

APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 21, 2017

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Leary 6:02 PM

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Savage

3.0 ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice President Jeffs, Director Karen, President Leary, Director Savage,
Director Tinsley

Absent: None.

4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

.01 Employee of the Quarter – First Quarter: Chief Hultquist announced that Paid Call Firefighter Dave Stephens had been selected as Employee of the Quarter and explained that Mr. Stephens could not be present as he was on assignment with his full time job working on the spillway in Oroville, California. The Chief went on to praise Mr. Stephens for his more than 20 years of service reporting to the assembly that PCF Stephens had been nominated for his mentorship of PCFs, recent assistance in doing important equipment maintenance in preparation of bringing District apparatus into full time use, and his continued positive attitude and dedication to the District.

.02 CERT Presentation: CERT Commander Dawn Harrison gave the Board a 20-minute power point presentation recapping the activities and events of the Apple Valley Disaster Service Workers during 2016. Highlights of the presentation included:

- a) Count of CERT members at 133 with 6 additional ECS (communications) and 8 FADD (animal rescue) members.
- b) Update of monthly events included command bus training, VVTA training, CPR and First Aid Class, Red Cross smoke detector installation; HAM radio class, San Bernardino County Operational Area Drill, Kids Safety Fair, firefighter rehab training, various community events and safety fairs and the Great Shake Out drill.
- c) Reported on the 30th anniversary of CERT that was celebrated in September 2016
- d) Reported there were 4,235 CERT volunteer hours in 2016 which represents a significant cost savings to the District at an estimated \$29 per hour that can be charged for these trained volunteers.

President Leary, Director Savage and Director Karen all expressed appreciation and thanks to Ms. Harrison and the CERT program for all they do. There was a brief exchange between Commander Harrison and the Board discussing possible support the Board might be able to give the group in the way of training or preparation.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

- .01 Personnel Report for January 2017
- .02 Operations Report for January 2017
- .03 Community Risk Reduction Report for January 2017
- .04 Fleet Services Program Report January 2017
- .05 Fiscal Report for January 2017: None

President Leary asked if anyone had any questions on items .01 through .04 of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Leary then announced to the Board that there wasn't a fiscal report yet and was hopeful there would be one in March along with the FY 2015/2016 audited actuals. There was no further discussion. M/S Karen/Tinsley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of Board members present.

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

.01 Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 17, 2017. M/S Tinsley/Savage to approve minutes of the January 17, 2017 regular board meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of Board members present.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: President Leary reported there was one letter of congratulations in the correspondence expressing his hope everyone had taken the opportunity to read it.

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

.01 Information Only Items: None.

.02 Discussion Items: None.

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

.01 Budget & Finance Committee President Leary began by stating that he and Vice President Jeffs had had the opportunity to meet with Interim Finance Officer Milson the previous week explaining she was just "getting her feet wet". He went on to report that the auditor had not completed the previous fiscal year audit and Ms. Milson was busy working on that. He further briefed the finance meeting was primarily focused on getting everyone on the same page so the District can continue with its business particularly following the passage of Measure A and "grow the District".

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None.

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

14.0 ACTION ITEMS: None.

15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

- .01 Fire Chief Hultquist:
- a. Congratulated PCF Dave Stephens on his award.
 - b. Introduced Interim Finance Officer Linda Milson.

Following the Fire Chief's brief comments President Leary directed a question to the Fire Chief regarding recent articles that had appeared in the local paper regarding the Fire District and the vote by the Victorville City Council to end its contract with San Bernardino County Fire for fire services in Victorville. President Leary went on to express his concern that this article had suggested that Apple Valley Fire might be contacted to bid for the contract in Victorville when to his knowledge no one on the Board had been contacted. He requested the Fire Chief brief them on the status of this situation.

The Fire Chief outlined to the Board a sequence of events over the previous three weeks which included being contacted by the Victorville City Manager for lunch and hearing that Victorville (at that time) might not be renewing their contract with San Bernardino Fire. Chief Hultquist further explained that since then the Victorville City Council had voted 4-1 to end the contract. Explaining that there would be a formal process the City of Victorville would begin to solicit and look for other agencies to contract for fire services. The Fire Chief was unaware of how the local newspaper would or could conclude that Apple Valley Fire was in anyway involved with bidding to contract services with Victorville.

President Leary concluded the discussion by stating he wanted to set the record straight noting that just because Measure A had passed in Apple Valley it didn't mean the District was going out looking to bid on other contracts. Speaking for the Board, Mr. Leary emphasized the District's intent to be open and above board with the focus on our community.

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

- .01 Director Karen:
 - a. Congratulated Dave Stephens on his Employee of the Quarter award.
 - b. Congratulated Interim Finance Officer Milson on her appointment.
 - c. Thanked CERT Commander Dawn Harrison for her presentation.

- .02 Director Tinsley:
 - a. Wanted to reiterate what Director Karen said.
 - b. Extended a "pat on the back" to Dave Stephens for his award.
 - c. Thanked CERT Commander Dawn Harrison for a great job.
 - d. Found the information on the active shooter training very interesting and hoped we could spread the information out to the community.
 - e. Expressed concern about the use of resources particularly pointing out ambulances being tied up at St. Mary's hospital and asked if there might be a workshop to discuss how the Board might get involved in alleviating this situation and getting ambulances and resources out quicker.

- .03 Director Savage:
 - a. Congratulated PCF Dave Stephens on his award and 20 years of service.
 - b. Thanked CERT Commander Dawn Harrison for a well put together presentation noting he had gained a lot of additional information.
 - c. Thanked the Fire Chief.
 - d. Thanked Interim Finance Officer Milson for her help on the budget.

- .04 Vice President Jeffs:
 - a. Thanked CERT team and CERT Commander Harrison for the great attitude and Ms. Harrison for her extensive presentation.
 - b. Recognized Joseph Ramos from the Town of Apple Valley (in assembly) for all his work as well.
 - c. Noting his absence at an earlier Board meeting congratulated Interim Battalion Chief Peratt and Engineer Rob Qualls on their move up and contributions.
 - d. Extended his pleasure meeting Interim Finance Officer Milson and thanked her for her help.

- .05 President Leary:
 - a. Thanked Interim Finance Officer Milson for stepping up.
 - b. Congratulated PCF Dave Stephens on his award.
 - c. Thanked CERT Commander Dawn Harrison and extended his thanks to all the CERT workers as well.
 - d. Thanked Joseph Ramos from the Town of Apple Valley and for the Town's commitment to the CERT program and disaster preparedness.
 - e. Requested Mr. Ramos extend to the Town Staff the District's appreciation for this service they provide to the community.
 - f. Thanked Interim Battalion Chief Buddy Peratt and Engineer Rob Qualls for their work on the Measure A hiring, work on the update of Personnel Policy P-5 and work they are putting into the organization.
 - g. Congratulated Engineer Marc Dileo on his election to Vice President of the PFA.
 - h. Thanked everyone for all their hard work.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION:

- .01 Performance Evaluation. (Gov't Code § 54957(b)). After the announcement of the closed session there was M/S Tinsley/Savage to adjourn to closed session at 6:50 PM.

The Board returned into Open Session at 7:12 PM.

18.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:

- .01 President Leary announced there was one item to report from closed session that the Board had accepted Fire Chief Sid Hultquist's resignation as of August 21, 2017. Mr. Leary went on to thank the Chief for his service particularly for all he did to assist with the success of Measure A.

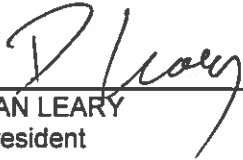
19.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM M/S/P Tinsley/Karen.

ATTEST:



ROSE MARIE GARRISON
Recording Secretary



DAN LEARY
President