

# APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 21, 2022

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

2.0 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

.01 Invocation: Chaplain Paul Gostanian

.02 Pledge of Allegiance: Director Hernandez

3.0 ROLL CALL:

Present: Director Hernandez, President Leary Director Salas

Absent: Vice President Conley, Director Hultquist

4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:

.01 Public Comment was given by Chet Hitt. He briefed the Board on a \$1,000 citation he had received. He discussed fees, fee studies and his desire to have some "straight answers" in reference to his business inspections and fees charged. He said he has spoken with other Apple Valley business owners also unhappy with the bureaucracy of the Fire District when opening a business. He requested the opportunity to get more involved with certain areas of the District's budget. Additionally, he asked the Board to clarify if he needed to pay the citation received or not.

6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

.01 The Board thanked Mr. Hitt for his comments. President Leary asked Chief Peratt to bring a discussion item to the next board meeting responding to Mr. Hitt's requests.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA: President Leary asked if everyone had a chance to review the reports presented and if anyone had questions or comments. There was a short discussion about the limit on revenues, insurance and rents received.

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

Directors Hernandez, Leary and Salas voted aye by voice vote.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

.01 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 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 Hernandez/Salas to approve minutes of the May 17, 2022 regular board meeting.

Directors Hernandez, Leary and Salas voted aye by voice vote.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: None

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

.01 Information Only Items:

a. Disposition of Surplus Equipment. There was a brief discussion between Board and Staff regarding the GTAX computer values.

.02 Discussion Items:

- a. CSDA Voting. There was a brief discussion between board members noting the local candidate from Phelan. The Board decided by consensus to vote for Don Bartz and directed Staff to cast the appropriate vote with CSDA.

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- .01 Finance Committee. President Leary briefed that the finance committee met and discussed the preliminary budget. He commended everyone for their hard work on a tough job with changeover in finance and leadership and the ability to make adjustments and good suggestions. He specifically thanked Chief Peratt, Amber and Amanda.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None.

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- .01 Resolution 22-012 Fiscal Year 22/23 Appropriations Limit. A Resolution establishing the Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriations limit for the District. President Leary noted this is a Resolution done annually to set the GAN limit for the Fire District.

M/S Salas/Hernandez to Approve Resolution 22-012 Fiscal Year 22-23 Appropriations Limit  
Directors Hernandez, Leary and Salas voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

- .02 FY 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget. President Leary called on Interim Fire Chief Peratt who in turn asked Accounting Technician Exley to brief the Board on the budget. Ms. Exley gave a presentation which included adjustments, revenues, expenses, comparisons of past years, budget challenges and explained some of the expenditures. The presentation was followed by some questions and answers between Board and Staff.

M/S Salas/Hernandez to Approve FY 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget  
Directors Hernandez, Leary and Salas voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

- .03 Wage Schedule FY 2022/2023. President Leary asked Interim Fire Chief Peratt to comment. Interim Fire Chief Peratt noted that this wage schedule aligns with what was negotiated in the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

M/S Hernandez/Salas to Approve Wage Schedule FY 2022/2023  
Directors Hernandez, Leary and Salas voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

- .04 Resolution 22-011 Instructing the County Auditor/Controller to Levy Fire Hazard Abatement Fees on Certain Properties. President Leary noted that this Resolution is something we approve every year in order to place delinquent weed abatement fees on tax roll. There was some discussion between the Board and Staff regarding notices that had been sent out and tracking of those notices and payments.

M/S Salas/Hernandez to Approve Resolution 22-011 Instructing the County Auditor/Controller to Levy Fire Hazard Abatement Fees on Certain Properties  
Directors Hernandez, Leary and Salas voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

- .05 Resolution 22-013, To Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget by \$400,000 for a Total Budget of \$15,280,496 and to approve apportionment of \$400,000 to the general fund. President Leary read the agenda item and briefed that the \$400,000 would be moving from OPEB to the general fund. He called on Interim Fire Chief Peratt who spoke about the OPEB account which is funded at 97%, the money being used for one time expenditures such as fire hose, PPE and items that will free up funds in for next year budgeting. It was noted that at the next Finance Committee meeting they would discuss CIP and OPEB.

M/S Leary/Salas to Approve Resolution 22-013, To Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget by \$400,000 for a Total Budget of \$15,280,496 and to approve apportionment of \$400,000 to the general fund

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

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

.01 Interim Fire Chief Peratt:

- Thanked the board for supporting him noting he was humbled and honored to represent the District
- Thanked Staff for the hard work put in on the budget adding specific thanks to Accounting Technician Exley and Scott from Eide Bailly
- Noted good communication and conversations he had already had with the Professional Firefighters Association (PFA) thanking Captain Mark Milson and Captain Robert Simpson for the open dialogue and willingness to work together to better the organization
- Remarkd that he his looking forward to working with Staff to meet goals

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

.01 Director Hernandez:

- a. Thanked Finance team for answering budget questions and for the hard work on the budget

.02 Director Salas:

- a. Added her thanks to Staff for their hard work on the budget and for answering questions so quickly

.03 President Leary

- a. Thanked Chet Hitt for his public comment
- b. Noted his appreciation to the other Board members for what they did at the May Board meeting that he missed adding his regret that they were treated badly
- c. Thanked Staff for putting together such a great budget with clear explanations noting the great effort this took and that all the hard work is very appreciated

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 6:35 PM M/S/P Salas/Hernandez

ATTEST:

Original Signature on File  
KIMBERLY LOPEZ  
Recording Secretary

Original Signature on File  
DANIEL J LEARY  
Board President