

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

January 16, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Guice, Del Testa, Arabian, Chavez, Julian,
Richter
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
CAL FIRE: Chrisman, Bump, Hauff, McDougald, Hernandez, Wittwer
LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross
GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were seven (7) members present.

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 2-9)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, 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 station projects. The Station 89 kitchen remodel is complete. The Station 82 bathroom remodel is close to completion, and they only need to install bathroom stall dividers. Today the automatic gate at Station 85 was completed. They are trying to finish catch up jobs prior to JD Triffon leaving for the Academy. Donnie Roberts will handle projects while DJ Triffon is gone.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. The new Battalion 4317 vehicle was completed last week. The shop personnel are busy with the annual maintenance. The new ladder truck is on track to be completed the first week of February. The District would like to limit the number of trips to Nebraska and expect final inspections could be done on both the ladder and engine by the end of the February.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Replacement Vehicle for Utility 18

DC Bump reported that in October's Board meeting, the Board was given a list of surplus vehicles in a staff report. The Utility 18 vehicle had been totaled and they were given approval by the Board to start the negotiation process with the insurance adjuster. DC Chrisman handled the negotiations with the insurance company. The insurance sent back a report offering \$6,593.27 cash value of the vehicle. Under the policy, it mentions a replacement value option, if the District decides to replace the vehicle within 35 days, insurance will reimburse the District \$30,000 for a replacement vehicle. Mid-year is when adjustments are generally made on the final budget, but since the policy has a 35-day deadline it is being presented today. The District would like to replace the vehicle as it would be at 50% of the cost. The recommendation is that this will be accounted for in the amended final budget and account for the revenue coming in for adjustment from the insurance company and on the expense side as well. The rotation process would start with Battalion 15, as that BC drives two times the miles compared to any of the other BC. Battalion 15 would get the new vehicle and the old Battalion 15 vehicle would rotate to the PIO vehicle. The current PIO vehicle is a 2007 Chevy with 200,000 miles and would rotate to utility status. The person who drives the most is the one that they want under warranty.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT COMMAND VEHICLE AND ACTIVATE THE FULL REPLACEMENT REIMURSEMENT FROM OUR INSURANCE PROVIDER

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – Community Facilities District No. 2010-1 FY 18/19 Report

DC Chrisman reported that Willdan provided the annual CFD report. This report is a requirement for the CFD. Page 3 of the report lists the levy components which are Tax A & B, for the total charge amount levied of \$126,209.18. The District has received its first teeter payment, which is 50%. The amount received is on track to meet the projected amount of \$126,209.18. Last year the Board made changes to the CFD, which are not reflected in the report. Staff has asked Willdan to capture these changes in next year's report.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2010-1 FY 18/19 REPORT

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 14 – Naloxone Distribution Project

Chief Johnson brought forward a proposal to put Naloxone, which is also known as NARCAN on our fire apparatus in the District. The opioid epidemic has moved to the west coast from the east coast. Naloxone works on opioids, as an antidote to counteract the opioid. If you don't have an opioid in your system, it won't do anything to you. This is safe for first responders to carry. The California Department of Health Care Services' Naloxone Distribution Project offers free Naloxone to groups and agencies. The District is in the process of qualifying for the program. At some point, we will probably have to have a small allocation to purchase Naloxone, when the program ends. Next month the District will hold a multi company drill providing Naloxone training to employees to meet the training requirements for County EMS.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO AND CARRIED BY SIX AYES AND ONE NOE VOTE, THE BOARD GIVES STAFF DIRECTION TO APPLY FOR FREE NALOXONE THROUGH THE NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 15 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

Director Guice had previously asked staff to bring back to the Board an agenda item regarding having a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). He wanted to know the status of this item. BC Wittwer explained he has had conversations with Chad Fitzgerald who oversees the Clovis CERT Program. Mr. Fitzgerald has opened the training to County residents to get involved. This free training is possible through a Grant. Staff are considering options on how to offer the program throughout the District. Additional conversations are needed to determine how to train personnel, what the benefits are to the community and how they would respond, as we cover 2,600 square miles.

Agenda Item 16 – Staff Reports

1. DC McDougald reported with SB1205 passing, they are getting close to figuring out how many schools and Multi-family dwellings they will need to do inspections on. Our contracted plan reviewer, Matt Tarr, is determining what these inspections could look like. The plan is to hire additional staff this spring. The required reporting to the Board of Supervisors would be this time next year.
2. Chief Johnson announced Chief Tom Porter was appointed as the Director of CALFIRE. He was previously the Southern Region Chief.
3. Chief Johnson said that Dave McDonald had passed away. His funeral is scheduled for January 24th at 2:30 p.m. at the Saroyan Theater. He was contacted by Clovis Fire asking for the CALFIRE Honor Guard to participate in the funeral. Chief Johnson will have a conference call tomorrow to get approval for the Honor Guard.
4. Chief Johnson said the MOU payment from the County showed up. This is the second payment we have received.
5. Chief Johnson said that he sent all the Board members an email about the Fire District Association Conference that is coming up and asking if any of the Board members wanted to attend. The conference will be held in Napa the first week of April.
6. DC Chrisman said that next week staff will be meeting with the Sheriff's Department regarding active shooter drills and training.
7. DC Chrisman said as they are going through the Lexipol policies, they are seeing policies that refer to an EAP (Employee Assistance Program) The State provides those benefits for its employees, but the District doesn't have an EAP program. The District is looking for interest from the Board for staff to continue researching options for a District EAP. The plan is to have an EAP agenda item for the next Board meeting.
8. Chief Bump announced that they went to a luncheon with the Exchange Club of Fresno. The luncheon was honoring the Firefighter of the year for 2018. The recipient of the award for the District was BC Jeremiah Wittwer.

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

**Agenda Item 15.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel -
Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to
Government code section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 matters)**

**Agenda Item 15.B. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel -
Existing Litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(1): (2
matters)**

Agenda Item 16. – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on February 20, 2019.