

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

July 19, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center

9594 E. American Ave.

Del Rey, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arabian, Richter, Chavez, Bulla, and Mendes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Furrer

STAFF: Hail, Wittwer, Chrisman, and Castaneda

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross

GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

Vice President Arabian requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were five (5) members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Arabian called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and Vice President Arabian opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-11)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2-11.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Resolution No. 2023-04 OED Portal to Portal Agreement

The District is doing an annual renewal and would like to add service assistant position to the resolution for them to receive reimbursement if they go to a fire in unit.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04 OED PORTAL TO PORTAL AGREEMENT.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – Resolution No. 2023-05 Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 CDBG Grant

The application is open, and it will be used to update the Water Tenders. This grant must go through a public hearing first. Legal counsel will help with this.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05 PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024-2025 CDBG GRANT.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Resolution No. 2023-06 Establishing District Board Member Compensation in the form of Group Health Insurance Benefits

UPON MOTION BY, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06 ESTABLISHING BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION IN THE FORM OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 15 – Resolution 2023-07 SJVAPCD Grant Application for a Type 1 Engine Replacement.

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT FURRER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07 SJVAPCD GRANT APPLICATION FOR A TYPE 1 ENGINE REPLACEMENT.

Agenda Item 16 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 17 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Hail gave an update on the fires that have happened within the district. He stated Riverdale has had several fires.
2. Chief Hail stated 71 is progressing. Sheet rock and tiling is done, and they are looking to finish everything in September.
3. DC Wittwer gave an update on Generators. He stated Station 87 will be the next to receive their generator. Station 71 will have conduit and gas lines ran next month. He stated that the other stations that need generators require some of our guys to concrete work before they install the generator.
4. DC Wittwer stated they are completing year end projects. They have started on the AC project and have done 3 of them. Station 90's AC will be the next to be replaced.
5. DC Wittwer gave an update on asphalt projects for the district. Station 94 and Station 87 are the next to get done. DC Wittwer stated we are still waiting on asphalt bids.
6. AO Chrisman explained the bank charges that President Furrer had when we presented the annual budget to the board members. AO Chrisman went through 3 to 4 years of credit card charges to compare. Those credit card charges are from firefighters paying for their class when the Training Center would hold fire academies and classes to people outside the unit. There has been a reduction of charges. Last year is \$7,000 and, in prior years it was \$13,000 to \$17,000.
7. DC Wittwer stated that we received a good amount of money back from Fresno City College from the training hours we have spent on training our own personnel. He stated we have had a better outcome with training our own personnel.

Agenda Item 18 – Legal Counsel Reports

None

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0) IN FAVOR, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:04PM.

Agenda Item 19– Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel

- A. Consideration of Personnel Matter pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

With respect to Closed Session Agenda Item No. 19.A., there was no reportable action consistent with the provisions of Government Code Section 54957(b).

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0) IN FAVOR, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00PM.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR MENDES AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0) IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on August 16,2023.