

**LIBERTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
Thursday, May 21st, 2026  
1:00 PM**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER:**

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m., by Chairman Howard Wegat.

**ITEM 2. ROLL CALL:**

2.1 Those present included:

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

**ITEM 3. MINUTES:**

3.1 Mr. Erman moved that April 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](http://www.libertyfiredistrict.com), on May 7, 2026.

**ITEM 5. HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC:**

5.1 None

**ITEM 6. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

6.1 Mr. Erman had a question in regard to the Croce, Sanguinetti, & Vander Veen, CPA expense. Mr. Erman asked about ISU Insurance, which is insurance for vehicles and buildings. Mr. Wegat had a question regarding Akerland Technologies, which is our IT Support. Mr. Schmierer moved to approve payables for the month of April 2026 of \$146,886.22, Mr. Erman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussed letter from Auditor-Controller in regards to Proposition 4 – Government Spending Limit Calculation for FY2026-2027. San Joaquin county budget limit for coming year \$2,406,918.00 spending limit. Motion to approve made by Mr. Erman. Mr. Schmierer 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 29 calls for the month of April 2026. Once the system starts uploading the reports we will be able to get a better report.

8.2 Chiefs Meeting- No cooperators, OES or sheriffs showed up. Chiefs talked about the year dinner for next month.

8.3 JRUG –Cencal in one month seems to be failing. Google doc track responses, leaving units in Lodi and sending units from Stockton. Not dispatching correctly. Dispatch said to called back because they are too busy. County EMS all ambulances under same dispatch no training for table

command. Told not to speak to us on radio. County EMS gave 3 mo waiver on fines. System wasn't broken before, but it is now. Shouldn't have been any changes in dispatch. Equity in EMS, and this is unequitable service. We can all see the location of ambulance. Indicate to staff that if they don't send the closest, call dispatch and tell them to send a closer ambulance. Rates with VREC are considering a rate increase. Proposal from dispatch VREC rate increase, should fight for a lower rate.

**ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 9.1 Concrete will be completed in the first week in June, then the paving will be completed after that is finished.
- 9.2 Type III Chassis Build, tank completed, working on doors, still on schedule for mid-summer.
- 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 Department Policies – Looking into hiring a company to get us in compliance with policies and regulations.
- 10.2 Seasonal Personnel – We hired two seasonal personnel that will be going to a mini training conducted by the Department on June 8<sup>th</sup> for 6 days.

**ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION:**

- 11.1 Discussed new safety position so that Kim can retire. This will be on a trial/temporary basis.

**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT:**

- 12.1 The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.