

APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 15, 2022

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Leary 6:04 PM.

2.0 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

.01 Invocation: Chaplain Joel Brantner

.02 Pledge of Allegiance: Director Hultquist

3.0 ROLL CALL:

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

Late Arrival: Director Hernandez joined the meeting at 6:28 PM

4.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

.01 Public Hearing #3 to Receive Public Comments on Transition to “By-Division” Electoral System Under the California Voting Rights Act and Regarding the Content of Draft Electoral Division Map.

M/S Conley/Hultquist to open the public hearing at 6:08 PM

President Leary called upon Attorney Jim Priest from Best, Best and Krieger to brief the assembly on the public hearing. After a short briefing there was discussion between the board and Jim Priest regarding a demand for districting, the maps presented, demographic information and how the elections will take place with the different maps. The Board through discussion noted that Map Option 1 is the map they are choosing for Districting for Apple Valley Fire. President Leary asked if there were any public comments from the assembly on this item. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Hultquist/Conley to close public hearing at 6:16 PM

ACTION ITEM

Approval to Adopt Resolution 22-004 Establishing By-Division Elections for the Board of Directors, Defining Division Boundaries and Scheduling Elections Within the Divisions.

M/S Conley/Salas to Approve Resolution 22-004 Establishing By-Division Elections for the Board of Directors, Defining Division Boundaries and Scheduling Elections Within the Divisions.

Directors Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist, Leary and Salas voted aye by roll call vote. Director Hernandez was not present for this vote

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

5.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

.01 Introduction of new hire Firefighters. Fire Chief Harrison gave a brief introduction of three newly hired Firefighters – Alec Bolduc, Brandon Knapp and Tyler McDaniel noting they would have their badges pinned at the April Board meeting.

6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

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

Directors Conley, Hultquist, Leary and Salas voted aye by voice vote. Director Hernandez was not present for this vote

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

9.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- .01 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on February 1, 2022. 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 February 1, 2022 special board meeting.

Directors Conley, Hultquist, Leary and Salas voted aye by voice vote. Director Hernandez was not present for this vote

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

- .01 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 15, 2022. 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 February 15, 2022 regular board meeting.

Directors Conley, Hultquist, Leary and Salas voted aye by voice vote. Director Hernandez was not present for this vote

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

- .01 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on February 17, 2022. 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 February 17, 2022 special board meeting.

Directors Conley, Hultquist, Leary and Salas voted aye by voice vote. Director Hernandez was not present for this vote

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

- 10.0 CORRESPONDENCE: President Leary noted the thank you letters in the packet adding that the work being done is both appreciated and noticed.

11.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

- .01 Information Only Items: None

.02 Discussion Items:

a. Blaze the Therapy Dog – Chief Harrison introduced Blaze and gave a short background on therapy dogs in the fire service, training, events and health and wellness benefits. He remarked how much Blaze is fitting in.

b. Joint Apprenticeship Committee – Battalion Chief Mejia briefed the Board on the Joint Apprenticeship committee (JAC) including financial incentives and training goals.

c. Standards of Cover Report Status – Chief Harrison briefed on three efforts taking place for this project; San Bernardino County, SB County Chief's Association and Local Standards of cover. He also briefed on the funding for each of the reports.

d. AT336 Pilot Program – Chief Harrison noted that the program is up and running. He gave an overview of how the vehicle will be utilized and the mechanism for approval of use by the crews.

- e. Engineer/Paramedic David Martinez gave a briefing on the Leukemia Lymphoma Society Firefighter Stairclimb Event, money raised and details on the event attended in Seattle.

12.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- .01 Finance Committee. President Leary reported that the Finance Committee had met on the upcoming budget adding that the budget is in early stages and there is nothing to report at this time.

13.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None.

14.0 ACTION ITEMS: Action Item presented at Public Hearing

16.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

- .01 Fire Chief Harrison:
 - a. Thanked multiple staff members for all their hard work including Engineer Martinez, Fire Marshal Pachman, ASM Lopez, Finance Officer Shaker, Captain Salgado, Engineer Fratt, FSM Phillips noting their work throughout the District.

17.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

- .01 Director Hultquist:
 - a. Welcomed new Firefighters
 - b. Congratulated everyone who participated in the Stairclimb event
 - c. Thanked staff for all the hard work
- .02 Vice President Conley:
 - a. Thanked everyone for their hard work
- .03 Director Salas:
 - a. Noted how happy she is to help out in the appointed Board seat
- .04 Director Leary
 - a. Welcomed Director Salas to the Board

18.0 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 Conley/Hernandez to adjourn to closed session at 6:51 PM.

The Board returned into Open Session at 7:17 PM.

19.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: President Leary noted that the Board had given Fire Chief Harrison direction on negotiations dealing with COVID funds adding that the Fire Chief would be discussing the funds with Staff.

20.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

21.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM M/S/P Conley/Salas

ATTEST:

Original Signature on File
KIMBERLY LOPEZ
Recording Secretary

Original Signature on File
DANIEL J. LEARY
Board President