

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

February 17, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF: Hail, Johnson, Bump, Chrisman, Michaels and Hermosillo-via teleconference

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross, Nicholson, and Youril via teleconference

GUESTS: None

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were six (6) members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Due to teleconference, the Pledge of Allegiance was not performed.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Chief Hail introduced Division Chief Ryan Michaels

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)

Director Furrer requested to pull Agenda Item #4, Incident Summary for the Month of January 2021 and Agenda Item #9, Policy 1048-Vacation Leave and Policy 1049-Holidays, for discussion.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 AND 9, POLICY 1050.

Director Furrer identified an error in the Incident Summary for the month of January 2021. Staff agreed that there was an error and would resubmit a revised incident summary at the next Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4, INCIDENT SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021 WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING SO STAFF COULD PRESENT A REVISED INCIDENT SUMMARY.

Director Furrer discussed the option of providing a stepped approach to vacation leave accrual in Policy-1048 and requested a change in the language in Policy 1049-Holidays to clarify the policy. Staff were directed to revise the policies and provide additional options.

AGENDA ITEM #9, POLICY 1048-VACATION LEAVE AND POLICY 1049-HOLIDAYS WERE TABLED UNTIL STAFF REVISE AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS BASED ON INPUT FROM THE BOARD.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of facilities maintenance. Station 74, station sign and ADA markings are in place. Staff will start working on landscape next week. Station 96, the flooring project is not complete. Station 89, roofing should be done by Friday. Station 77, fascia is done and stucco is scheduled to be done next week. The construction phase of the solar project is complete and the next step is to meet with PG&E to get a sign off to be able to interconnect and provide power to the grid.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. The New Battalion 18 vehicle is almost ready to put into service. It will go to dealership tomorrow to reprogram fog lights. The final inspections on the new Smeal engine, estimated to be in middle of March. The CDBG grant for the refurbish of Water Tender 93 is two weeks behind due to COVID should be able to do final inspection in March. Lastly, shop has been busy getting annual services completed.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Annual Report

Executive Officer Johnson presented an overview of the District's New Annual Report for review and will present to the Board at next month's meeting.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 13 – District Conflict of Interest Code Update

District staff is recommending that the Board of Directors review and approve the changes made to the Conflict of Interest Code to reflect the District Executive Officer position.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE THE CHANGES MADE TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 15 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Hail advised the hard staffing of Water Tender 82 has been beneficial with several initial attacks.
2. Chief Hail advised the Board of retired Fire Captain Dee Evans Memorial service and that a floral arrangement was sent on behalf of the District to her memorial service in Tennessee.
3. Chief Hail shared drone pictures and a video of a structure fire to show the benefit of the drones and how they can be used during incidents.
4. AO Chrisman advised FAIRA provides Sexual Harassment training for free to members and he will be sending out a link to Board members to complete the training.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Agenda Item 16.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

Agenda Item 16.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (1 matters)

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

Agenda Item 17 – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

Reportable Action: Written report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.154957.1.

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on March 17, 2021.