.

9.3 Antenna Relocation – On Hold. Waiting for Silva to put in a tower that we can get service from.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 CSV- audit paperwork was signed by both the Chief and Mr. Wegat.

10.2 Resignation Letter- Mr. Erman made a motion to accept and Mr. Schmierer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

10.3 Discussed dates for upcoming meetings. Will confirm the month before that the dates still work for all attendees. The dates for the next four months will be as followed: September 9th, October 8th, November 5th and December 8th at 1:00 pm.

ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION:

11.1 None

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT:

12.1 The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.