

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

September 13, 2022 Minutes

Randy Rossi –Board Chair, Tony Marcaccio–Vice Chair, Judy Hobson–Secretary, Christina Holum – Director, Joe Ruder – Director

Mission Statement

To provide a professional and compassionate level of community fire protection, emergency medical and rescue services to the citizens and property owners within the Fire District, in order to prevent or minimize the loss of life, pain, suffering and property damage as a result of fire or other types of emergency.

The regularly scheduled September 13th, 2022 6:00 PM Board Meeting was conducted in person at 7061 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM 18:00 hours 6:00p.m.

- 1.1 Roll Call-Present: Rossi, Marcaccio, Holum, Hobson, Ruder - Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin. Assistant Joy Vierra, Captain Ramsey, FF Carlson
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance Led by Director Ruder

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT / PRESENTATIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

None

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve the Minutes from August 9th, 2022 Board Meeting and Minutes from August 26th, 2022 Special Board Meeting
- 3.2 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills – green sheets
Motion to adopt agenda and accept consent calendar
(M/S) Ruder/Hobson Passed 5/0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)

Any person may address the District Board on any subject pertaining to District business, which is not listed on the agenda. This comment is provided by the Ralph M. Brown Open Meeting Act (Government Code § 54950 et. seq) and may be limited to three (3) minutes for any person addressing the Board. "The public may address the Board on any subject listed on the Regular Agenda. Each speaker may address the Board **once** for a limit of three (3) minutes. The filing of speaker cards is not mandatory, but is helpful in creating an accurate record. Each speaker will be called upon to speak by the Chair when the item is heard"

Audience member thanked the PVFA and local Fire Safe Counsels for putting information into the Mt Aukum Newsletter.

5. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 5.1 **Administrative/Chief's Report** – Chief Whitt provided Chief's report as printed in the Board Packet. A discussion took place surrounding District apparatus and vehicles currently in for or needing repairs. Board requested that an Apparatus Update be placed on the monthly agenda as a Standing Activity Report for future board meetings. The Board directed Chief Whitt to allocate funds as necessary to make the needed apparatus repairs.

TO: Pioneer Fire Protection District, Board of Directors
FROM: David Whitt, Fire Chief
DATE: September 13, 2022
ITEM: Chief's Report for August 2022

Calls for Service in July 2022:

- Total: 52 Year to Date: 498

By Type:

- EMS: 28
- Fires: 2

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- MVA: 4
- HZMT: 2
- Assist: 7
- Other: 9

District Information:

Station/Apparatus/Equipment

- Attended several meetings and phone calls including:
 - El Dorado County Fire Chiefs
 - El Dorado County Emergency Services JPA
 - Still continuing data analysis to determine best ambulance placement to meet county needs
- USFS has started to utilize Station 31; looks like they may be there for several months
- All extrication equipment is out of service pending repairs
- E-38 is still in West Sacramento undergoing repairs. So far costs are north of \$9000.00.
- Outfitting El Dorado Hills Type I Engine to make sure it meets typing and our equipment needs.

Personnel

- FF Montesanti served his last day on 09/01/2022
- Looking for either a long-term Firefighter to backfill or for a permanent.
- Ryan Carlson has been on a personal mission to recruit additional staff for the LT position, permanent, or as resident Firefighters.
- Held an interview for Firefighter; four invited, one showed.

Continued Steps:

- Crews continue to sort and itemize equipment on all apparatus
- Crews continue to work on our wildly important goals (WIG's)
 - Electrical power supply to Station 38 (much coordination needed for this project)
 - Bathroom in the Living Quarters in Station 38 has been started
 - Water heater/filter system replacement in Station 38 has been started
- Apparatus still being reviewed, stripped of equipment as necessary, and prepared for sale
 - Pick up and trailer to be sold.

OPTIONS: N/A – Informational Purposes Only

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

ACTION PLAN: None.

RELATED ACTION(S): None.

5.2 Local #4586 – Captain Ramsey reported that the Local is working on a new MOU that will help with retention and support District growth.

5.3 PVFA – Dan Dwyer reported that the Willow School siding installation has been finished. It needs to be painted, donations of paint were received from Home Depot and Vista Paint to complete the project. He thanked Paul Schaffer for securing the donation of the Hardy Plank, and Steve Tyler and Mike Perry for installing the siding on the building at no cost.

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The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held Sunday September 18th at the Fireman's Hall. The Children's Christmas party will be December 10th at Station 38 or the Fireman's Hall. Scot Telfer reported that the Tool Shed at Willow School was opened on August 19th. On Monday 9/19/22 James Hardy from Hardy Plank will be coming with a film crew to film the Grizzly Flats area, Willow School and Caldor Fire Burn Scar.

5.4 Financial – Chief Whitt reviewed the year end financials as provided in the board packet and suggested the Board set up a financial ad-hoc committee at the October board meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Fire Chief's 6 Month Review

Admin Vierra provided Board members with a performance review evaluation for Chief Whitt to be filled out by each Board Member and returned by October 1st. Administrative Staff, Captain Schwitalla, Ramsey, and Battalion Chief Earle will also be provided evaluations to review the Chief to be returned by October 1st. Evaluations will be turned into the Administration office via email. Evaluations will also be going to some outside agencies that have dealings with Pioneer Fire Chief Whitt. All evaluations will be tallied and identified only by which group they came from, (administration, crews, board or outside agencies). The Board will provide Chief Whitt with his review at the October Board meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Final Budget FY 2022/2023

Final Budget for FY 2022-2023 was provided and reviewed by the Board.

Motion to accept Final Budget FY 2022/2023

(M/S) Ruder/Marcaccio Passed 5/0

7.2 Upcoming Open Board of Director's Position

Director Ruder will not be running in the upcoming election for his Board of director's seat. Pioneer Fire Protection District Board may recommend to the Board of Supervisors one (1) full term to appointment, by submitting a name of the nominee for consideration for appointment to the District's four year term to the Elections Department by October 13, 2022. The Elections Department will present the District's nomination to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration at a regularly scheduled board meeting. The Pioneer Fire Board directed administration to post the open board seat, and will also be looking for individuals interested in serving on the Pioneer Board. All names for consideration must be submitted by the October 11 Pioneer Fire Board meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)

None

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING –

Standing report for Apparatus, Finance Ad Hoc Committee formation, Open Board Member Position

ADJOURNMENT– Motion to Adjourn


(M/S) Hobson/ Ruder Passed 5/0 Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 6pm

Prepared by:


Joy Vierra, Administrative Assistant


Randy Rossi, Chair BOD


Date