



# NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING FEBRUARY 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, Administrative Manager Anneke Turbeville and District Treasurer Michael Pigoni.
- d. Approval of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

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

### 3. SPECIAL TAX PUBLIC HEARING: Bill Ross announced the second reading of the ordinance. **A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Peterson) to approve Ordinance 202/21-0127-02. Roll call vote: Peterson- aye; Okaya- aye; Newman- aye; Stewart- aye; Bernier- aye. Motion passed.** Bill Ross will make sure the execution of the ordinance is consistent with county proceedings. Walter Kieser reviewed the PowerPoint presentation describing the fire zone and special tax.

### 4. MINUTES: The date needs to be changed from 2020 to 2021. **A motion was made and seconded (Okaya/Stewart) to approve the January 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes and January 27, 2021 special meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Peterson- aye; Okaya- aye; Stewart- aye; Newman- aye; Bernier- aye. Motion passed.**

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORT: Fred Peterson reviewed the financial report.

### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Review and approval of January warrants to be paid: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Okaya) to pay the bills. All ayes.**
- b. Mid-year budget adjustments: Michael Pigoni reviewed the proposed changes to the budget. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to adopt the revised budget. All ayes.**

### 7. CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Marshall Turbeville reported that vehicles are going through annual servicing. We acquired a vehicle from Cloverdale Fire, with the possibility of another in the future. Turbeville reviewed the location and current projects of the Fuels Crew.

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

### 9. GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REPORT: They are waiting for numbers from Cloverdale Fire.

**10. GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Fred Peterson announced that the GVFA continues to fund fuels crew work. The Chief prepares bills to pay the District, which shows how funds were donated. Next Tuesday a press release will go out for the Wildfire Mitigation Award. Chief Turbeville asked the GVFA to fund a 2- to 3-minute video for the award. The GVFA took delivery of a side by side for fuels with a trailer in order.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board addressed a meeting request from the Knights Valley Volunteer Fire Department Board. Newman, Chief Turbeville and Peterson are on the ad hoc committee for this topic. Newman noted that since the Knights Valley Volunteer Fire Department Board is no longer involved in fire services the land could be taken away. Another concern is that its Board has no community or firefighter input. The District is willing to put terms on the lease for community use of the building and conditions to turn over the title if the District no longer serves the Knights Valley area.

**12. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Consolidation and Annexation: Fred Peterson said we are on the agenda for March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- b. Alexander Valley Fire Station: Walter Kieser wrote a letter requesting funding for engineering review, but the county has not acted on this funding request. Rob Stewart will try to find the plans for Station 2.
- c. Social Media Policy: This can be removed from the agenda since we will be using the Lexipol policy.
- d. Knights Valley Update: The 3 engines assigned to the Knights Valley fire station are still at resident firefighter homes. The Knights Valley CWPP is in progress.
- e. Strategic Planning meeting: The strategic planning meeting will be held on March 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM.
- f. Chalk Hill Property Update: Rob Stewart reported that the owner is rebuilding but may be willing to let us have a small firehouse on the property. Rob Stewart will visit the site and take some measurements to see if it is feasible to have a station there.
- g. Wildland Firefighting Positions SOP: **A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Peterson) to approve the Wildland Firefighting Positions SOP. All ayes.**

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Fee Schedule: The Board discussed updating the fee numbers and adding what we need. Anneke Turbeville will find out if Cloverdale Fire has updated their fee schedule.
- b. Firefighting Funding: Scott Newman said Supervisor Gore supports the \$275,000, but the Board should make the request in writing. This will be done with the Cloverdale ad hoc committee and then go before the Board.
- c. Reallocation of MAC funding: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to allow the temporary movement of MAC funds. All ayes.**
- d. District Recognition of Volunteers: This will be discussed later.

**14. GOOD OF THE ORDER:** None.

**15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Newman) to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM. All ayes.

Minutes approved as <sup>amended</sup> ~~written~~ Motion/Second: Fred Peterson / Tatsuo Okaya

Clerk of the Board: Annex Sullivan

Date: 3/18/2021

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