



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., November 19, 2019, Middletown Fire Station

NON-TIMED ITEMS

A. OPEN MEETING:

- A1. *President Hoberg called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.*
- A2. *Battalion Chief Wink led pledge of allegiance.*
- A3. *Present: Director Rob Bostock, Vice President Reg Garcia, and President Devin Hoberg. Absent: Madelyn Martinelli and Jim Comisky. Also present: Battalion Chief Mike Wink Board Clerk Gloria Fong.*
- A4. **BOSTOCK/GARCIA MOTION** to approve agenda. AYES: Garcia, Bostock, Hoberg. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. CITIZENS' INPUT: Letters from Gary Prather and Michael Prather

Gary Prather voiced his concern for property owners outside the district who didn't receive a ballot and weren't able to vote on Measure L and questioned how units of risk were determined.

Battalion Chief Wink informed him information went out twice to zip codes in the fire district from "Yes on Measure L" committee.

It was explained the County doesn't have voting mechanism, different ballot, is not set up to reaching out to people not in the district and voters vote in the area of their primary residence. The Board agrees this doesn't make if fair and property owners should be given chance to express opinion and recommends this be communicated with Board of Supervisors.

Battalion Chief Wink explained Lake County Fire Protection District in 2016 started with the unit of risk, went through process on how city and county assesses, through consultant of Lower Lake and Clearlake. When all fire chiefs talked, all have a deficit that had to be closed, and all stated to come up with same formula. While all using all same formula, not all using same dollar amount. For instance while Northshore has 20,000 parcels, we have 8,790 and Lake County Fire consists of Lower Lake and Clearlake totaling 12,000. Not all the same, everyone has different parcel and not ask for more than they need but to maintain services they have and this came from another county. It was a recommendation and thought process. The methodology came from outside entity. Kelseyville and Lake Pillsbury are only areas not assessing.

Gary Prather, speaking on Danny Prather's behalf has 5 parcels, 4 at \$200 and small piece that cannot be split off is charged at \$160 each for total \$960 and neighbor is \$200. He learned that by no fault of the property owner and this is a county system, the assessors parcel number, that on some that can be combined are assessed on one when same address exists. This is not an option for timber property. It costs more because back taxes from beginning is required to be removed from timber.

C. COMMUNICATIONS:

C1. Reports:

C1.1. Fire Sirens

Battalion Chief Wink spoke to them today and they are asking wish list items get purchased.

Doors are installed and gets them 2nd way out of the House of Bargains.

Annual blood drive is Sunday December 8th. Volunteer Association will support with barbeque. While we don't think anyone is turned away, they do recommend appointments.

C1.2. SL Fire Safe Council

Battalion Chief Wink reports the council received funding and did last round of chipping in the area.

Council has a few groups under same umbrella working on applications for multimillion-dollar grants.

C1.3. Volunteer Firefighters' Association

On Association President Fenk's behalf who is unable to attend because he went home with flu, Battalion Chief Wink reports the Association is supporting the blood drive as reported earlier

Candy cane run for Cobb, Middletown, and Hidden Valley will be scheduled.

From the fundraiser the Association has funds to help with building Type 6 engine and is time consuming process of building it.

Association looking at a used Type 3 engine and want to use their funds to contribute towards its purchase. And if there is a gap, they may seek contributions from the Fire Sirens. This will be a good training vehicle.

C1.4. Chief's Report

Battalion Chief Wink reports:

- *Chief Bertelli continues his assignment in Mendocino county. A retirement has bumped him up and when it becomes permanent, he will appoint to take the position.*
- *He'd been emailing Board about extra staffing and will continue email communications.*
- *The Kincade fire was ominous looking when it come down Dry Creek. People were being told there are over 200 firefighters there making sure it didn't come down the mountain.*
- *Upcoming training are rope rescue system, snow cat training. The training is expensive and there are funds for it.*

C1.5. Financial Report

The year to date balance in the fire mitigation fee fund is \$240,000, \$32,000 of which is being used as District's match share for FEMA award towards generator replacement. Fire mitigation fees if not expended within five years of receipt are supposed to be returned to the property owner. Therefore, Board Clerk Fong recommend the remainder together with \$20,000 Intergovernmental Transfer funds received end of last fiscal year and another \$33,000 anticipated this fiscal year be used for the ambulance purchase.

Battalion Chief Wink reports the ambulance is in the build que right now in order to receive it in spring. It'll look identical to Cobb's ambulance. All are impressed with the vendor Horton Leader.

Battalion Chief Wink reports the \$20,000 wish list purchases are about finished and the Fire Sirens are sitting on \$30,000. While their charter states the funds they raise are to be spent on emergency response they want to talk about cost share for awning for building.

C2. Directors' Activity and Committee Report

Directors Garcia and Bostock have no activity to report.

Director Hoberg reports he attended information meeting at casino with public safety power shutoff was going on at same time.

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D. REGULAR ITEM:

D1. Consideration for Salary Comparison from Fire Apparatus Engineer / Paramedic to Fire Captain Paramedic Classifications. Placed on the agenda by Battalion Chief Wink.

Battalion Chief Wink wants to have discussion and action doesn't need to be taken at this time. He's been looking at numbers a long time and finally put pencil to it. Captains have done their training and are journeyed while engineers require apprentice level training.

Right now there is one fire captain, one fire captain paramedic, six engineer paramedics, two firefighter paramedics, plus one limited term position with flexibility to hire engineer for maximum of thirteen. Through attrition two will promote to fire captain paramedic. Instead of one fire captain on for three days per station, there will be six days for better continuity.

Come fiscal year 2020-2021, he's proposing the contract be for two fire captain paramedic replacing two engineer paramedic.

Battalion Chief Wink notes the budget is built at top step but the weeks of training doesn't really show in the budget. Bottom line savings is not paying training dollars and will see savings.

Director Garcia suggests the revenue committee meet and no action taken at this time.

D2. Consideration for duty statements for additions / changes approved October 15, 2019 to 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 the agenda by Association President Todd Fenk.

Item D2 tabled.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

E1. Minutes presented: September 17, 2019 – Regular Meeting

E2. Warrants presented:

E2.1. October warrants

E2.2. September warrants – corrected

BOSTOCK /GARCIA MOTION to approve consent calendar. AYES: Bostock, Garcia, Hoberg. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. **GARCIA/BOSTOCK MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. All members in attendance are in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted by:  _____
Gloria Fong
Board Clerk

READ AND APPROVED BY:  _____
DEVIN HOBERG
President – Board of Directors