

## **FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

November 13, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

### **MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Del Puppo, Guice, Del Testa, Arabian, Julian, Richter, Chavez- (telephonically)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**CAL FIRE:** Johnson, Chrisman, Bump, Bowman, Michaels, Hermosillo, Hernandez, Nguyen, Greenwood, Madrigal

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Ross

**GUESTS:**

### **ROLL CALL**

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were six (6) members present and (1) member attended telephonically.

### **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**

The Chief introduced Jessica Madrigal, who started at Region office then state finance in the Unit, then dispatcher and now a Staff Services Analyst working with finance at the Shop. Ryan Boss was introduced as the new Equipment Services Assistant working at the shop. Ferson Nguyen was also introduced as mechanic at the shop who has been working at the shop for the past three years. The Board took several minutes to view the newly refurbished Brush 77 that was in the parking lot.

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

None.

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

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-8)**

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR JULIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 8.

No Public Comment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 9 – Update on FireView Software**

BC Michaels gave a recap of the FireView Software and how it is getting close to being utilized. They are trying to bridge a gap from FireView Software and what CAD is able to produce. They have a server installed and everything has been updated with the IT department. The goal is to be up and running by January 1, 2019. By the end of next week, all that the District needs to do will be done and then Sacramento will need to complete their process. It is anticipated that it will take 30 days to train staff on the software.

No Public Comment.

**Agenda Item 10 – Capital Facilities Projects**

DC Bump gave a recap of Capital Facilities Projects. At Station 83, landscaping was completed in two days from start to finish. Stations 83, 87 and 89 all have new station signs that have been mounted and are in service. Station 71 would have had their sign installed, had it not been for the current fire activity going on. Station 89 has finished redoing floors in the kitchen. The bathrooms at Station 71 have all new flooring. The District has picked up another fuel tank from an online auction. The 500-gallon tank was purchased for \$350 and is being picked up in Barstow. The District needs one more fuel tank for Harris Ranch. Staff have figured out where to put a fuel tank at Station 87. Marcus Miller has built a gas house out of a metal frame and is metal sided. The gas house is at Station 82 to house mixed fuel for chain saws. The District is moving away from the 2-stroke mix and moving to TruFuel. The District is buying the TruFuel in 55 gallon drums, which will be stored in the gas house. The District is working on the kitchen remodel for Station 89. The remodel consists of using the same cabinets which will be repainted and buying new counter tops. Station 82 has started on remodeling the bathroom. Station 92 and 82 will be last to get their bathrooms remodeled. These two haven't been done, but the rest have been completed.

No Public Comment.

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

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. Tomorrow, DC Bump, BC Wittwer and Billy Greenwood from the Shop will be going to Nebraska to do a pre-paint inspection of the new ladder truck. DC Bump will try to take photos and send out to the board members to view. The Brush 77 refurbishment was under budget and has been well received in the field. The next brush engine is in paint. The old water tender 90 is now the new water tender 82. The hook lift chassis is done and at the shop in the parking garage, waiting for the roll of containers and should be completed the week of Thanksgiving.

No Public Comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 12 – Board Officer Nominations**

President Del Puppo opened the floor for Board officer nominations. The positions open for nomination are Secretary, Vice President and President. The positions will remain open till the next meeting in December 2018. Following discussion from the Board the nominations are as follows:

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER TO NOMINATE BOARD MEMBER FRANK DEL TESTA FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY.

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO TO NOMINATE BOARD MEMBER DAN GUICE FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA TO NOMINATE BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL DEL PUPPO FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT.

No Public Comment.

**Agenda Item 13 – Aera Energy Donation**

DC Bump reported that BC Campbell was contacted by Aera Energy. They have a program that they do on an annual basis, where they invest in their community. Aera Energy decided that the fire department would be the best to invest in, they needed to know how they could go about it and what the donation could be used for to make a positive impact for the community. The District had BC Wittwer and Station 82 Captain Dominguez work together to identify needs. It was identified that four (4) rescue saws were needed for the area. Aera Energy is looking to donate \$5,000 and this allows the purchase of four (4) rescue saws to service the westside of the County. The request before the board is to accept Aera Energy's donation and to authorize the purchase of the rescue saws and if there is enough money to buy replacement blades.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR JULIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE DONATED FUNDS FROM AERA ENERGY AND DIRECTS STAFF TO USE THE FUNDS TO BUY FOUR RESCUE SAWS AND EXTRA CUT-OFF BLADES.

No Public Comment

**Agenda Item 14 – Surplus PPE Donation to Valley Regional Occupational Program (VROP)**

BC Bowman is requesting to donate structural PPE gear to the Valley ROP program. In 2014, the District donated seventy (70) sets of structural PPE to Clovis Unified ROP, which was instrumental in that program moving forward. BC Bowman was in contact with VROP as they serve many communities within the District. VROP offers a one year program for their seniors, as well as an EMT class for those same students and adults aspiring to go into the fire service. BC Bowman explained that the turnout PPE gear needs to be disposed of when it is damaged or reaches 10 years of service. Staff is recommending the donation of the surplus PPE gear to VROP.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF PPE GEAR TO VALLEY ROP.

**Agenda Item 15 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports**

None.

**Agenda Item 16 – Staff Reports**

1. Chief Johnson announced that there have been battalion chief movements lately. BC Waters was the Safety/Relief Battalion Chief and took a position as Assistant Chief at Delta Conservation Camp in Sonoma Lake Napa Unit. BC Jim Fitzgerald retired after 30 years of service. Mara Zaver moved from the Emergency Command Center to Shaver Lake Battalion, BC Dennis Smith moved to the Emergency Command Center from Battalion 18, BC Jerimiah Wittwer moved to Battalion 18. The District is currently flying the PIO/Relief Battalion Chief position.
2. DC Chrisman said the audit was wrapping up and would possibly be available by the next board meeting, if not January. The District is moving forward with Lexipol Policies, they have been handed out to various groups for review. The goal is to bring the first group of policies to the Board in January for review. The plan is to have a group of policies for the Board to review at the next several Board meetings.
3. BC Bowman announced that the Basic Firefighter Academy Class # 5 graduated September 1<sup>st</sup>. They immediately started Basic Firefighter

- Academy Class #6 and they graduated a couple of weeks ago. They are getting ready to start the Basic Firefighter Academy Class # 7 January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. These classes continue to do very well and they sell out every time.
4. BC Michaels announced that they have been getting a lot of people stopping by Station 85 and they have been providing positive feedback on the look of the station.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

**Agenda Item 17.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 matters)**

Written Report to be prepared.

**Agenda Item 17.B. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(1): (3 matters)**

Written Report to be prepared.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

**Agenda Item 18. – Report Upon Return from Closed Session**

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on December 19, 2018.