



NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

September 15, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

This meeting was held in person with the option of joining via Zoom.

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by Director Paul Bernier at 6:00 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Directors Paul Bernier, Fred Peterson, Larry Heiges, Rob Stewart, and Scott Newman 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 (Heiges/Stewart) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: There was no public discussion.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 22/23-0915-01: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Heiges) to adopt Resolution 22/23-0915-01, 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. Fire Station Updates and Discussion: Rob Stewart reported that water, sewer, and access are still concerns at the site of the Chalk Hill fire station.
Scott Newman presented an update on the Alexander Valley fire station. He recommends that we proceed with the remodel of the fire station and that building remain under the ownership of the Alexander Valley Association. He also noted that the plans should not use the word "storage" to describe the building, since it is an active fire station.
Scott Newman suggested developing a 10-year plan for fire stations. The Board agreed that they should hold a strategic planning meeting. This will be an agenda item for the October meeting.
- c. Knights Valley Firehouse Lease: Scott Newman reported that the Spencer Lane fire station lease is very close to completion. It is a very simple 8-page lease. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Heiges) to approve the draft lease as presented tonight. All ayes.**
- d. Consolidation and Annexation: The annexation made it through the September LAFCO meeting. There is a 59-day protest period which should be done by the November meeting.
- e. Special Tax Zone: A special tax zone meeting will be held on the afternoon of November 5th. Gene Schnair, St. Gore, Turbeville, and Hanselman will be on the committee. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting approving those members to serve a one-year term.
- f. Type III: The purchase of 2 new Type III engines will allow the district to modernize its fleet and reduce it by one engine. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Heiges) to approve the purchase of the 1000 GPM engine and a 10-year lease with a \$100,000 down payment for the 500 GPM engine. All ayes.**

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Vegetation Management: The Board agreed that since the District has its own fuel reduction program it would be best to maintain control of its vegetation management program. There is not action to be taken at this time.
- b. Resolution 22/23-0915-02: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to adopt Resolution 22/23-0915-02 Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7GF22072. All ayes.**

5. MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2022 meeting. All ayes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of current financial reports.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Warrants: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Heiges) to approve the August/September warrants. All ayes.**
- b. Budget: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to approve the 2022/2023 Final Budget. All ayes.**

8. CHIEF'S REPORT: Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville reported a record pace for call this month, with 60 calls so far for the month of September. He reported on current fuel reduction projects and noted that we have the masticator, which Cal Fire is using around the dump right now. Strike teams have been out most of the month of August. A JPA meeting is coming up and the Community Outreach Specialist is going through the background portion of the hiring process.

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

10. GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT: The Pancake Breakfast will be October 30th. There will be an auction dinner on November 12th. The Association agreed to pay for professional photos. The holiday party will be December 10th.

11. NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE JPA COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Stewart and Paul Bernier will attend the JPA meeting on October 11th.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Rob Stewart / Larry Heiges

Clerk of the Board: Muena Turbeville Date: 10/20/2022

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