

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
December 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center
9594 E. American Ave.
Del Rey, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Furrer, Arabian, Richter and Mendes, Chavez; Bulla via teleconference

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Michaels, Brown, Bump, Urias, Hail, Wittwer, Brown, Cosentino, Bowman, Dominguez, Chrisman, and Castaneda

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 Vice President John Arabian opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Chief Hail introduced Bailey Castaneda as the new Clerk of the Board and Chris Bump's wife, Jennifer Bump.

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)

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

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10 – Board Members Nomination/Elections

Positions will remain as they are.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, SECOND BY ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT NOMINATIONS.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 11 – Resolution 2022-22, Division Chief Chris Bump Retirement Commendation

Chief Hail recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution #2022-22 for Chief Chris Bump's Retirement

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT FURRER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-22 AND APPROVE THE RETIREMENT COMMENDATION FOR DIVISION CHIEF CHRIS BUMP

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Surplus/Excess Mobile Equipment

The Bobcat skid steer purchased a few years back has had a lot of issues. Wittwer stated the bobcat skid steer is running and plan on selling it. In February, they will be getting a new pick-up truck.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE THE SELLING OF THE OLD BOBCAT AND PURCHASING A NEW PICK-UP TRUCK IN FEBRUARY.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

Request by Secretary Richter that they can have standards of coverage reports and progress updates. Can be discussed in next month's meeting.

Agenda Item 14 – Staff Reports

1. DC Wittwer provided updates on the generator permits for the stations. Station 90's permits are done along with 77's permits. Station 95 will be the next to get permits done.
2. DC Wittwer gave an update on the generator electrical engineering for Stations 96,94,93,95.
3. DC Wittwer gave an update on station 71. Plumbing has been re-done and concrete will be poured tomorrow December 22, 2022.
4. DC Wittwer advised he met with staff at Station 82 about electrical engineering and generator placement. The generator will be for 82 and the shop, the training center is not included.
5. DC Wittwer provided the estimate for the APCD Grant. The grant estimate is \$42,000.
6. Chief Hail provided stats and the positive outcomes of staffing Station 71.

Agenda Item 15. – Report by Legal Counsel on Legislative Amendments Altering Procedures for Remote Participation at Public Meetings.

Agenda Item 16. - A. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION-Consideration of Claims for Money Damages Against the District Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (2) (2 matters).

1. Julie Lo vs. Fresno County Fire Protection District, June 24, 2022
2. Pao Vang vs. Fresno County Fire Protection District, June 24, 2022

B. Anticipated Litigation - Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54957(b) (1 matter).

C. 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: President Matt Furrer.

Agenda Item 17. – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

District Counsel Ross indicated that a written Report Upon Return from Closed Session, as authorized by Government Code Section 54957.1, would be prepared for review at the next Board Meeting

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be held on January 18, 2023.