

## **FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

May 20, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

### **MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Del Puppo, Del Testa, Guice, Arabian, Richter, and Chavez.  
All members present via teleconference.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**CAL FIRE/STAFF:** Johnson, Bump, Chrisman, McDougald and Hermosillo

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Ross via teleconference

**GUESTS:**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Due to remote location the Pledge of Allegiance was not performed.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

None

#### **CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

None

#### **Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)**

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 9.

No Public Comment.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item 10 – Capital Facilities Projects**

DC Bump gave a recap of facilities maintenance. All HVACs have been completed. Plans for the office trailer and bathroom trailer at the Training Center are currently with the county plans department. Lastly, the solar farm project is also on hold with the county permits department.

No Public Comment.

### **Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects**

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. The refurbishing of the new District brush engine is in process. The Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan is almost completed and will be presented once finalized. Lastly, the graphic shop is doing extremely well and has exceeded projected revenue.

No Public Comment.

### **Agenda Item 12 – CBDG (Community Development Block Grant) Agreement**

Admin Officer Chrisman advised the CBDG Grant agreement to refurbish Water Tender 93 was submitted to the county, we should hear back by July. In addition, we have been advised that there is additional CBDG funds for COVID-19 related PPE, a list of needs has been submitted to the county but nothing formal has been submitted yet.

No Public Comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item 13 – Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) Program Application**

District staff is asking the Board of Directors for authorization to apply for the FEMA AFG-S COVID-19 Supplemental Grant for reimbursement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) costs associated with emergency COVID-18 response.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (5-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, (DIRECTOR GUICE LOST HIS MEETING VIDEO CONECTION DURING THE VOTE) TO APPROVE STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE FEMA AFG-S COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT.

No Public Comment.

**Agenda Item 14 – Station 74 Housing**

District staff is requesting approval from the Board of Directors to purchase and install a single wide manufactured housing unit (13'4 x 64') at District Station 74.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (5-1) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALL OF SINGLE WIDE MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNIT. DIRECTOR CHAVEZ VOTED NYE.

No Public Comment

**Agenda Item 15 – Fire Inspector Salary Deficiency**

DC McDougald asked the Board of Directors to review the deficiency in salary of the Fire Inspector and Senior Fire Inspector positions and approve upgrading their salaries to a level comparable to the surrounding agencies.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE THE UPGRADING OF SALARIES FOR THE FIRE INSPECTOR AND SENIOR FIRE INSPECTORS.

No Public Comment

**Agenda Item 16 – Senior Fire Inspector Position**

DC McDougald and staff are recommending the Board of Directors to approve the hiring of a Senior Fire Inspector.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF A SENIOR FIRE INSPECTOR.

No Public Comment

**Agenda Item 17 – Protection/Planning Fee Schedule Revision, Resolution 2020-03**

DC McDougald and staff requests that the Board of Directors make a motion and approve Resolution 2020-03 to review the currently adopted Protection and Planning Fee Schedule, which will replace any previous fee schedules.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-03, THE PROTECTION AND PLANNING FEE SCHEDULE.

No Public Comment

**Agenda Item 18 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports**

None.

No Public Comment

**Agenda Item 19 – Staff Reports**

1. DC Bump advised working with BC Michaels looking at training schedules and working through the prolonged impacts with the course registrations.
2. DC Bump advised on Monday the training captains moved to a  $\frac{3}{4}$  schedule. The field could use the extra help. This will take training from support to response.
3. DC Bump advised looking to staff the training center during the weekends, this will allow them to be available for incidents.
4. DC Bump advised District there has been some BC movements. BC Zaver has been promoted to Assistant Chief in MMU. BC Raines will move to Battalion 11 and PIO Seth Brown will move to Battalion 15, and will keep the PIO responsibilities.
5. AC Chrisman advised a budget sub-committee meeting will be scheduled for next week.
6. Chief Johnson advised Monday he was on the review panel for the Fresno City Deputy Chief job, and considered this a good experience.

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

**Agenda Item 20.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 matters)**

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

**Agenda Item 20.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (2 matters)**

No Reportable Action

**Agenda Item 21 – Report Upon Return from Closed Session**

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on June 17, 2020.