

APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 18, 2022

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Conley 6:04 PM.

2.0 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

.01 Invocation: District Chaplain Paul Gostanian

.02 Pledge of Allegiance: Director Hultquist

3.0 ROLL CALL:

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

After roll call was taken there was a motion made by Director Hernandez to nominate Director Leary as the Board President. It was agreed by Board consensus that Director Leary would assume the role of Board President.

President Leary noted that attorney Jim Priest was joining the meeting to address the public hearing item on the agenda. The Board agreed by consensus to move the presentation to this point in the meeting. Please see item 13.0 for the minutes of the public hearing.

Directly following the public hearing President Leary noted that the board would go to closed session. Please see item 17.0 for the minutes of closed session.

4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

.01 Longevity Awards. Fire Chief Harrison called Jeffrey Franco forward to receive his 5 year longevity pin, Kim Lopez forward to receive her 10 year longevity pin and Brian Pachman forward to receive his 20 year pin longevity pin.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:

.01 Public Comment was given by Mark Milson, Professional Firefighter Association President

6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Leary thanked Mark Milson for his comments

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA: President Leary asked if everyone had a chance to review the reports presented and if anyone had questions or comments. The Board thanked shop personnel for adding the year to date numbers on their report. There were no further comments or questions

M/S Conley/Hernandez to accept Consent Agenda items as presented.

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

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

.01 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 21, 2021. President Leary asked if everyone had a chance to go over the minutes presented and if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Conley/Hultquist to approve minutes of the December 21, 2021 regular board meeting.

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

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: None

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

.01 Information Only Items:

- a. Disposition of Surplus. President Leary asked if there were any questions about the surplus report presented. There were no questions or comments.

.02 Discussion Items: None

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Finance Committee. No report given.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None.

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- .01 Public Hearing #1 to Receive Public Comments on Transition to "By-Division" Election System under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA).

M/S Leary/Conley to open the public hearing at 6:04 PM

President Leary called upon Attorney Jim Priest from Best, Best and Krieger to brief the assembly on the public hearing. Mr. Priest gave a brief history of the Fire District's involvement in moving to by division elections along with the history and reasoning for by division elections in the State of California, mapping, and demographics. After his briefing President Leary asked the assembly if there were any questions or comments from Staff or Public attendees. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Leary/Hernandez to close public hearing at 6:24 PM

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

The board had a lengthy discussion about the action items being presented noting that most of them would be tabled so that further consideration and research could be made adding that the District is not in a big rush to spend the monies. There was some discussion between board members and staff regarding the rules of spending the money and any stipulations on time.

- .01 Declaration of Surplus Equipment. President Leary asked if there were any questions about the surplus equipment presented. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Conley/Hultquist to approve declaration of surplus items listed in the report.

Directors Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

- .02 Proposed Wage Schedule. This Action Item was tabled by consensus of the Board

- .03 Report on Opening of the FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program. Application Due February 4, 2022. There was discussion between Board and Staff regarding the short application window for this grant, grant options, employment terms and options presented.

M/S Hernandez/Hultquist to approve applying for the FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant with the option of applying for two entry level firefighter positions per shift (total of 6 positions).

Directors Conley, Hernandez and Hultquist voted aye by roll call vote, President Leary voted no by roll call vote.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 1 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

- .04 Approval to Purchase Type I Engine using COVID Relief Funding. President Leary noted that the finance committee had discussed the purchase of this engine and the need to do so before pricing increased on February 1, 2022. He asked Staff to answer a few questions about the purchase. Discussion followed between board and staff regarding the benefits of purchasing the apparatus now rather than later. Direction was given to staff to purchase the Engine and move 810,000 to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) fund in order to make this purchase. Finance Officer Shaker noted he would bring the appropriate budget adjustment to the February Board meeting.

M/S Hultquist/Conley to approve purchase of Type I Engine using COVID Relief Funding
Directors Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

- .05 Approval of COVID Pandemic Recognition Pay using COVID Relief Funding. This Action Item was tabled by consensus of the Board
- .06 Approval of Additional Staff of One Full-Time Mechanic to Fleet Services. This Action Item was tabled by consensus of the Board
- .07 Purchase of Additional Set of ALS Equipment Using COVID Relief Funding. This Action Item was tabled by consensus of the Board
- .08 Recruitment Video Outsourcing. This Action Item was tabled by consensus of the Board
- .09 Approval of Resolution 22-001 To Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget by \$1,111,446 for a Total Budget of \$15,682,181. Staff was directed to bring this item back to the board at the February Board meeting with adjustments made for accepting the grant monies and moving the expenditure for the Engine purchase to the CIP fund.

15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

- .01 Fire Chief Harrison:
- a. Briefed the Board on several fatality calls that had occurred
 - b. Noted the District's participation in two fire service member funerals and called for a moment of silence for these two individuals
A moment of silence was observed before the meeting continued
 - c. Called on Fire Marshal Pachman to brief the board on several fires that had occurred in the month. Fire Marshal Pachman spoke about several structure fires
 - d. Remarked that the ambulance issues continue in Apple Valley and surrounding areas and gave the board information on ongoing meetings and solution ideas
 - e. Announced that the award recipients from one of the commendations that had been presented at the December Board meeting would also be recognized at the Town of Apple Valley City Council meeting
 - f. Commended Corey Fratt and the Apple Valley Fire Explorers on the great success of their fund-raising event

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

- .01 Director Hultquist:
 - a. Congratulated Jeff, Kim and Brian on their longevity awards
 - b. Thanked District personnel for their support for Barstow Fire during the loss of one of their own adding that it is very important to take care of families and take time with loved ones.

- .02 Director Hernandez:
 - a. Echoed Director Hultquist's thanks for the District's support of Barstow Fire
 - b. Congratulated Finance Officer Shaker and staff on the award of the COVID relief grant
 - c. Noted her hope to see communication between District personnel regarding the tabled action items

- .03 Vice President Conley:
 - a. Congratulated the longevity award recipients
 - b. Thanked staff for all their good work

- .04 Director Leary
 - a. Congratulated FO Shaker on the award of the grant
 - b. Thanked PFA President Mark Milson for his comments

17.0 CLOSED SESSION:

- .01 Public Employee Performance Evaluation for Fire Chief (Government Code §54957(b)). Announcing the closed session item to the assembly President Leary called for a motion to go to closed session.

M/S/P Leary/Hultquist to adjourn to closed session at 6:26 PM.

The Board returned into Open Session at 6:38 PM.

18.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: None

19.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The Board directed Staff to post the board seat vacancy for the required 15-day period and add the appointment to board reports at the February meeting.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM M/S/P Conley/Hernandez

ATTEST:

Original Signature on File
KIMBERLY LOPEZ
Recording Secretary

Original Signature on File
DANIEL J. LEARY
Board President