

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
March 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center
9594 E. American Ave.
Del Rey, California

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Hail, Michaels, Chrisman, Bump, Wittwer, Brown and
Hermosillo

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross

GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Furrer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Director Chavez opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

BC Wittwer introduced Station 82 staff FC Calvin Baldwin, FAE Ryan Burgard and FAE Tim Alford. Chief Hail introduced Jeff Katz and Associates and they provided a presentation of a 3D model of the plans for the Station 71 remodel project.

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2-9.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10 – Capital Facilities Projects

AC Bump gave a recap of capital facilities projects. The Station 71 mobile home was delivered. The temporary power is complete. Sewer and water hookups are almost complete. The Training Center has a couple of projects taking place. Grounds are being prepared for CCC crews, the back acreage has been covered with rock and the power is being provided from solar farm.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

AC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. Engine 82 is still at EZTrac taking a little longer than expected. Ladder 72 is in final stages and should be done by April. Breathing Support 82 is still in Colorado and on track to completion date in late March or April.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Rural Fire Capacity Grant Application

Staff is recommending the Board of Directors approve staff to move forward with submitting an application for the Rural Fire Capacity Grant for Fiscal Year 2022/23. That any Board of Director makes a motion to direct staff to move forward with submitting an application for the Rural Fire Capacity Grant.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE AND MOVE FORWARD WITH SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FOR THE RURAL FIRE CAPACITY GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – Acceptance for Funds from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve the acceptance of funds from the County of Fresno through the ARPA.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY OF FRESNO THROUGH THE ARPA.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Amended Budget for FY 21/22

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve the Amended Budget as presented. It is also recommended that any Board Member makes a motion to approve the Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and accept the Amended Budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 AS PRESENTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 15 – Resolution 2022-07, Appropriation of Unassigned Funds to the Capital Equipment Fund and the Operating Cash Fund.

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution #2022-07 and approve appropriating identified unassigned funds to the Capital Equipment Fund and the Operating Cash Fund.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2022-07 TO APPROPRIATE IDENTIFIED UNASSIGNED FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND AND THE OPERATING CASH FUND.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 16 – Resolution 2022-08, Appropriation of Zone A CSA #44 Funds to the Purchase of Land for a new Fire Station in the Friant Unincorporated Area.

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution #2022-08 and approve appropriating the identified funds from the Zone A CSA #44 account for the purchase of land in the unincorporated area of Friant.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2022-08 TO APPROPRIATE IDENTIFIED UNASSIGNED FUNDS FROM THE ZONE A CSA #44 ACCOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE FRIANT UNINCORPORATED AREA.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 15 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

Director Chavez thanked staff for the continued status texts regarding incidents.

Agenda Item 16 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Hail advised working with Assemi Group to finalize engineering documents to submit to the County for approval. Should have back by next board meeting.
2. AC Michaels advised Training Bureau is deploying a different model for mandatory testing (4064's). Training staff is going to stations to complete the testing.
3. AC Michaels advised we have rented out the Training facility to other departments, which include North Central Fire and Fresno Fire.
4. AC Michaels advised state mandates have changed for Haz Mat drills, they now need to be completed in person vs online.
5. BC Brown advised there has been several water rescues in his battalion. In addition, they are finishing up winter maintenance on 2 boats and 1 boat is currently in service.
6. BC Brown advised of an elevator rescue of a federal prison guard that was stuck in an elevator that Station 96 personal assisted in. The guard was stuck in elevator for 2 hours and station personal were able to get him out with hand tools and the jaws of life.
7. BC Brown advised there are 12 members of the peer support team which include a member from every rank, firefighters heling firefighters. Peer support team members participated in a debriefing with multiple agencies (EMS, CHP, and Deputies).
8. AO Chrisman advised that transfer switches for the Generator Project continue to arrive. We have received over half of the switches but have not received any generators as of yet.

Agenda Item 17. 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 17. B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (1 matters)

Agenda Item 17. C. – Confirmed with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government code section 549556.8; APN No's 300-021-275, 300-340-01S and 300-340-13S; Friant unincorporated area. Negotiator: Assistant Chief Chris Bump.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0) IN FAVOR, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

Agenda Item 19 – 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 ARABIAN AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0) IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on April 20, 2022.