

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

May 15, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Guice, Del Testa, Arabian, Chavez, Julian, Richter
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
CAL FIRE: Johnson, Chrisman, Bump, Wittwer, Bowman, Christopherson, Hermosillo
LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross
GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were seven (7) members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and Director Del Testa opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None.

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 9.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of station projects. The roof project for Station 95 and exterior paint has been completed. Depending on weather, we may be able to start prep work for landscape. Since we are at the end of fiscal year, we are not adding additional projects. We are about two-thirds away done with shop inventory and office space expansion project at the shop.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. New Engine 84 is currently in the shop to finish mounting tools. It will take a week to 10 days before it will be in service. The new ladder truck will go into shop after that. Still working on annual maintenance for the rest of the fleet. We did some work for Bald Mountain Fire Protection District, Auberry Fire Department and Selma City Fire. The stake-side Hooklift conversion has been completed.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Excess District Vehicle

DC Bump advised that the cab and chassis from the stake-side is now considered surplus. BC Bump is asking for approval to surplus the stake-side cab and chassis and consign it with one of our auction companies. We might be able to get into the Sacramento auction in June, with Ritchie Brothers. If not will go to Central Valley in Hanford. Looking for approval for the 1993 International cab and chassis, VIN and mileage are included in staff report.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR GUICE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE SURPLUS AND CONSIGNMENT OF THE 93 INTERNATIONAL CAB AND CHASSI.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA)

BC Bowman presented the annual VFA grant. Typically, we use the grant each year to purchase PPE. It is for \$40,000 (forty thousand) with a 50% match. This year we will be able to afford 14 sets of PPE. BC Bowman is looking for approval to move forward with VFA grant.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT TO USE TOWARD PURCHASE OF STRUCTURAL GEAR.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Restrooms for the Mid-Valley Regional Training Center

BC Bowman presented the board with a proposal for new restrooms at the Training Center. The Training Center has been progressing forward in the business platform. Students have taken classes and now are returning to our facility and our numbers continue to grow. Currently, the only hindrance to the facility is the restrooms. The current restroom is less than 1,000 square feet and the stalls do not facilitate a larger stature individual and some cannot close the stall doors. BC Bowman provided an example of a couple of concepts. Option one is for a modular restroom trailer, they are professional looking, easy to service and just fine for what we are looking for. Option two, is more expensive and is a prefab building, looks like what you would see at a National Park or sports complex. It is very sanitized and very commercial and industrial looking. BC Bowman provided pictures and diagrams of both options for review by the Board and has had discussion with the vendor for the modular option. President Del Puppo asked BC Bowman if they were going to move handicap ramps from the current restroom. BC Bowman advised one of the ideas is to take and move the current landing and ADA ramps to the new modular and they would primarily be the student restrooms. They would buy a platform with stairs for the current restrooms and this would be the instructor's restrooms. Director Guice asked where the new restroom would be located? BC Bowman advised it would go on a concrete slab where there is currently a storage container. There is already a 1,500-gallon septic tank there and they only need to extend a water line to the new location.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MODULAR RESTROOM TRAILER AT THE MID VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 15 – Schedule A Contract Renewal

DC Chrisman presented the Schedule A Contract renewal with CAL FIRE for the District; the contract is renewed every three years. DC Chrisman provided a packet with details for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 through Fiscal Year 2021/2022 contract. The total is little over \$72 million for 3 years. We pay on actual costs and do an annual refresher detailed sheet to capture significant changes in personnel. Included in the Board packet there is a resolution that goes to CAL FIRE that says the Board wants to continue with the contract and the second part of packet is the actual agreement. The admin fee changes every year and we are not locked into a 3-year admin fee.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE ACCEPTING RESOLUTION 2019-04 RENEWING SHEDULE A CONTRACT WITH CALFIRE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022.

AYES 6 Del Puppo, Guice, Del Testa, Chavez, Julian, Richter, Arabian
NOES 0
ABSENT 0

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 16 – FAIRA Board Nomination Ballot

Chief Johnson presented the FAIRA Board nomination ballot. Every four years the ballot is brought before the Board, and Fresno County Fire Protection District was one of the founding districts of the FAIRA and have maintained a seat on the board. This year there are seven openings and seven fire districts are running. This is authorizing the Board President to cast vote on behalf of the District to vote for the seven people listed on ballot.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO TO VOTE FOR THE FAIRA BOARD NOMINATION BALLOT ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DISTRICT.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 17 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

President Del Puppo welcomed DeShaunda Hermosillo aboard as the new Board Clerk.

Agenda Item 18 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Johnson wanted to recognize BC Chris Christopherson for his job well done in the Protection and Planning Bureau for the past 2 ½ years. He will be going to Lassen/Modoc Unit in the same position there.
2. BC Christopherson thanked the board for the opportunity to work in the law enforcement and prevention and planning department. In the past, he has worked as a PIO and a FC and was here when the first Ladder 87 was put in service and now seeing the new Ladder 87. The last thing is they have one more interview for the Life Safety Inspector that will be completed this coming week.
3. DC Chrisman announced that Maribel has a new position at Region Office for CAL FIRE, and DeShaunda will be the new Board Clerk. DeShaunda has had some training and will be attending additional training as well.

4. DC Bump advised that they are actively working on budget for next year and are planning on meeting soon with the budget committee.
5. BC Bowman advised the Board about the active shooter training that is being done with the Sheriff's Department for the last 2 ½ weeks. They have gone through 12 days of the 23 days of 8-hour training days. There will be close to 600 law enforcement that will go through hands on drills. Drills include movement and command control. The cooperation with the Sheriff's Department has been awesome. Chief Johnson advised Sheriff Mimms and media will be at the Training Center on the 30th for a press release and he will advise the Board of times when they become available.
6. BC Wittwer advised that just working on training all the new hires that have come to each battalion. Trying to get everyone trained and fill the empty seats.
7. Chief Johnson advised on Wednesday and Thursday next week the unit will be hosting the Region Unit Chiefs in the South and the Director at a meeting held in Clovis.

Agenda Item 19.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 matters)

Written Report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

Agenda Item 19.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (2 matters)

Written Report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

Agenda Item 19.C. – Real Property Negotiations Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (d) (2): (1 matter). Negotiator: Fire Chief, Property Location: APN: 300-021-27S & 300-340-13S.

Written Report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

Agenda Item 20. – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

No reportable actions to report.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on June 19, 2019.