



**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., March 16, 2021**

**Middletown Fire Station, 21095 Highway 175**

**NON-TIMED ITEMS**

**A. OPEN MEETING:**

- A1. *President Comisky called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.*
- A2. *Chief Duncan led pledge of allegiance.*
- A3. *Present: Directors Rob Bostock, Eric Redford, and Madelyn Martinelli, Vice President Devin Hoberg, and President Jim Comisky. Also present: Chief Paul Duncan, Office Technician Karin Collett, and Board Clerk Gloria Fong*
- A4. **MARTINELLI MOTION** to approve agenda with closed session items D6 and D7 to be heard before citizens input. *AYES: Bostock, Redford, Martinelli, Hoberg, Comisky. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Board convened to closed session after the approval of the agenda and reconvened at 7:41 p.m. They reported that Counsel gave update on the case and the Board unanimously agreed to have claim for damage continue as it state in the District's policy.*

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

**C. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**C1. Reports:**

- C1.1. *Fire Sirens: No Report.*
- C1.2. *SL Fire Safe Council: Next meeting agenda and minutes from last meeting were included in agenda packet.*
- C1.3. *Volunteer Firefighters' Association: No Report.*
- C1.4. *Chief's Report: Report provided in agenda packet. Chief Duncan touched on significant accidents with fatality involved and after action meetings were held to support employee mental health.*
- C1.5. *Financial Report: Report provided in agenda packet. It was noted that last month's report Fund balance matched up to Auditor's December but didn't calculate correctly to include January and February amounts.*

**C2. Directors' Activity and Committee Report**

*Director Martinelli has no activity to report.*

*Director Redford has no activity to report.*

*Director Bostock has no activity to report.*

*Director Hoberg has no activity to report.*

*Director Comisky echoed what he has every month of last six, which was trying to protect ability for fire district to provide advance life support care.*

## TIMED ITEMS

### D. REGULAR ITEM:

- D1. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration for Resolution No. 2020-21-14, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Lake County Fire Protection District Adopting a Fire Protection System Study, Fire Protection Standards, and a Capital Fire Facilities and Equipment Plan. Placed on the agenda by Staff Services Analyst Gloria Fong.

*Seeing there is comments from the public or further discussion, **HOBERG/BOSTOCK MOTION** to approve D1 as submitted. AYES: Martinelli, Hoberg, Redford, Bostock, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.***

- D2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration for Resolution No. 2020-21-15, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Lake County Fire Protection District Making Findings and Requesting Imposition of the Fire Mitigation Fees Pursuant to the Lake County Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance. Placed on the agenda by Staff Services Analyst Gloria Fong.

*Seeing there is comments from the public or further discussion, **MARTINELLI/REDFORD MOTION** to approve D2. AYES: Bostock, Redford, Hoberg, Martinelli, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.***

- D3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration for Resolution No. 2020-21-16, A Resolution of the Setting Consumer Price Index (CPI), Directing Fire Chief, or Designee, to Certify and Request County of Lake to Collect Special Tax on the 2021-2022. Placed on the agenda by Staff Services Analyst Gloria Fong.

*Seeing there is comments from the public or further discussion, **MARTINELLI/HOBERG MOTION** to approve D3 as written. AYES: Bostock, Martinelli, Redford, Hoberg, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.***

- D4. Consideration for pilot program of AI-powered early warning fire detection & situational awareness system to be conducted within South Lake County Fire Protection District. Placed on the agenda at the request of Pano.

*PCF Michael Hess introduced himself and is here tonight as resident of Cobb and greater South Lake. Pano is advanced company working with advanced hardware and artificial intelligence to help wildfire detection and suppression effort. They are here to see whether the Board will allow them to pilot program in the Fire District at no cost, to collect feedback and personnel to understand its functioning.*

*Arvind Satyam, chief commercial officer, introduced himself with background in building and scaling. Pano was launched 9 months ago, mostly in the Bay Area, seeing opportunity to build off mountain top cameras for situational awareness in California. One to broaden use 360 panoramic view to see all directions at all times and expand functionality, leveraging artificial intelligence time to compress, detect, confirm and then provide functionality so you can respond much faster. Today there are 5 up in the Bay Area and they are exploring opportunities to put up additional sites to test in upcoming fire season.*

*Rafi Sands is working on development at Pano and presented demo of 5 cameras currently up, rotating 360 degrees and capturing imagery in live time, with zoomed view and time lapse. The way artificial intelligence works is when smoke is detected, an alert can be pulled into the system to save time and deploy proper response, and can be sent out.*

*The plan is to deploy a couple of cameras in Lake County. If approved, a pilot program will be developed for those interested with no resource commitment or cost. It is in no way a dispatch system and will not interfere. They want to have opportunity to contact those using the system to collect feedback to improve it.*

*Arvind and Rafi answered questions with regards bandwidth, camera locations, and funding.*

*Chief Duncan sees no negative, no investment and basically get to field test and group troop it.*

*Michael Hess was commended. He is one of our young firefighters get involved at higher level very quickly*

**MARTINELL/HOBERGI MOTION** to support the installation with no commitment to allow us to be beta test site for program, with a summary provided every other Board meeting. AYES: Bostock, Hoberg, Martinelli, Redford, Comisky NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- D5. Consideration for South Lake County Fire Protection District to submit grant application for fuels reduction in amount of \$650,000 with performance period in Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Placed on the agenda by Battalion Chief Mike Wink.

*Chief Duncan explains this is grant application for equipment to do vegetation management and around the County because Cal Fire cannot apply for it. This is opportunity to own fuels equipment that will be reimbursed by the by grant.*

*The Marin attachment is an example and how it was procured it. Our grant will be written similarly to this. Marin's grant contains a strategic plan. A strategic plan is one we should have but as far as this, Chief Duncan feels it should be developed by the Fire Safe Council.*

*As far as liability this would be a Heavy Equipment Operator through Cal Fire. Collaboration would be once equipment gets here and gets used. Obtaining the equipment would be on us and the maintenance through the vegetation management program of the State.*

**HOBERG/REDFORD MOTION** approve item D5 as submitted. AYES: Bostock, Martinell, Redford, Hoberg, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- D6. **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.

- D7. **CLOSED SESSION:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (one case) (Govt Code section 54956.9(b)).

E. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

E1. Minutes presented: February 16, 2021 – Regular Meeting

E2. Warrants presented:

E2.1. March - Preliminary

E2.2. February – corrected


E3. Budget Transfers

*In the minutes Director Redford is stated as absent throughout but present during roll call and should not have been, which motion can include correction as noted.*

**BOSTOCK/MARTINELLI MOTION** to approve consent calendar with correction as noted. AYES: Hoberg, Redford, Bostock Martinelli, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. **MARTINELLI/HOBERG MOTION** to adjourn meeting 8:35 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