



South Lake County Fire Protection District
— in cooperation with —
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M., January 19, 2021

Middletown Fire Station, 21095 Highway 175

NON-TIMED ITEMS

A. OPEN MEETING:

- A1. *President Martinelli called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m*
- A2. *Battalion Chief Wink led pledge of allegiance.*
- A3. *Roll Call: Directors Rob Bostock, Devin Hoberg, and Eric Redford, Vice President Jim Comisky, and President Madelyn Martinelli. Also present: Battalion Chief Mike Wink, Board Clerk Gloria Fong, and Office Technician Karin Collett.*
- A4. **COMISKY/BOSTOCK MOTION** to approve agenda, amended to have closed session item heard right after approval of agenda. **AYES:** Redford, Bostock, Comisky, Hoberg, Martinelli. **NOES:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Board adjourned to closed session at 7:07 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 7:21 p.m. President Martinelli reports an update from counsel was given and no action taken.

B. CITIZENS' INPUT: None.

C. COMMUNICATIONS:

C1. Reports:

C1.1. Fire Sirens

On their behalf of Fire Sirens, Battalion Chief Wink reports he was told they're very busy and donations are up. When this is up, more full load of items, at least every 6 weeks, that are not appropriate to be resold, are removed. He's given the group some goals for fiscal year 2021-22 to consider.

C1.2. SL Fire Safe Council

Battalion Chief Wink reports the council's biggest item is their collaboration with Clear Lake Environment Research Center, which has submitted for permit for fuels reduction plan, which is stalled in environmental review at County level.

C1.3. Volunteer Firefighters' Association

Association are included in and deferred to chief's report.

C1.4. Chief's Report

In addition to Chief's report provided in the packet, Battalion Chief Wink reports a positive thing is four paid call firefighters will attend the State Fire Marshal's Driver Operator training, after which qualifies two to drive apparatus to calls and two will be 50% done with their training for driving. He reminded the Board this is made possible through the equipment, branding funds and he's appreciative of this.

As for staffing, Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic Dennis Lange promoted to Fire Captain in Riverside County. Marc Hottendorf comes back as Fire Captain/Paramedic, and Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic Kevin Seymour accepted job opportunity right near his home. Seeing this was happening, we're in the process of hiring their replacements.

Karin Collett introduced herself as having started in the Office Technician position three weeks ago, and Battalion Chief Wink adds she comes with an extensive resume, including a Bachelor's Degree in Administration and prior public service.

C1.5. Financial Report

Gloria received December reports from the Auditor-Controller's Office today, which the budget summary doesn't contain. This information will be in next month's report.

C2. Directors' Activity and Committee Report

Director Bostock has no activity to report.

Director Hoberg has no activity to report other than purchase of burn permit.

Director Comisky's activity includes ongoing work with FDAC, working on Local Emergency Medical Services Agency's taking away of delivery ambulance services, spending many hours a week, representing the fire district.

Director Redford has no activity to report for this past month and invites anyone interested in tour of Reynolds System site this Friday with COVID guidelines to be followed.

President Madelyn reports she has \$200 from rental of tables and chairs, which Mountain Firefighters auxiliary approached her in 1994 to manage. She wants to give to Fire District to put towards purchase of new stove for the Loch Lomond station. Battalion Chief Wink will contact her to discuss this further.

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D. REGULAR ITEM:

D1. **CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Govt Code section 54956.9(d)(1): Pacific Region Open Bible Standard Churches v. SLCFPD, Lake County Superior Court Case No. CV-421176.

D2. Consideration for update of rates in Memorandum of Understanding By and Between South Lake County Fire Protection District and South Lake County Volunteer Firefighters Association Inc. for Paid-Call Personnel. Placed on agenda by Association President Todd Fenk, Battalion Chief Mike Wink, SSA Gloria Fong.

There is certain to be compaction in all areas when a level receives an increase. Keeping appropriate spacing and starting with \$15, all hourly amounts are increased \$4, effective January 1. Then, it will not have to be done again for next increase. This is supported by the Chief and Association President.

Director Comisky commented that this is standard practice and is one reason the Cal Fire contract went up.

In addition to information offered earlier, Gloria indicates this is about a 25% increase. The 5-year average actual is about \$100,000 well below the \$200,000 budgeted each fiscal year.

HOBERG/REDFORD MOTION to approve D2 as submitted AYES: Bostock, Redford, Comisky, Hoberg, Martinelli. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- D3. Consideration for Resolution No. 2020-21-13, A Resolution Establishing and Appropriating Over-Realized / Unanticipated Revenues for Jerusalem Valley Signage Project. Placed on agenda by SSA Gloria Fong.

Battalion Chief Wink states this is pass through funding and as no good deed goes unpunished, tonight's resolution is for small amount of funding through another group, to spend unbudgeted funds. He and Gloria have talked about a separate account to do good things for community.

This group gave us funds last year. He had dialogue with them, United Way and PG&E, establishing relationships so the next time they talk and he mentions this, they may find a fit.

COMISKY/REDFORD MOTION to approve D3 as submitted. AYES: Bostock, Comisky, Redford, Hoberg, Martinelli. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

E1. Minutes presented:

E1.1. November 17, 2020 – Regular Meeting

E1.2. December 15, 2020 – Regular Meeting

E2. Warrants presented:

E2.1. January - Preliminary

E2.2. December – corrected

HOBERG/MARTINELLI MOTION to approve consent calendar. AYES: Martinelli, Comisky, Hoberg, Bostock, Redford, Martinelli. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- F. **COMISKY MOTION** to adjourn meeting at 7:51 p.m. All members in attendance are in favor of motion.

Respectfully submitted by: 
Gloria Fong, Board Clerk

READ AND APPROVED BY: Madelyn Martinelli
MADELYN MARTINELLI
President – Board of Directors