

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
September 20, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center
9594 E. American Ave.
Del Rey, California

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Hail, Michaels, Wittwer, and Castaneda, Chrisman, Urias Via
Teams

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross

GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

President Furrer stated we did not need a roll call; all Board Members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

President Furrer pulled meeting minutes and made corrections. New meeting minutes will be approved next meeting, on October 18, 2023. Also, Legal Counsel, Bill Ross added one item of Anticipated Litigation to closed session.

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-7)

UPON MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT ARABIAN, SECOND BY PRESIDENT FURRER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2-7, AND TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS CORRECTED.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 8 – Surplus/Excess Equipment – Double Wide Modular Home

DC Wittwer discussed the plan for the double wide modular home at Station 71. The double wide modular home will be moved to Station 74 and the single wide modular home at Station 74 will be moved to the Training Center. He explained that the cost of this would be absorbed in the budget we have. DC Wittwer stated that if the board approves, they can start as early as tomorrow morning. He also discussed the various options for the single wide modular home that will be moved to the Training Center.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE TO MOVE THE DOUBLE WIDE TO STATION 74 AND THE SINGLE WIDE TO THE TRAINING CENTER.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 9 – Resolution No. 2023-10 OES Portal to Portal Pay

AO Chrisman discussed the format change for the OES Portal to Portal Resolution.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10 OES PORTAL TO PORTAL PAY.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 10 – IT Administrator II Classification

AO Chrisman explained to the board how the new IT Administrator II position will allow the district some flexibility in hiring and retaining IT personnel. He stated this will also provide an opportunity for upward mobility within the IT Administrator series.

UPON MOTION BY VICE DIRECTOR BULLA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE THE IT ADMINISTRATOR II CLASSIFICATION.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Final Budget for FY 23/24

AC Michaels discussed the final budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Michaels stated the budget had already been reviewed by the Budget Committee before presenting it to the board.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 23/24.

Agenda Item 12 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 13 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Hail stated how well the budget was done this year and thanked AC Michaels for doing a great job.
2. Chief Hail spoke about the recent helicopter crash. He stated that this was the contract helicopter that is based out of Sanger Headquarters. He also stated the pilot is expected to recover. Chief Hail explained that Rogers Helicopters put another helicopter at Sanger Headquarters today.
3. Chief Hail stated that that Modular home at Station 71 could be moved as early as tomorrow morning.
4. DC Wittwer gave an update on the generators. He stated that station 87 would be finished by Friday, Station 71 will be completed by next week, and after those are completed, they will move on to Station 86.
5. DC Wittwer gave an update on engine 71. He stated that it went into production about a week ago. They don't have a hard timeline for when it should be done. He stated he is hoping by early spring.
6. AC Michaels discussed they are making a few changes to different call types at the ECC by using our resources more effectively. He also discussed that he is working with the ECC staff with the new District position to make sure they get the right person for that position.
7. AC Michaels stated there has been an increase in false alarm calls. One of our engines has gone 18 times in last 3 months to the same business because their alarms haven't been serviced. He stated he wants to have a penalty associated for these repeat false alarm calls, in hopes it will push the business to services their alarm systems.

Agenda Item 14 – Legal Counsel Reports

None

UPON MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:08PM.

15. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

- A. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION-Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54957(b) (1 matter).

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8:
Property APN 300-021-27S, 300-340-01S and 300-340-13S: Friant unincorporated area.
Negotiator: AO Chrisman

C. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION- Pursuant to Government Code Section 56956.9(d)(2). (1 Matter)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR MENDES AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0) IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on October 18, 2023.