

APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 16, 2021

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Kuhn 6:02 PM.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Leary

3.0 ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice President Conley, Director Hernandez, Director Hultquist, President Kuhn, Director Leary

Absent: None

4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

.01 Employee of the Quarter Fourth Quarter 2021. Fire Chief Harrison announced the Kim Lopez had been selected as Employee of the Quarter, Fourth Quarter and asked her to come forward to receive the award. He noted that she had received several nominations and added his own thanks to her for her help and support.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA: President Kuhn asked if everyone had a chance to review the reports presented and if anyone had questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Hultquist/Conley to accept Consent Agenda items 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 held on October 19, 2021. President Kuhn asked if everyone had a chance to go over the minutes presented and if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions.

M/S Conley/Hernandez to approve minutes of the October 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:

.01 President Kuhn mentioned that there were several items of correspondence in the packet to include thank you notes for the employees that were on the Strike Team at the Caldor fire near Lake Tahoe. President Kuhn added her thanks to the employees noting that they had represented Apple Valley Fire well and made a good impression on the citizens of Lake Tahoe.

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

.01 Information Only Items: None

.02 Discussion Items:

a. AMR Update. Fire Chief Harrison gave an update to the Board on what is happening with ambulance service not just in Apple Valley and the High Desert but also across the Nation. He noted that he has attended numerous meetings in the past few months and there are many Fire Chiefs in the area working with him to address the problems specifically in San Bernardino County.

He briefed on several calls that had delayed response times and gave some additional information about out of state medics brought in by AMR to fill vacancies. He covered other items in his briefing such as hospital delay, his presentation at the Apple Valley Town Council meeting and upcoming meetings to continue the discussion on possible solutions. He added that Chino Valley Fire had loaned the Fire District a well-equipped ambulance which at this point will not be used but was at zero cost to the District and that if it is not needed we can give it back to Chino Fire at any time. After the Fire Chief's presentation there was a discussion period between Board members and staff regarding the issues with ambulance service and delays in transport, getting Board approval before using the ambulance and the Board's commitment to assist in finding solutions to better serve the community of Apple Valley.

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Finance Committee. Director Hernandez briefed that the Finance Committee did not meet and they had nothing to report.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None.

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- .01 Declaration of Surplus. Fire Chief Harrison called on Fleet Services Manager Phillips to present the items on the declaration of surplus report. FSM Phillips discussed each item listed and why the item was up for surplus noting that if approved by the Board these items would be posted on the Government surplus action website.

M/S Hultquist/Conley to approve declaration of surplus items listed in the report.
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 Fire Chief Harrison:
 - a. Briefed the Board on items discussed at the recent CONFIRE board meeting including the need for a new building to house operations. The Chief noted that there are several options and CONFIRE has decided to hire a consultant to investigate each option and present the CONFIRE Board with good information and research on each. He noted that he will keep the Board apprised as to the progress of this item
 - b. Shared with the Board a lifesaving call Truck 336 had recently run
 - c. Called on Fire Marshal Pachman who gave a briefing on several recent fires
 - d. Noted that he and several District personnel had met with Town of Apple Valley personnel to work on the Emergency Operation Center plan
 - e. Spoke about several community events that had taken place in the past month and noted several that are coming in the near future
 - f. Commented on all the hiring, testing and promotions going on at the District
 - g. Emphasized the District looking forward to the future and looking for opportunities to learn, improve and become the best we can for the community we serve

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

- .01 Director Hernandez:
 - a. Thanked everyone for their hard work
- .02 Director Hultquist:
 - a. Congratulated Kim Lopez on a well-deserved employee of the quarter award
 - b. Thanked the crews for their great work on Strike Teams reflected in the thank you letters from the citizens affected
 - c. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas
- .02 Vice President Conley:
 - a. Noted that there is great work happening at the District and to "keep it up"
 - b. Congratulated Kim on the award received
- .03 Director Leary
 - a. Echoed Congratulations to Kim
 - b. Thanked everyone at the District for all they do
- .04 President Kuhn
 - a. Congratulated Kim on employee of the quarter award
 - b. Noted her encouragement on the direction the District is going
 - c. Thanked the Fire Chief for his leadership and direction
 - d. Remarked how great it is when she runs into people in the community who are impressed with Fire District employees
 - e. Added her appreciation to everyone and their hard work

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 7:05 PM M/S/P Conley/Hernandez

ATTEST:

Signed Original on File
KIMBERLY LOPEZ
Recording Secretary

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AARON CONLEY
Board Vice President