

# APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 21, 2014

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Leary at 6:01 PM.
- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Earp.
- 3.0 ROLL CALL:  
Present: Director Jeffs, Director Earp, Vice President Hanson, President Leary  
Absent: Director Tinsley
- 4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:
  - .01 Presentation of Badges to PCFs Guapo, Johnson and Lafarga. Fire Chief Hultquist remarked that all three of these young men have lived up to his expectations during their first year at the Fire District. He also noted that along with becoming solid firefighters on the fire ground they work many District Public Education events, help out in the Shop, and are willing to pitch in wherever a need is identified. He then called each of the three PCFs forward and they were formally presented with their badges.
- 5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:
  - .01 James "Buddy" Peratt requested to speak regarding Closed Session Item 17.01 Conference regarding Labor Negotiations. Mr. Peratt reflected on the concessions made by the PFA over the past eight years in terms of pay and benefits. He pointed out that these concessions were made willingly due to the tough economic times. He asked the Board to take this into consideration while looking at the responsible and modest labor requests the PFA has brought before the Board.
- 6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Leary commented that the Board will take all items that Mr. Peratt mentioned into consideration. Mr. Leary went on to ask for patience during this time of negotiations adding that due to a novice Board the process is taking a little longer than expected. He concluded that the Board is trying to do the right thing both fiscally and for the employees and thanked the PFA for their patience.
- 7.0 CONSENT AGENDA:
  - .01 Personnel Report for September 2014
  - .02 Operations Report for September 2014
  - .03 Fire and Life Safety Report for September 2014
  - .04 Community CPR & First Aid Training Report for September 2014
  - .05 Fleet Services Manager Report September 2014
  - .06 Hazard Abatement Report for September 2014
  - .07 Fiscal Reports for September 2014
  - .08 EMS Report for September 2014

M/S Earp/Hanson to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board members present.

**8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

.01 Minutes of Regular Meeting September 16, 2014. M/S Earp/Jeffs to approve minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board members present.

**9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:** President Leary remarked there were six letters to look over in the correspondence in the Board binders including a letter from a lady who was "happy to pay her fire tax" because Apple Valley Fire had treated her so well.

**10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

.01 Information Only Items: None

.02 Discussion Items: None

**11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President Leary noted that even though there are no official Board committee reports the Budget Committee is diligently looking at the future of the Fire District. This includes the future special tax measure and current labor negotiations.

**12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS:** None.

**13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**14.0 ACTION ITEMS:**

.01 Resolution 14-010 Establishing the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Appropriations Limit for the Fire District. Finance Director Reynolds explained that each year the District is required to set an appropriations limited. This is commonly referred to as the Gann Spending Limit as voted into law in 1979. A discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the Resolution and the nature of the Gann Spending Limit followed the presentation including several questions from the Board regarding the particulars of the appropriation limit.

M/S Earp/Hanson to approve Resolution 14-010 Establishing the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Appropriations Limit for the Fire District. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the Board members present.

**15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:**

.01 Fire Chief Hultquist:

- a. Briefed the Board about the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) conference he attended;
- b. Noted that he highly recommends all Board Members make the time to attend the CSDA Conference next year as it was a great event with very helpful and educational information;
- c. Added that he is gathering some material from the conference to share with the Board.

**16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:**

.01 Director Jeffs:

- a. Congratulated PCFs Derek Guapo, Kyler Johnson and Manuel Lafarga on their badge pinning and completion of probation;
- b. Applauded Brian Pachman and Robert Simpson for their work with the PCF program;
- c. Thanked Finance Director Reynolds for his explanation of the Appropriations Limit.

- .02 Director Earp:
  - a. Congratulated PCFs on their badge presentations adding that they are part of a strong organization and their participation in events is greatly appreciated.
- .03 Vice President Hanson:
  - a. Echoed Board Member congratulations to the PCFs adding that the PCFs that have completed medic school have made a great accomplishment and he looks forward to seeing more of them as they move up through the ranks.
- .04 President Leary:
  - a. Congratulated PCFs adding he is hopeful for openings at the Fire District in the future to keep them employed and moving up.
  - b. Thanked Buddy for his comments.
  - c. Thanked Finance Director Reynolds for his explanation of the Appropriations Limit.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION:

- .01 Conference regarding Labor Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representative: Fire Chief Hultquist  
Employee Organization: Apple Valley Professional Firefighters Association Local 4742

Meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:42 p.m.

18.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: None

19.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. M/S/P Earp/Hanson.

ATTEST:

  
KIMBERLY LOPEZ  
Recording Secretary

  
DANIEL J. LEARY  
President