



NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Paul Bernier at 7:00 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Directors Scott Newman, Fred Peterson, and Paul Bernier were present; Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville and Administrative Manager Anneke Turbeville were also present.
- d. Approval of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

3. MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to approve the October 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes. All ayes.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT: Fred Peterson reviewed the financials.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR: A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to pay the bills. All ayes.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT: The Geyserville Roadside Clearance Grant is complete. We are currently working on an extension to the Lake Sonoma Watershed grant until March 2022. Chief Turbeville is working with the Fitch Mountain community on fire danger signs. We will be participating in Wreaths across America; the GVFA has funded 100 wreaths for Olive Hill cemetery. Wreath placement will occur at 9:00 AM on December 18. We will have the AmeriCorps again for 12 weeks; GVFA will fund their housing and food. Chief is expecting more grants to open in January.

Chief Turbeville would like to add an agenda item for next month to open a discussion about the Knights Valley fire station. Gary from Franz Valley School Road reported that the community is wondering why the equipment is not in the firehouse and questioning their safety without a staffed fire station. The Board explained that the equipment is presently at the residences of responders and safety is not compromised. Gary was told to refer anyone with questions about the situation to the fire district. The Board would like to meet with the Knights Valley Board and the community in Knights Valley to discuss the lease.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Paul Bernier reported that the Cloverdale ad hoc committee met, and everyone feels we are moving in the right direction.

8. GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT: The water tender is expected before the end of the year.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: None

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fire Station Updates and Discussion: Fred Peterson said that Rob Stewart wanted to report that Isaac Ruiz is still keen on doing a lease with us. Rob Stewart asked the district to provide financial assistance to Isaac Ruiz for his survey; the Board will not provide financial assistance until an agreement is in place. Scott Newman pressed for a conceptual design; he will get the names of architects to meet with Chief Turbeville to discuss design options and obtain some cost estimates.

County Counsel is working toward transferring the title of the Alexander Valley Station to the fire district. There are two options for the building- a remodel or rebuild with a metal building. We may get some MAC funding to help with the building.

- b. Consolidation and Annexation: The District is in a holding pattern with the county. The county wants us to annex areas that we cannot get to and we would have to pay other districts to respond to. The county also added global covenants which would keep us from suing the county.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of special tax zone billing: The special fire zone tax bill was not included in the property tax bill. Jenn Mendoza of Supervisor Gore's office has offered to help but Supervisor Gore is on vacation. The special tax committee met on November 2nd and wants the county to collect the tax bill. Larry Heiges asks that the District pressure the county to tax them. Paul Bernier will write a letter to the tax assessor's office in support of sending the tax bill.

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Paul Bernier announced that there will be an eclipse tonight. He also announced that he planned to retire from the Board at the end of year, but now he wants to stay until the annexation is complete.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Peterson) to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Rob Stewart/ Fred Peterson

Clerk of the Board: Shuneka Turbeville Date: 12/16/2021

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