



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/15/2025

File #: 25-496

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Appointment to fill vacancy on Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Appoint Ms. Jayne Messenger to fill a vacancy on the Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

Following the 2024 election, two seats on the Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District Board of Directors were vacant. Those vacancies cannot be filled until the 2026 election without a call for a special election, either by candidacy or appointment. One of the three sitting members is unable to continue in their role on the Board of Directors leaving a lack of quorum without an appointed replacement. To improve the tenuous situation the Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District Board of Directors respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors appoint Ms. Jayne Messenger to the Board. The Humboldt County Office of Elections has verified Ms. Jayne Messenger's eligibility as a registered voter in the District.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

This is no cost associated with the approval of this item other than staff time to prepare the agenda item.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

The approval of this item will not have an impact on staff.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may choose to not make this appointment to the Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District Board of Directors and instead choose to call an election to fill the vacancy. However, this alternative is not recommended as it may create an undue financial hardship on the fire protection district.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter to Clerk of the Board Requesting Appointment

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A