



NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

May 19, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

Pursuant to California Assembly Bill 361, the District is authorized to hold public meetings remotely and to make those meetings accessible to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the Board by remote means. This meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Paul Bernier at 6:01 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Directors Rob Stewart, Larry Heiges, Paul Bernier, and Fred Peterson attended the meeting in person. Director Scott Newman attended the meeting via Zoom. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville, and Administrative Manager Anneke Turbeville were also present.
- d. Approval of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Heiges) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: There was no public discussion.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 21/22-0519-01: **A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Heiges) to adopt Resolution 21/22-0519-01, proclaiming a state of emergency exists due to COVID-19 and authorizing remote teleconference (Zoom) meetings of the District for the next 30 days pursuant to California Assembly Bill 361. All ayes.**
- b. Knights Valley Firehouse Lease: The Knights Valley Fire board has not waived its condition for the District to provide insurance to its board, so no lease has been prepared. Scott Newman will be the point of contact for this issue, assisted by Marshall Turbeville and Fred Peterson. The Knights Valley Fire board has a community meeting planned for June 14, 2022. Rob Stewart and Scott Newman will attend.
- c. Fire Station Updates and Discussion: Rob Stewart and Marshall Turbeville met with permitting, public works, Tom Atterbury and Supervisor Gore's assistant Jenn Mendoza about the proposed site of the Chalk Hill Fire Station. Issues include septic, water, and spur road abandonment. The biggest issue facing the Alexander Valley Fire Station is property ownership. This issue must be resolved prior to construction. Sarah Hafner is looking into options to resolve this issue.
- d. Consolidation and Annexation: The annexation is in LAFCO's hands. Unfortunately, the annexation was not able to make LAFCO's June agenda.
- e. Special Tax Zone Billing: Larry Heiges reported that there are 153 parcels within the special tax area; 117 with dwellings. Only two lot owners have not paid. Paul Bernier will compose a letter to the property owners thanking them for their cooperation.
- f. Community Outreach: Fitch Mountain wants a presentation on annexation during their July 10th meeting. This would be a great opportunity for a community outreach presentation. The board

agreed that outreach should move forward before annexation. Community outreach will focus on areas to be annexed.

g. Consolidated Election:

1. Notice of Offices to be Filled and Statement of Responsibility of Statements of Qualifications: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Heiges) that the costs incurred in the printing of the optional Statements of Qualifications in the Voter Information Guide is the responsibility of the District. All ayes.**

2. Notice of District Boundaries/Statement in Lieu of Map: As of now, the boundaries have not changed.

h. 2022/2023 Budget: Anneke Turbeville will reach out to Rob Stewart, Scott Newman, Michael Pigi, and Marshall Turbeville with some dates/times for a budget meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. FEMA Grant for Vegetation Management: Geoff Peters submitted a 7.5 million dollar grant for vegetation management in the Cloverdale Fire Protection District under our name.

b. SOPA-37 Vegetation Management Positions: We want to make some fuel crew positions full-time with benefits.

c. COPE Position: COPE was awarded a grant to pay for a \$40,000 per year part-time executive director for two years. The board supports the idea of working with COPE and the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters Association to employ someone jointly.

d. Annual Review: The annual chief's review will be sent out and returned to Rob Stewart before the next meeting.

5. MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Heiges) to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2022 meeting with the meeting date changed to reflect the actual meeting date. All ayes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of current financial reports.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR: Warrants: A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Peterson) to approve the April/May warrants. All ayes.

8. CHIEF'S REPORT: Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville reported the need for a significant engine repair of \$20,000. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to spend up to \$30,000 on repairs to Engine 6171. All ayes.**

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

10. GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT: Erik Padilla announced a blood drive on May 20th from 12-4 PM and a community CPR class on June 4th. Wine Country to the Rescue meetings are held every other Monday night. The GVFA participated in the Fire Expo and the Rib Cook-Off. 188 people were vaccinated at the clinic held at the fire station on that same day. July 14th is Firefighter Appreciation Night for the Giants. June 1st is the GVFA dinner meeting- directors are invited.

11. NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE JPA COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: None

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Larry Heiges and Paul Bernier will not be at the next board meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Heiges) to adjourn at 8:06 PM. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Fred Peterson/Scott Newman

Clerk of the Board: Annelle Luleville Date: 6/16/2022

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