



NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 18, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

This meeting was held via teleconference, pursuant to the Governor of California's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020.

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, Scott Newman, Tatsuo Okaya and Paul Bernier; Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville and Administrative Manager Anneke Turbeville
- d. Approval of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

2. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** There was no public discussion.

3. **GUEST SPEAKER:** PRMD Planner Gary Helfrich was not present.

4. **MINUTES:** Rob Stewart pointed out that "LAFCO" needs to be added before "meeting" under Item A of Old Business. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Okaya) to approve the February 18, 2021 regular meeting minutes with that change. All ayes.** Anneke Turbeville announced that the March 11 Special Meeting Minutes would be available for approval at the next meeting.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Fred Peterson reviewed the financial report. The large deposit was mostly strike team reimbursements.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Review and approval of February warrants to be paid: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to pay the bills. All ayes.**

7. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Marshall Turbeville presented his chief's report with a visual presentation. He reviewed the current status of apparatus, personnel, emergency response, current and future projects, and the fuel crew. Paul Bernier commended Chief Turbeville on his wildfire mitigation award. Bernier would like the Board to write a letter in support of Bell's Ambulance. Marshall Turbeville outlined the possibility of having the (future) Chalk Hill Fire Station act as an outpost and building a workstation in Knights Valley. This discussion led into Old Business Item e; landowner Isaac Ruiz was present to voice his support of a fire station on his property at the intersection of Chalk Hill Road and Highway 128. The Board would like to see a capital campaign to raise money for that station. Rob Stewart will lead the committee to explore the new fire station, and Fred Peterson said he will look into what it would take to abandon the road on the back of the property.

8. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report.

9. **GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REPORT:** No report.

10. GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT: Fred Peterson announced that most of the donation money from the annual mail campaign has been collected. The Association has committed \$100,000 to outfit a wildland fire crew. Marshall Turbeville announced that the Wine Country to the Rescue event will be held on the third Saturday in July.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: Paul Bernier received a registered letter from the Knights Valley Fire Board. The District Board has stated its position that the District does not want a lease, and the Knights Valley Fire Board members replied that they will not transfer the title.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Consolidation and Annexation: The LAFCO meeting was on March 3rd. Marshall Turbeville and Walter Kieser made excellent presentations and the SOI was approved. The County has plans to resurrect Measure G for the June 2022 election. Fred Peterson noted that the County needs to share power with the fire districts when preparing the measure to win the support of the fire districts. Eight million dollars of the PG&E settlement are set aside to fund projects that are ready to go. Walter Kieser said we should have numbers before asking for the tax money when annexing areas.
- b. Alexander Valley Fire Station: The Board allocated a portion of the vegetation management funds to an architect to analyze station and design upgrades; contract has been signed with the architect.
- c. Knights Valley Update: The Board agreed that the Knights Valley Fire Board should list its reasons why retaining the title will be best for the community and let the community decide, accepting a lease if the Valley decides so. The Board will draft a response to the KV Board asking for a letter explaining why a lease is important to that Board and good for Knights Valley.
- d. Strategic Planning meeting: The Board decided to hold quarterly strategic planning meetings.
- e. Chalk Hill Property Update: This was covered under the Chief's Report.
- f. Fee Schedule: Anneke Turbeville reported that Cloverdale Fire is happy with its fee schedule. Chief Turbeville suggested using a consultant to prepare an updated fee schedule.
- g. Firefighter Funding: Supervisor Gore said he would take care of the funding, but the District should confirm that we are part of the effort with Cloverdale Fire and North Bay Fire. Chief Turbeville will work on a letter and Fred Peterson will speak with Bob Taylor.
- h. MAC Funding: This can be removed from the agenda.
- i. District recognition of volunteers: Fred Peterson would like to recognize community volunteers, such as Wes Brubacher, Bryce Turbeville, and Erik and Kelly Dicke, for their efforts.

13. NEW BUSINESS: There was no business, but Scott Newman would like to add "Communications" as a regular agenda item.

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Walter Kieser announced that the MAC money is coming for the architect fees.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Newman) to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Stewart/Okaya

Clerk of the Board: Shirley Turbeville Date: 4/15/2021

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