

Minutes of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Commissioners

Monday 09 February 2026

1. Meeting Called To Order:

The regular meeting of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners was opened and called to order at 6:35 PM by Chairperson Judith Redmond. Board Members Present were Vice Chair Mark Burns, and Dawnmarie Eason. Absent were Caleb Sehnert and Wyatt Cline. Also present was Fire Chief and District Secretary Jesse Capitanio.

2. Reading and approval of prior meeting minutes:

A motion was made by Mark to approve the January 12 meeting minutes, seconded by Dawnmarie, and passed by all present.

3. Correspondence:

Jesse reported receiving a "save the date" for the Yocha Dehe Fire Department award ceremony on March 18 from 11:00 to 2:00 pm.

4. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

5. Old Business:

5.1 Joint Operations Update:

There were no JOA updates.

5.2 CVERA Update:

CVERA held an evacuation drill for the Guinda zip code on 1/31/26. Judith reports that it went very smoothly with 15 carloads of "evacuees" processed by approximately 20 volunteers. They are planning vegetation management projects for spring and still researching CERT designation. The Board of Supervisors presented Chief Capitanio, Captain Hollis, and Moira Fitzgerald with a resolution honoring the volunteerism of the Capay Valley Fire Department and highlighting the work done by CVERA particularly.

5.3 Project Updates

5.3.1 Station 22:

Work is progressing.

5.3.2 Station 21:

Grant application has been submitted to Yocha Dehe.

5.4 Budget amendment

The Board reviewed a budget amendment increasing revenue and expenditures to compensate for unbudgeted Strike Team income and payroll expense as well as some adjustments to service and supply line items. A motion was made by Mark to accept the revised budget with total financing uses of \$1,185,370.00 and seconded by Dawnmarie. The motion was passed unanimously by all present.

6. New Business

6.1 Engine 23 – Surplus:

Jesse reports that the Chiefs' Association is currently trying to value a surplus apparatus, he will reach out to whomever they are using for the appraisal and in the meantime see if Ritchie Bros. can provide one.

7. Chief's Report:

12 calls in January - nothing serious.

Jesse has received a draft encroachment permit from Yolo County for grading work on CR 40, he is reviewing the terms to see if they are acceptable. We recently ran another call on CR 40 which took significant time and resources.

The Yolo County Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) will be conducting a pile burn workshop in Rumsey on 2/28, and CVFD is planning out our prescription burn schedule for spring.

Upcoming trainings include an Engine Boss course which FF Brittain and Engineer Flood will attend, a Basic Air Operations course which Capt. Hollis and Engineer Flood will attend with Jesse, and a Safety Officer class with an unknown number of CVFD participants.

Jesse is adding Alan Venegas, Jeff Harden, and Brent Levin to the roster, increasing our firefighting volunteers to 25.

In addition to the Yocha Dehe Doyuti T'uhkama grant application, Jesse has applications in to the Department of Homeland Security for security equipment for Station 23, and the Fire Adapted Communities Network to start a prescribed grazing program.

BLM has reached out again to protest their inclusion in the Benefit Assessment and will be consulting with legal counsel to see if they have a way out of it.

We have taken no additional action on the tire dump since recommending mitigation measures for fire safety, Jesse is unsure if any other cleanup work is underway.

8. Firefighters' Association:

Almond Festival coming up!

9. Other Agenda Items:

None.

10. Review Budget and Approve Payment of Bills:

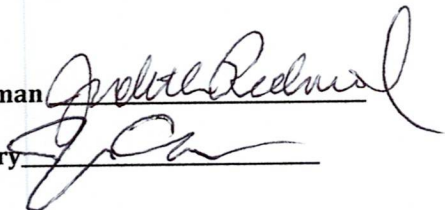
The Board reviewed a current budget vs. actuals report as well as the February claims Judith made a motion to approve the claims which was seconded by Dawnmarie and passed by all present.

11. Meeting Adjournment:

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Dawnmarie and passed by all present.

Judith Redmond, Chairman

Jesse Capitanio, Secretary

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