

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

July 17, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Guice, Del Testa, Arabian, Richter,
Chavez (Teleconference)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CAL FIRE: Johnson, Chrisman, Bump, Michaels, Bowman, Diaz,
Hermosillo

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross (Teleconference)

GUESTS: John Krum, Dave Ward

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 and Director Del Testa opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Chief Johnson introduced District Inspector Chris Diaz. Chris started his career with Fresno Air National Guard as a firefighter and retired as a Chief. He then worked for the Department of Corrections before coming to Fresno County Fire Protection District.

Chief Johnson then introduced Retired Battalion Chief John Krum. John Krum provided the board members with the Fresno-Kings Facility History. It is a work in progress and he will continue to give the board updates as they come.

Chief Johnson introduced Dave Ward. Dave introduced Lee Wilding and Tessa the new K9 fire dog and asked for assistance in obtaining donations for a heat awareness unit for the new K9 vehicle.

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 ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 8.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 9 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of station projects. The large trees at Station 94 are being removed and personnel are prepping for a fuel tank. All HVAC and ice machines at the stations have been serviced. Personnel are currently working on sink hole problem at Station 87. Lastly, the shop inventory and office expansion has been completed.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 10 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. The new ladder truck 87 has been completed. It should be back in the unit by Thursday and then will be prepped to be put into service. Repairs have started on the brush engine and it will take several months to complete. Engine 85 to Engine 83 conversion is in process. Mobile bleachers and two enclosed trailers have been obtained through the Federal Excess Surplus program.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Training Center Restrooms

BC Bowman advised they are moving forward with the facility restrooms. Several contract language revisions were made, and we should have the contract back this week then will bring back to the board next month. In addition, BC Bowman advised the training center had new carpet installed and maintenance is being completed throughout all the buildings.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Fire View Demo

BC Michaels presented a demo of the Fire View program. The system can track and look at data based on calls, times, fires and response times to incidents. There are several possibilities and combinations of ways to view the data. The program should be ready within the next three weeks.

Public Comment
None

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 13 – CDBG Application, Public Hearing and Resolution No. 2019-05

DC Chrisman presented the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to refurbish Water Tender 93. The District has submitted a CDBG application the last two years with no success. The application period is now open for the 2020/2021 CDBG. Director Del Puppo opened meeting for a public hearing to discuss the District's CDBG application. DC Chrisman asked the Board to approve and pass Resolution 2019-05 for the CDBG Application and authorize Chief Johnson to sign and execute the 2020-2021 CDBG Application.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CDBG APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05.

No Public Comment
None

Agenda Item 14 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 17 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Johnson advised that recently there was an active shooter in the Tollhouse area. Sheriff Mimms provide a word of thanks for our law enforcement and engine support.
2. Chief Johnson advised that the Secret Service had requested the District's support for the Vice President's visit. An engine company was provided, and BC Bowman provided operation support.
3. DC Chrisman advised Gina Milks in District Finance has resigned and Cynthia Hernandez is currently filling in until the position can be filled.
4. DC Chrisman advised Narcan is being distributed to engines and personnel during the quarterly drills

5. DC Chrisman advised he met with Sequoia Safety Council General Manger, Mark Watkins to start negotiating a new lease for Station 71.
6. DC Bump advised JD Triffon and Donny Roberts are working seven (7) days a week for Dozer 43 coverage.
7. BC Michaels advised that staff are actively looking for grants to fund the District drone program. Staff have recently submitted two different grant applications to support the program.
8. BC Michaels advised the rescue team was deployed to Ridgecrest to assist with the earthquakes. BC Michaels stated that each deployment is a valuable learning experience for the rescue team.

Agenda Item 18.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 pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

Agenda Item 18.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (2 matters)

Written Report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

Agenda Item 18.C. – Real Property Negotiations pursuant to Government code section 54956.8 (d) (2): (1 matter)

Written Report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

Agenda Item 19. – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on August 21, 2019.