



**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., June 15, 2021

Middletown Fire Station, 21095 Highway 175

**NON-TIMED ITEMS**

**A. OPEN MEETING:**

- A1. *President Comisky called meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.*
- A2. *Chief Duncan led pledge of allegiance.*
- A3. *Present: Directors Rob Bostock, Madelyn Martinelli, and Vice President Hoberg (joined meeting at end of Pano presentation), and President Jim Comisky. Also present: Chief Paul Duncan, Battalion Chief Mike Wink, Office Technician Karin Collett, and Board Clerk Gloria Fong.*
- A4. **BOSTOCK/MARTINELLI MOTION** to approve agenda. *AYES: Bostock, Martinelli, Comisky. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED.*

**B. CITIZENS' INPUT: None.**

**C. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**C1. Reports:**

**C1.1. Fire Sirens**

*On their behalf Battalion Chief Wink reports things are normal and the group is always looking for members. He reminded all of the project for patio covering to keep out rain at cost of about \$20,000.*

**C1.2. SL Fire Safe Council: No report**

**C1.3. Volunteer Firefighters' Association**

*Association President Todd Fenk reports:*

*Fire season is upon us. Five paid call firefighters are working as seasonal with Cal Fire. So, numbers are down.*

*The 60<sup>th</sup> annual Middletown Parade is this Saturday. We are getting a group together to represent South Lake County Fire.*

**C1.3.1. Badge Pinning, Oath:**

*We have two new recruits recently graduated and haven't been able to work through badge pinning and oath. Hunter Duncan is one and is with Cal Fire. It may be an effort to get this together.*

**C1.4. Chief's Report**

*Chief Duncan adds to his report:*

*A replacement pilot is here for next two weeks. It will just be pilot bucket only. The crew is not here. There are at training.*

### C1.5. Financial Report

*Gloria adds to her report:*

*Covid had delayed financial audit for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. It will be a bi-annual audit as one financial statement. This will save time in duplicating representation letters and such. Then 2021 will be upon us shortly.*

### C2. Directors' Activity and Committee Report

*Bostock - No report other than he'd like us to consider the monthly meeting at the fire house.*

*Martinelli – Her activities include signing some checks and doing a payroll transfer.*

*Comisky, - His director's activity has been engaged three times a week on calls regarding state emergency medical trying to take away care from fire departments. Fire Districts Association of California had a call to action, which he thanked the Chiefs and Gloria for getting some letters out in which special district were left out and within 48 hours had 48 million available for recovery costs. He will be attending Cal Chiefs' in person annual conference in San Diego. He also is looking forward to in person meeting safely.*

## TIMED ITEMS

### D. REGULAR ITEM:

- D1. Update on the summer pilot program of the Pano AI-powered early warning fire detection & situational awareness system, including plan/status of camera deployments.

*Arvind Satyam introduced himself as chief commercial officer, along with Rafi Sands and Lesley Freeman from the business development team. Chief Duncan and Battalion Chief Wink were thanked for their support.*

*This update will give prospective of different pilot locations, show functionality included in the pilot and one recent incident the artificial intelligence (AI) software has picked up, the Milk Fire. On the company side, they have entered into pilot with Pacific Gas & Electric this summer to see how AI can help their early detection and response, work with them to overlay utility transmission lines so they can get visibility relative to some of that and plan to use functionality with they think about public safety power shutoffs. They are also working with Corbin General in Oregon and Aspen Fire Department in Colorado. One of the reasons to work with different partners is for AI to be trained on different fuel conditions.*

*One additional thing created since the last time is the artificial intelligence center that's staffed 24/7 during the summer season. This team will be prescreening AI and satellite alerts. An alert will only be pushed to the fire department once it's been prescreened.*

*Rafi Sands introduced himself, showed the AI on the camera feed, which is looking for smoke, texture, movement. It then pushes an alert to team to prescreen and in a matter of minutes able to either confirm before pushing out to end users. Cameras are continually rotating, and software stitches it together in live time, which means smoke will be seen in any radius of the camera feed, see which way it is blowing and how quickly it is growing. It has 360 view and triangular visibility and if it can be seen on other cameras, can determine latitude and longitude, which will be helpful in terms of response. There is also functionality in this through a unique link to share how this is evolving so others can access and look at both live and recorded. This will be available through a website, which he will be working with Michael Hess to set up logins.*

*In terms of the locations, Lesley Freeman showed how the sites are determined. They start by looking online, bring drone onsite to get a look at area from the air, its power solar or not, permitting and install. They have three or four sites in the August timeframe.*

*Additionally, the cameras have privacy mode built in to mask properties.*

*Discussion continued on being able to host on the southlakecountyfire.org website*

- D2. Review of Director applicant(s) and consideration for appointment to fill vacancy due to Eric Redford's resignation effective June 1, 2021. Placed on the agenda by Staff Services Analyst Gloria Fong.

*One application was received. The Board can consider for appointment or continue posting for additional applicants to fill vacancy at July meeting. The timeframe in which the Board has to appoint, fill vacancy is 60 days.*

*Stephanie introduced herself, will be getting married in the next few days, and will be Stephanie Cline. She welcomed to Board to take more time. She is stepping up, to a position that is open, is a great thing for her in many fronts, she is concerned with what's going on with climate, fire seasons are getting longer, this role is something local, she's on the democratic central community, she is a respiratory care/therapist, and her main goal is to bring about change in a good way.*

**MARTINELLI/HOBERG MOTION** appoint Stephanie Pahwa. AYES: Bostock, Hoberg, Martinelli, Comisky. **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- E1. Minutes presented: May 18, 2021 – Regular Meeting

- E2. Warrants presented:

E2.1. June – Preliminary

E2.2. May – corrected

- E3. Budget Transfers

*Director Martinelli questioned household expenses and engine maintenance.*

*Chief Duncan responded with the District having a lot of old engines, one the water tender gets a lot of use, sees a lot of miles, needed valve replacement, need radiator, welding done.*

*Director Martinelli was questioning the maintenance costs, which there have been a lot of repairs to the Loch Lomond station, where the last couple of invoices with various things done to the station. These are projects that staff went as far as they could and weren't able to finish up.*

*There are two warrant lists, one immediately prepared out of CAMs and a second one, she downloads and reformats. The warrant list identifies the station, piece of apparatus.*

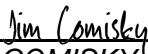
*She is questioning the slow heat cooker. Battalion Chief Wink responded that the smoker is lower heat than the barbeque and he offered to do a cost share. With a lot of movement, he went ahead and approved it.*

*She questioned the linen, sheets, towels, and comfortable replacements. Battalion Chief Wink was told by staff that the things they have were getting to the end of their life. He discussed these items with staff and approved these purchases.*

*With Director Martinelli's warrant list purchases discussed and answers given, **BOSTOCK/MARTINELLI MOTION** to approve the consent calendar. AYES: Bostock, Martinelli, Hoberg, Comisky. **MOTION CARRIED.***

F. **HOBURG/MARTINELLI MOTION** to adjourn meeting 8:16 p.m. All in attendance are in favor of motion.

Respectfully submitted by:   
Gloria Fong, Board Clerk

READ AND APPROVED BY:   
JIM COMISKY  
President – Board of Directors