

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

November 16 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Guice, Del Testa, Richter, Arabian, Julian,
Chavez--Telephonically
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
CAL FIRE: Johnson, Chrisman, Bump, Hermosillo, Hail, Hernandez
LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross
GUESTS:

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 6:00 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 2-8)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA SECOND BY PRESIDENT
DEL PUPPO 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 Station projects. Station 85 drainage, blacktop and paint stripes for parking stalls has been completed. Station 90 roof and rain gutters have been installed, projects are now closed out. Station 93 the fence and gate are operational. The settling effects is a combo of settling and rafters not being reinforced correctly when building was constructed. The rafters have been strapped and monitored until they can be strapped with some of the timber from Tree mortality. The building will be refinished with stucco in the Spring with JD the Facilities Maintenance to coordinate the project. Station 94 exterior paint is almost finished. Parking Garage is 75% completed with electrical, lighting being hung, LED strip lights and most of the retractable extension cords for engine battery tender has been completed. Station 71 is the current capital improvement project on the list. Landscape up keep is in progress with the inmate crew assisting with trimming trees. The goal is to get trim repainted and work with the Ambulance crew to maintain the lawn maintenance.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 10 – Update on CDBG Grant for Water Tender Refresh

DC Bump said with the award from the current grant, the Kenworth chassis has been ordered. With the last quote for the body swap, it is forecasted to come under budget. The District is anticipating the chassis to be completed by the end of December. DC Chrisman has requested reimbursement for the project. The new CDBG Grant application with Fresno County has limited funds. 5 projects were submitted and it will be awarded in the Spring. The Board of Supervisors will make a determination, based on the recommendations of the Committee members. If the District is not awarded, there may be more funds in the Fall and hopefully it will be one on the list to be awarded.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Tactical Water Tender Build Project

DC Bump spoke about the project and the Chassis being delivered to the contractor in southern California. DC Bump had hoped the Central Valley contractor would be awarded the project as it was local but the Southern California contractor's quote was lower. The project is anticipated to come under budget and ahead of the timeline to be completed. Anticipate the project to be complete by the end of December.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Update on CFD

Chief Johnson stated that there was nothing new to report.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 13 – Board Officer Nominations

President Del Puppo opened the floor for nominations. The positions open for nomination are Secretary, Vice President and President. The positions will remain open till the next meeting in December, where they will be closed and then voted on. Following discussion from the Board the nominations are as follows:

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO TO NOMINATE BOARD MEMBER FRANK DEL TESTA FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ TO NOMINATE BOARD MEMBER DAN GUICE FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN TO NOMINATE BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL DEL PUPPO FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 14 – Purchase of 105’ Replacement Ladder Truck and Type I Fire Engine with 5 year Lease Purchase Financing

DC Bump had planned on presenting this in December but the timeline for Spartan’s annual inflationary costs happens December 1st. It is anticipated to increase by 3% this year and the District would have to pay \$45,000 more by waiting till December. The budget committee met to bring this concept forward, based on fleet and replacement plan for frontline fleet. It is anticipated that within the next five years replacement of vehicles will need to be done. Talks with the budget committee to purchase one ladder truck and one engine now. The process can take 16 months to get the vehicles built, so it would not impact the budget till next fiscal year. DC Bump would arrange it so the first payment would not have to be made until January, so it would be one month after we receive our first teeter payment.

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT OF CAB/CHASSIS AND REFURBISHMENT OF DISTRICT WILDLAND FIRE APPARATUS PUMP/BODY

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 15 – Purchase of Replacement of Cab/Chassis and Refurbishment of District Wildland Fire Apparatus Pump/Body

DC Bump spoke about the District's usage a year amounts to 7-8 weeks. He spoke about the need to make an investment of \$50,000 for 4 Chassis. One idea is to use ABH receipts to fund improvement in the fleet. This past July we have far exceeded what we budgeted for the ABH Program. The recommendation is to purchase 1 chassis, if it's successful move forward with purchasing more and if unsuccessful this chassis can be put on a PCF engine body that we have.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR GUICE SECOND BY PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT OF CAB/CHASSIS AND REFURBISHMENT OF DISTRICT WILDLAND FIRE APPARATUS PUMP/BODY

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 16 – Firebaugh Transition Agreement

DC Chrisman spoke about the last transition agreement on file expired in 2010. DC Chrisman was contacted by a consultant for the City of Firebaugh, they were wanting to do an annexation of some property on the west side. LAFCO asked if a valid agreement was in place and it was discovered that the last agreement had expired in 2010, with no current agreement on file. DC Chrisman has shared a copy of the new agreement with the City Manager and consultant. Recommendation is approve the Firebaugh Transition Agreement.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER SECOND BY PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIREBAUGH TRANSITION AGREEMENT

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 17 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 18 – Staff Reports

1. DC Bump explained that when he met with the budget committee they had talked about the changes with purchasing diesel fuel. In the past the District bought from the County yard, but the County is changing fuel dispensary system with software monitoring that requires each vehicle to have special sensors. The sensors are expensive and every three years need to be replaced. He said the District will need to come up with a better solution. The Fireview contract is in place and BC Michaels has

been working on the software. DC Bump has PIO Wittwer working on the Community Outreach portion of the Fireview. The plan is having the Fireview data implemented by the 1st of January. DC Bump with the assistance of President Del Puppo went to Richie Brothers Auction to purchase an off road scissor forklift for \$3,000.

2. DC Chrisman announced that he's still working with Auditor Joe Mastro. The plan is to present the Audit at the next Board meeting.
3. Chief Johnson announced that the District likes to take care of good employees and was able to promote in place two employees. Pete Hernandez was promoted to Forestry Logistics Officer and DeShaunda Hermosillo has been promoted to Office Technician.

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR JULIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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); and

No Reportable Action

Agenda Item 19.B. – Closed Session Consideration of Personnel Matter pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (1 matter) District Contract for Fire Services with the State of California.

Reportable action

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO SECOND BY DIRECTOR JULIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

Agenda Item 20. – Report Upon Return From Closed Session

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDEDT DEL PUPPO SECOND BY DIRECTOR JULIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on TBD.