

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
October 21, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center
Del Rey, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Arabian, Richter, Garewal, Furrer and Chavez-teleconference.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Johnson, Bump, Chrisman, Brown, Roberts, Watkins, Ly, Lovett
and Hermosillo

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross, Nicholson

GUESTS: Dan Guice, Frank Del Testa,

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were six (6) members present and one (1) member (Chavez) attended telephonically.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and former Director Del Testa opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Introductions of Director Chad Garewal, Director Furrer, Fire Inspector Brennan Ly, and Heavy Equipment Mechanic Josh Lovett.

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

President Del Puppo requested to move Agenda items 12 and 13 to follow the consent agenda items.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO MOVE AGENDA ITEMS 12 AND 13 TO FOLLOW THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-8)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR GAREWAL CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 8.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 9 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of facilities maintenance. Station 93 trees have been trimmed, the next phase is putting up the station sign. Station 89 roof project has been completed. Station 74 still in the works to get permits for the mobile home. The training center bathrooms and lounge are almost completed. The building permits have been issued for the solar project and should be started within 1 to 2 weeks.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 10 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. The inspectors vehicle was received last week and went to service this today (Wednesday October 21, 2020). In addition, the new engine has been ordered.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – 2020-2025 District Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan

DC Bump and staff presented the finalized 2020-2025 Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan (MERP) for Board consideration and to accept the final plan.

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE THE 2020-2025 DISTRICT MOBILE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN (MERP).

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Resolution 2020-07 Recognizing Dan Guice’s services to the District

Chief Johnson presented Dane Guice with Resolution 2020-07 recognizing Dan Guice’s services to the District from October 11, 2011 to September 21, 2020.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION 2020-07 RECOGNIZING DAN GUICE’S SERVICES WITH THE DISTRICT.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – Resolution 2020-08 Recognizing Frank Del Testa’s services to the District

Chief Johnson presented Frank Del Testa with Resolution 2020-08 recognizing Fran Del Testa’s service to the District from September 2004 to September 30, 2020.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION 2020-08 RECOGNIZING FRANK DEL TESTA’S SERVICES WITH THE DISTRICT.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 14 – CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Agreement Fire Equipment-Communicable Disease Safety, Project #19732-CV

Admin Officer Chrisman presented the CDBG Agreement for fire equipment - communicable disease safety Project. Admin Officer Chrisman recommended that the Board of Directors approve the CDBG Fire Equipment-Communicable Disease Safety, Project #19732-CV and that any Board of Director make a motion to approve the CDBG Agreement and to approve the Board President to sign and execute the CDBG Fire Equipment-Communicable Disease Safety, Project #19732-CV Agreement.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE CDBG FIRE EQUIPMENT-COMMUNICALBE DISEASE SAFETY, PROJECT #19732-CV AGREEMENT.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 15 – Resolution 2020-06 Authorizing the Fire Chief to Submit a Proposal to the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program.

Admin Officer Chrisman presented a proposal for the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program. The proposal is to purchase and install back-up generators at District fire stations so that the District can improve its ability to provide services during power outage events.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR FURRER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE COMMUNITY POWER RESILIENCY ALLOCATION TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS PROGRAM.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 16 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 17 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Johnson advised as of October 20, 2020, he is back in the Unit and no longer assigned to the Creek Fire.
2. Chief Johnson advised staff is working with Granville group on a new District fire station in the Millerton Newtown area.
3. Chief Johnson asked the Board of Directors if they will give the okay to waive the expedited plans fee for lost homes due to the Creek Fire.
4. Bill Ross will draft a letter to the Board of Supervisor to inquire about options to fill the vacant Director position from the former Westside Fire Protection District.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Agenda Item 18.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(1): (2 matters).

1. Fresno County Fire Protection District v. City of Parlier, Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG02714.
2. Fresno County Fire Protection District v. City of Parlier, Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG03030

No reportable action

Agenda Item 18.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (2 matters)

Reportable Action: verbal report provided pursuant to Government Code section 54957.154957.1, matters with public record.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR FURRER SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIANN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

Agenda Item 19 – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on November 18, 2020.