

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
August 16, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center
9594 E. American Ave.
Del Rey, California

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arabian

STAFF: Michaels, Chrisman, Ross, Castaneda, Markle, Alonzo, Hail, Plata,
Espinoza, Van Bloem, and McKieaman Via Teams
Urias, Wittwer, Cebollero

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Kryptos Hostetter

GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Furrer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Director Richter 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 CHAVEZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES
CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS NUMBERS 2-9.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda 10 – Resolution No. 2023-08 Mandated Fire Inspection Compliance

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, SECOND BY DIRECT BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO 2023-08 MANDATED FIRE INSPECTION COMPLIANCE

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 11 – Resolution 2023-09 VFC Grant Agreement

UPON MOTION BY DIRECT RICTHER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE THE VFC GRANT AGREEMENT

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Emergency Fire Dispatcher I/II/III Positions

AC Michaels explained to the board members the Emergency Fire Dispatcher I/II/III Positions. He stated that these positions would be Schedule C employees and they could potential move over to a state employee. He explained they plan on doing a thorough interview process to make sure they get the right person for this position.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECT RICTHER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE EMERGECCNY FIRE DISPATCHER I/II/III POSITIONS

Emergency Communication Operator Nicole Espinoza discussed her concerns with the proposed positions. She explained how being an Emergency Communication Operator can be difficult and the position takes a certain individual to do the job. She explained the complexity of being a dispatcher for the Fresno Kings Unit. She stated that it is important that they get the correct candidate for these positions.

Agenda Item 13 – Surplus/Excess Equipment – Double Wide Modular Home

Chief Hail discussed how the district wanted to sell the Double Wide Modular Home. President Ferrer stated that the district is to keep it and they will discuss in the next meeting on what they are going to do with it.

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT FURRER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICTHER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE TO KEEP THE DOUBLE WIDE MODULAR TRAILER.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 15 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Hail discussed how the district is doing since the last meeting. He stated that they have seen a peak in calls.
2. Chief Hail stated Jeremiah is currently in Riverside helping with the two funerals.
3. DC Wittwer gave an update on generators. Station 82 finally received their generator. He stated there will work that needs to be done before they get it installed. Station 87 is going to get their generator installed soon.
4. DC Wittwer is still working on the asphalt bids.
5. AC Michaels stated that next board meeting, he will presenting the final budget to the Board.

Agenda Item 16. – Report by Legal Counsel on Legislative Amendments Altering Procedures for Remote Participation at Public Meetings.

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT FURRER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:15PM.

Agenda Item 17. - A. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION-Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54957(b) (1 matter).

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8:

Property APN 300-021-27S, 300-340-01S and 300-340-13S: Friant unincorporated area. Negotiator: AO Chrisman

With respect to Closed Session Agenda Item No. 17.A., there was no reportable action under the common law attorney-client privilege and that provided by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and 54957(b).

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT FURRER AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0) IN FAVOR, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be held on September 16, 2023.

