

**LIBERTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 10th, 2026
1:00 PM**

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m., by Chairman Howard Wegat.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL:

2.1 Those present included:

<u>Directors</u>	<u>District Staff</u>	<u>Members of the Public</u>
Howard Wegat	Chief Todd Rausser	Kim Laskowski - Absent
Bob Erman	District Secretary Kimberly Shepherd	
Dan Schmierer - Absent		

ITEM 3. MINUTES:

3.1 Mr. Erman moved that January 2026, minutes, be approved correct as delivered. Mr. Wegat 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 February 6, 2026.

ITEM 5. HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC:

5.1 None

ITEM 6. FINANCIAL REPORT:

6.1 Mr. Erman moved to approve payables for the month of January 2026 of \$137,138.77 Mr. Wegat seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

ITEM 7. CORRESPONDENCE:

7.1 None

ITEM 8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

8.1 Incident Run Report – The board reviewed the report, there were 20 calls for the month of January 2025. We are working on getting a better report for future use.

8.2 Chiefs Meeting- Fire warden rewriting regs should be available in 30 days. EV training is coming up in Lodi in February with help from TESLA how to safely do extraction. Linden has a fire blanket. Cars will burn until they go out, it could be weeks. Clements putting on Driver 1B Engine pumping training at the end of the month. Group discussion OES and negotiating rates. Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) has help to figure out the cause of a fire. Hazmat response, looking for OES support on hazmat. Stockton dispatch taking a lot of the county. County EMS all ambulances go through them. JRUG still has their area. MDA not profit, force out of JRUG into Stockton. MDA has 201 rights, we gave up our rights, county owns rights. Cal Chiefs would like to restore 201 rights to departments. JRUG

8.3 JRUG – Will have an upcoming Ambulance Strike Team. We have tablet command phone app and active alert. Will continue to use both for now, then we will decide on which one to keep.

Dispatching – Triage for structure fire response, confirm fire before sending all trucks. Pushing AMR from dispatching their own ambulances. Supervisor Ding still has county fire agenda; he has stepped back a little but still trying to move forward.

ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS:

- 9.1 Concrete and paving postponed until next year. Will visit next month.
- 9.2 Type III Chassis Build, at Hi Tech building, next in line after bay is empty. Boxes ready to go.
- 9.3 Antenna Relocation – On Hold. Not sure where they are at in negotiations.
- 9.4 New firefighter is doing well.
- 9.5 Completed scenarios for Lieutenant position.
- 9.6 CalFire Grant approved and received final copies. We can start purchasing.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS:

- 10.1 Softcom service discontinued, we now have Starlink, working much faster.
- 10.4 12-3 Repaired and back in service. Poly body was plastic welded.
- 10.5 Received the new ID Card machine. Will be doing ID cards for all staff and volunteers.
- 10.6 12-1 Metal flakes in oil. Called Royers, they towed the truck, all bearings look good and are fine. Pieces from filter in oil pan. Not sure. Royers will continue to warranty the engine.

ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION:

- 11.1

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT:

- 12.1 The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.