



South Coast Fire Protection District

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Minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 21, 2022
Location: 39215 Church Street, Gualala, California

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Flavia de Oliveira at 18:17.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Directors Chuckie Sorensen, Kevin Callanan, Rick O'Neil, and Flavia de Oliveira
Absent: Chair Pete Slunaker

3. Public Expression: 3 – minute limit person, 10 - minute total subject.

None.

4. Approval of Minutes form last meeting:

Kevin Callanan motioned to approved the minutes from the last meeting. Chuckie Sorensen seconded the motion. Yeas: Kevin Callanan, Chuckie Sorensen, Rick O'Neil, Flavia de Oliveira. Nays: None. The motion passed: 4 yeas, 0 nays.

5. Financial Report:

Maureen Carr reported that two apparatus payments will be posted in the end of June for a total of \$78,000, including \$7,792 of interest. One is for the light duty rescue truck and the wildland vehicle. We only have a couple of payments left on the wildland truck, including the one in June.

We have received \$19,000 for strike team payments. We have also received \$20,000 from the PG&E settlement, we made \$1,750 for the training courses we held, \$11,439 from Mendocino County Conservation Fund, and \$36,520 for the Windy Fire.

The dozer we purchased was \$78,000. Yet, we still have \$153,865 in the bank. Jason added that he just received a check in the amount of \$203,000 from the county for the April taxes.

6. Old Business: Discussion / Action on Updates

- a) Grant Update – the district has been awarded a \$4,000 grant for a mapping program. The Mendocino Board of Supervisors has released \$45,000 grant from the PG&E settlement for equipment purchases.
- b) Fire apparatus engineer position updates—there was only one applicant for the position. One of our volunteers, Tashi Doster, applied for the position. Kevin Callanan, Wills Kelly, and Dave Crowl interviewed her for the position. She also passed a skills test which was administered by a full-time Marin County Fire Engineer. Jason followed up on all of her references. They all felt that she was qualified for the position. The wages will start at \$22.30, as advertised on the job posting. It is an entry level position salary based on current OES wage. Jason requested that we also reimburse her for her current monthly health care payments which is \$200 per month. The board unanimously agreed with adding that additional benefit. Jason will offer her the job, and anticipates that she will start on May 1st.

- c) ATT outages update—Kevin Callanan said he would have a letter ready at the next meeting to send out to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, the CPUC, and AT&T urging them to notify local residents, either through NIXEL or some other means, of widespread outages impacting landline service in our area.
- d) Budget update—Jason wants to table discussion of the budget to the next meeting. Maureen said that she would appreciate getting the budget before June 15th. She will be away for six weeks after that date.

7. New Business Discussion / Action

None.

8. Chief's Report:

- COVID-19 booster shot clinics at Station 1 have started up again.
- Jason said at the Fire Chiefs meeting that many departments complained of having problems recruiting volunteers. So far, Jason said that our department has not had that problem, but he is thinking ahead of when that may catch up with us and how he would solve it.
- Jason asked the board's opinion about potential acquisition of the property where Station 1 is located. He has already approached Bower on this topic. We are currently on a 5-year lease plan which is coming up next year. The department owns the structure, but the Bowers own the property. Instead of buying the property, Jason is also investigating extending the lease for a longer period than 5 years. He has also thought about proposing a boundary line adjustment with CLSD and having the ambulance district as our landlord instead of Bower.

9. Directors Comments:

Chuckie Sorensen asked if we could move the meeting times up to 4:30 instead of 6pm. All agreed. **We will now meet at 4:30pm starting on May 19th (our next meeting).**

10. Closed Session: Gann update

No action taken during closed session.

11. Open Session after Closed Session:

None.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting is on May 19, 2022, at **4:30pm.**