

# APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 16, 2021

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Kuhn 6:00 PM.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Hernandez

3.0 ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice President Conley, Director Hernandez, Director Hultquist, President Kuhn, Director Leary  
Absent: None

4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

a. Employee of the Quarter – First Quarter 2021. Chief Peratt announced that Inspector I Gerry Longnecker is the Employee of the Quarter – First Quarter 2021. He noted that Gerry has been a longtime employee and is a great asset to the Fire District. Following the presentation President Kuhn thanked Gerry for stepping up to the plate and doing such a great job.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA: President Kuhn asked for questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Director Hultquist noted that he had comments about both the Operations and Community Risk Reduction Reports. There was some discussion about the cancelled calls for the Month of January and Director Hultquist noted his desire to see a ramp up in the Public Education programs.

M/S Hultquist/Hernandez to accept Consent Agenda as presented.

Directors Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist, Kuhn and Leary voted aye by voice vote.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

.01 Minutes of Regular Meeting January 19, 2021. President Kuhn called for any questions about the minutes. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Conley/Leary to approve minutes of the January 19, 2021 regular board meeting.

Directors Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist, Kuhn and Leary voted aye by voice vote.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: None

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

.01 Information Only Items:

a. PFA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Negotiations. President Kuhn called upon Chief Peratt to expand on the information presented. Chief Peratt explained that the Board had asked Staff to keep them apprised of any MOU negotiations and this informational item was to let the Board know that there had been an exchange of information between the District and the PFA's legal counsel. There was no further discussion.

.02 Discussion Items:

- a. SRA Burning Restrictions. Chief Peratt briefed that he had spoken with the resident with SRA burning concerns after January's Board meeting. He gave the Board some information on how and why the District and the cooperator agencies work together to restrict or allow burning in the SRA portion of the Fire District. There was a brief discussion following Chief Peratt's report thanking him for his work and follow up. Several Board members noted their concern for the SRA area as well and that keeping all areas and residents safe was top priority.
- b. CSDA Board of Directors call for Nominations – Seat A. President Kuhn called on ASM Lopez to brief the Board the CSDA information report. ASM Lopez explained that CSDA was asking for nominations from the Fire District for Board members who may be interested in serving on the CSDA Board. After a short discussion between Board members, it was decided that no one would run at this time.

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Finance Committee. President Kuhn called on Director Leary and Director Hernandez to give an update on the Finance Committee. It was briefed that the committee had met with Finance Officer Shaker with no items to bring forward at this time for discussion. Additionally, the committee plans on discussing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in future meetings and will bring that information back to the Board.
- b. Fire Chief Recruitment Committee. President Kuhn gave a brief update on the recruitment status for Fire Chief. She noted that the District has received several applications and that the job posting closes at the end of March. She added that there will be an update given at the March board meeting.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None.

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- .01 Declaration of Surplus. President Kuhn called on Chief Peratt to brief the Board on this item. Chief Peratt noted that this was an out of service treadmill that had been replaced and with the Board's approval would go to auction for surplus.

M/S Hernandez/Leary to approve the sale, disposal or donation of the listed treadmill.  
Directors Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist, Kuhn and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

- .02 Resolution 21-004 a Resolution Adopting the Apple Valley Fire Protection District Strategic Plan for 2020 and Beyond. President Kuhn asked for the Board's opinion on the plan as it was presented noting that her recommendation would be to table the plan until it can be reworked and looked at by the new Fire Chief once hired. There was a lengthy discussion between Board members on such items in the plan as definable goals, the SWOT analysis, listed threats, call load information and vehicle listing. The Board agreed that the plan is very close to completion but still needs some "tweaking". The Board decided by consensus to table the Strategic Plan and ask the new Fire Chief to review and bring back a more complete plan to the Board.

No Action Taken.

- .03 Resolution 21-005 a Resolution Requesting the Local Agency Formation Commission to Initiate Proceedings for the Dissolution of the Regional Fire Protection Authority Joint Powers Authority.

President Kuhn called on Chief Peratt to discuss this Resolution in more detail. Chief Peratt gave a brief history of the JPA and explained that there are only two members left in the JPA, Apple Valley Fire and Victorville Fire, and that this process would dissolve the JPA. Discussion followed regarding Hesperia Fire's previous membership in the JPA. Additionally, the money aspect of dissolving the JPA was discussed noting that any monies left in the JPA would be split between Apple Valley Fire and Victorville Fire since Hesperia Fire had exited the JPA in 2004. The Board asked Staff to have the attorneys verify, in writing to the District, that there are only two entities involved in dissolving the JPA and that Hesperia Fire does not have any claim to the JPA funds once dissolved.

M/S Leary/Hultquist Approving Resolution 21-005 Requesting the Local Agency Formation Commission to Initiate Proceedings for the Dissolution of the Regional Fire Protection Authority Joint Powers Authority with the caveat that Staff contact and obtain in writing from the attorneys involved, the distinction that Hesperia Fire does not have claim to any monies involved and that the monies left in the JPA would be split between Victorville City and Apple Valley Fire Protection District  
Directors Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist, Kuhn and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

#### 15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

- .01 Interim Fire Chief Peratt:
  - a. Thanked Staff for all the work being completed in a short period of time.
  - b. Announced the delivery of the OES Brush Engine adding that employees would be trained on the new equipment and then it would be put in service.
  - c. Updated the Board on the ongoing process to hire Firefighter/Paramedics adding that Staff is working on hiring these individuals on a fast timeline in order to get them on the floor working as soon as possible.

#### 16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

- .01 Vice President Conley:
  - a. Congratulated Gerry on Employee of the Quarter.
  - b. Remarked that the new OES was a great addition to the District's fleet.
  - c. Noted that when he runs calls with the District he sees how hard the Firefighters are working adding keep up the good work.
- .02 Director Hernandez:
  - a. Thanked Captain Ho, Engineer Lyons and Firefighter Baeskens from Station 332 for sharing their day with her on her ride along with them adding the job is hard work and she was exhausted at the end of the day.
  - b. Remarked how great it is to see all the hard work going on at the District adding keep up the good work.
- .03 Director Hultquist:
  - a. Congratulated Gerry on a job well done.
- .04 Director Leary:
  - a. Congratulated Gerry on a well-deserved Employee of the Quarter Award adding that Gerry is a good influence in CRRD.
  - b. Congratulated the employees who are working in new positions complimenting them on stepping up and doing good work.
  - c. Thanked Chief Peratt for his hard work.

.05 President Kuhn:

- a. Congratulated Gerry on a job well done commending his wealth of knowledge and thanking him for his support in CRRD.
- b. Thanked Chief Peratt and the Battalion Chiefs for stepping up noting how great teamwork and morale has been.
- c. Thanked everyone for all their hard work.
- d. Remarkd how happy she is to see the District getting back to the "family" Fire Department.

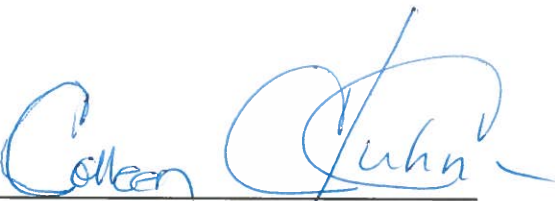
17.0 CLOSED SESSION: None

18.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: None

19.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

20.0 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM M/S/P Conley/Hultquist

ATTEST:

  
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COLLEEN KUHN  
Board President

  
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KIMBERLY LOPEZ  
Recording Secretary