

**LIBERTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, March 19th, 2026
1:00 PM**

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 12:58 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
Bob Erman	District Secretary Kimberly Shepherd	
Dan Schmierer		

ITEM 3. MINUTES:

3.1 Mr. Erman moved that February 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 March 6, 2026.

ITEM 5. HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC:

5.1 Kim Laskowski complimented the department on a great Beef & Oyster feed dinner. More room and it flowed really well.

ITEM 6. FINANCIAL REPORT:

6.1 Mr. Erman had a few questions in regard to the PG&E payables so high, gas bill from month before higher because of the cold weather. Wanted to know what Target Solutions is used for, which is our training platform. Reimbursement to Travis Hill for postage of returning vests. Questions about Waste Management increase due to having to have organic waste and recyclable cans. Mr. Schmierer moved to approve payables for the month of February 2026 of \$97,929.19, Mr. Erman 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 19 calls for the month of February 2026. We are working on getting a better report for future use.
- 8.2 Chiefs Meeting- EV training in Lodi with help from TESLA how to safely do extraction. Training was good. Linden has a fire blanket but isn't much better. Cars will burn until they go out, it could be weeks. OES will be completing ICS300 & 400 Free Training. Wildland Training RT130 at Rodeo Grounds in Clements to prepare for strike teams. Feds negotiating with OES, depending on the negotiations, we may not go on Fed fire.

- 8.3 JRUG – ARM has made decisions and doesn't care to have us to dispatch. AMR is making moves and not keeping anyone informed. JRUG is staying together as a whole. As of now CalFire may be an option of dispatch for JRUG. As a whole 4144 codes SRA or adjacent in the district for CALFire dispatch. JRUG is negotiating with Stockton. CenCal, AMR run by Stockton. It's all up in the air.

ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS:

- 9.1 Concrete and paving. John is working on the project, should be completed in April then move on to blacktop
- 9.2 Type III Chassis Build, at Hi Tech building, cutting steel and building the boxes. It should be completed by mid-summer.
- 9.3 Antenna Relocation – On Hold. Not sure where they are at in negotiations.
- 9.4 Repairs completed on 12-3, \$6,000 damage happened on fire call.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS:

- 10.1 Beef & Oyster Dinner, need to have guns walk around more, maybe have a can for tips for servers. Better sound system. More deserts.
- 10.4 Promoted Mike to Lieutenant. Promotion determined by a testing process and scenarios.
- 10.5 Several staff completed Operator Training 1A & 1B
- 10.6 We were notified of a maturing CD, negotiating the rate from 1% to at least 3%. Maybe move to Bank of Stockton and get 3.5%.

ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION:

- 11.1

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT:

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