



NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Paul Bernier at 7:00 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Directors Rob Stewart, Fred Peterson, and Paul Bernier were present; Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville and Administrative Manager Anneke Turbeville were also present.
- d. Approval of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to approve the agenda, with the order shifted to Public Discussion, Old Business, New Business, Minutes, Financial Report, Consent Calendar, Chief's Report, Good of the Order and Adjournment. All ayes.**

2. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Wes Brubacher announced that he has created 112 sets of address signs and received 15.7" of rainfall at his house. Brubacher wondered if the GVFA has considered changing its name to reflect the District's name change. Fred Peterson explained that the GVFA has voted to move forward with a name change but hasn't started the process yet.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- Fire Station Updates and Discussion: The GVFA agreed to fund preliminary station designs. Rob Stewart needs a legal description from Ruiz to provide to LCW for the easement. The Knights Valley special meeting will be held Sunday, January 23 at 10:00 am.
- Consolidation and Annexation: Paul Bernier thinks the lawyers are getting closer to an agreement.
- Discussion of special tax zone billing: Larry Heiges reached out to Jen Mendoza and the county, requesting that the county send out the special tax bill, but the county states that California law does not allow for tax bill corrections. Heiges recommends the District send the bill to collect the tax this year. Chief Turbeville will head up the tax bill project.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- Environmental review partnership with Sonoma Land Trust: Chief Turbeville explained that Sonoma Land Trust has properties in our district they wish to treat for fuel reduction. Since a non-profit cannot be the lead agency in an environmental review, they wish to partner with us to be the lead agency.

5. **MINUTES:** A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Peterson) to approve the November 18, 2021 regular meeting minutes. All ayes.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Fred Peterson reviewed the financials.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to pay the bills, including a bill from Jarvis Faye and Gibson that was not part of the agenda packet. All ayes.

8. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Turbeville presented his monthly report.
- Status of current grants and the fuels crew; he hopes to hire someone to oversee the fuels crew and inspections when funding is available.
 - He is working on downsizing the fleet to suit our needs.
 - The District is at 666 calls right now.
 - On Saturday we will place 100 wreaths on the graves of veterans at Olive Hill Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America project.
 - AmeriCorps is coming on January 11. Their work here will help prepare them for their next assignment fighting fires in Idaho.
 - We will be applying for the Ag & Open Space grant.
9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Paul Bernier announced that Tatsuo Okaya resigned from the Board. Letters of interest for the position of director will be due January 10th and the appointment will be made at the January 20, 2022 regular board meeting. Paul Bernier and Rob Stewart will be on the ad hoc committee to review interested candidates.
10. **GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Paul Bernier and Chris Munsell are going to Phoenix to bring home the water tender. The blood drive is January 21st. The newsletter is at the printer. The GVFA is paying for the AmeriCorps lodging (approximately \$17,000). The JPA committee held its monthly meeting and the JPA employees will be receiving a 5% raise this year and a 2.5% raise next year. JPA meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm via Zoom.
11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Pete Stone is in the hospital. Chief Auggie has a brain tumor. Mark Grandy's memorial is January 5, 2022.
13. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Peterson) to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Fred Peterson/Scott Newman

Clerk of the Board: Juanita Turbeville Date: 1/20/2022

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