

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
April 21, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center
9594 E. American Ave.
DelRey, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Arabian, Richter and Bulla. Chavez and Furrer present via teleconference.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Hail, Johnson, Bump, Chrisman, Brown, Torres, Urias, Sanchez and Hermosillo

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross via teleconference

GUESTS: None

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 6:00pm and Director Arabian opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Chief Hail introduced the new Board Director Stanley Bulla and ECC Battalion Chief Jesse Torres, PIO Battalion Chief Dan Urias and Aviation Battalion Chief Alex Sanchez. Chief Hail also acknowledged Training Battalion Chief Andy Cosentino who was not present.

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2-9.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of facilities maintenance. Station 74, landscape has been completed. Next, staff will get quotes for the driveway concrete that will need to be replaced. Finally, staff have received positive feedback from homeowners regarding the postcards sent out, advising about the staffed station. Station 96, bathroom project is 95% completed. Station 82, replaced old fiberglass garage doors with color metal doors and added laminated numbers. Training center, solar farm went live after last meeting.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. Last week did the final inspection on new engines, should be here by June. Water Tender 93 was slated to be done today, the CBDG grant for water tender rebuild, will follow up by the end of the week for status. Received several new command vehicles. The DHS grant for Breathing Support 82 refurbish is in the works, the chassis should be here by July 16th.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Table Mountain Rancheria Ladder Truck Purchase

DC Bump requested that the Board approve the purchase of a new ladder truck with equipment under a “tag-on” apparatus purchasing agreement with Fire Apparatus Solutions for up to \$1,334,820.00.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LADDER TRUCK WITH FIRE APPARATUS SOLUTIONS.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 13 – Protection and Planning Office Space Lease

Executive Officer Johnson requested the Board to approve the lease of a 1,400-sq. ft. office space in the City of Sanger and authorize the Chief and Executive Officer to execute the necessary contracts.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DEL PUPPO CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE LEASE AND FUND ALLOCATION AND AUTHORIZE CHIEF AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY CONTRACTS.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14 – D-P Consulting Engagement Letter

Administrative Officer Chrisman presented and asked the Board of Directors to approve the D-P Consulting Engagement Letter to prepare the annual Fire Assessment Administrator’s Report.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DEL PUPPO CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE D-P CONSULTING ENGAGEMENT LETTER TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL FIRE ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 15 – Resolution 2021-02 Recognizing Assistant Chief Chrisman’s Service to the District

Chief Hail presented Assistant Chief Chrisman with Resolution 2021-02 recognizing his 30+ years of service with the District. Chief Hail asked the Board of Directors approve the Resolution 2021-02.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO ~~TESTA~~ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2021-02

AYES	6	Del Puppo, Arabian, Chavez, Richter, Furrer, Bulla
NOES	0	
ABSENT	0	
ABSTAIN	0	

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 16 – Resolution 2021-03 Recognizing Chief Johnson’s Service to the District

Chief Hail presented Chief Johnson with Resolution 2021-03 recognizing his 40+ years of service with the District. Chief Hail asked the Board of Directors approve the Resolution 2021-03.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2021-03

AYES	6	Del Puppo, Arabian, Chavez, Richter, Furrer, Bulla
NOES	0	
ABSENT	0	
ABSTAIN	0	

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 17 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 18 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Hail advised staff have been busy with Battalion Chief interviews this week.
2. Chief Hail advised there has been an uptick in grass fires within the District.
3. Chief Hail advised the acreage from last year to this has doubled and expects to have another busy fire season.
4. EO Johnson thanked the Board for the resolution and helmet and indicated he will do anything to support the District.
5. DC Bump and AO Chrisman advised should be seeing the teeter payment in early May and then a budget committee meeting will be scheduled.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (5-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Agenda Item 19.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(1): (2 matters).

1. Fresno County Fire Protection District v. City of Parlier, Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG02714.
2. Fresno County Fire Protection District v. City of Parlier, Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG03030

Agenda Item 19.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (1 matters)

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

Agenda Item 20 – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

Reportable Action: Written report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.154957.1.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE 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 May 19, 2021.