# **Board of Directors Special Board Meeting**

January 17, 2022 Minutes

Randy Rossi -Board Chair, Tony Marcaccio-Vice Chair, Judy Hobson-Secretary, Christina Holum - Director, Vacant - 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 December 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: Director Rossi, Director Holum, Director Hobson, Director Marcaccio, Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin. Assistant Joy Vierra, AIC Captain Walsh LTFF Jones
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Marcaccio

## 2. OATH OF OFFICE

- 2.1 Oath of Office for Tony Marcaccio & Candance Flaming
  Director Rossi provided Tony Marcaccio and Candance Flaming with their Oath's of Office.
  Candance joined the Board at the table for the remainder of the meeting.
- 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR
  The Board may make any necessary additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda including moving
  items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the agenda and the Consent Calendar with one single
  vote. A Board member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and
  separate Board action
  - 3.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Minutes from November 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 Board Meeting. There was no December Board Meeting held due to lack of a quorum.
  - 3.2 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills green sheets for November and December 2022.

Motion to adopt agenda and accept consent calendar (M/S) Holum/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.

## 4.1 California Special District Association Presentation

(Dane Wadle)

Dane Wadle gave the Board of Directors an overview of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) related to what it does to support special districts. Dane highlighted the trainings and resources that are available to the board and staff as part of the district's membership.

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## 5. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**5.1 Administrative/Chief's Report** – Chief Whitt provided Chief's report specifically related to the December report as printed in the Board Packet. Both November and December's reports were submitted to the Board since there was no board meeting in December due to weather.

TO:

Pioneer Fire Protection District Board of Directors

FROM:

David Whitt, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY:

David Whitt, Fire Chief

DATE:

January 10, 2023

ITEM:

December Board of Director's Meeting Chief's Report for the Month of

December

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

Receive Information about the District

## Calls for Service in September:

Call Type	<u>December</u>	Year to Date
EMS	27	295
Fire	3	32
MVA	1	46
Hazmat	3	11
Assist	22	246
Other	3	15
TOTAL	59	645
Fire Loss Total	\$ 0	\$750,500

### **Apparatus**

Repairing the fleet continues to progress:

## E-38 (Type 1 – Frontline Structure Engine)

- Has been picked up from Cummins of West Sacramento and placed back into service.
- Engine suffered some body damage when we struck a very tight bridge.
- Built-in battery charger/conditioner has gone bad. New one ordered.

#### Reserve Engine (El Dorado Hills)

Replacing plumbing for front discharge

## E-338 (Type 3 – Frontline Wildland Engine)

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• E-338 was taken to Veerkamps for repair to exhaust manifolds. Those were replaced per International recommendation and the Engine is running very nicely now.

Type 6 Engine (Purchased but never placed into service due to it breaking down on the way to Pioneer)

• Fully repaired and is functioning completely. \$17,000.

Type 6 Engine (engine blew up during Caldor Fire and was repaired at cost of \$27,000.00)

- Has been placed into service as Patrol 35.
- Patrol 35 will be taken into the shop to fix check engine light now that the other Type 6 is back and the storms abade.
- Costs should be minimal if repairable.
- If the "Check Engine" light cannot be resolved, then a process with DMV will be undertaken to have the apparatus "adjudicated" and approved for use in the State of California.

## WT-38 (Frontline Water Tender)

- Awaiting word from Helie for next steps.
- Still working on repairs with White Freightliner and Helie.

#### **Facilities**

Station 38 including the living quarters:

- Bathroom has been repaired. Looks great.
- Water filtration system is going out to bid again due to only receiving one bid.
- Electrical supply drop and associated repairs should be going out to bid after we get a more accurate scope of work.
- Roof prop is nearly finished on top of the Conex box.
- Plan is moving forward for re-arranging the apparatus bay and interior of Administration including possibly removing the kitchen area. Looking for lockers now.
- Air compressor Grant has been awarded to Pioneer and is in process of going to bid.
- Oxygen filling tanks have been supplied by the JPA. Waiting for valving.

## <u>Personnel</u>

- Firefighter Ryan Drake has been hired as the "A" Shift Firefighter; first day was January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Firefighter has returned from injury; back to full staffing for Firefighter rank.
- We have 6 reserves that have been working for over two weeks bringing our staffing up to 4 at times.
  - Looking to fill the "B" Shift Fire Captain. Internal candidate may be elevated. Firefighter replacement should not be a problem as we have several good candidates but one seems to be outstanding for our organization.

#### Administration

• Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines are being reviewed/developed; lengthy process.

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- Discussions with FEMA and Cal OES as to the replacement of Station 35 continue.
  - o Possible new apparatus barn relocated to Station 31.
  - o Looking for general estimates for costs to see if we can facilitate this with FEMA and Insurance recovery reimbursements.

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- 1) Provide Staff with comment.
- 2) Provide Staff with additional direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As noted in the report

**ACTION PLAN:** 

None.

**RELATED ACTION(S):** 

None.

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November

RECOMMENDATION:

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### Calls For Service in September:

Call Type	<u>November</u>	Year to Date
EMS	21	253
Fire	1	27
MVA	5	46
Hazmat	0	7
Assist	9	105
Other	12	141
TOTAL	48	579
Fire Loss Total	\$ 0	\$282,500

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- Potentially 6 reserves starting this month after they graduate and meet State requirements for FF1 and FF2
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  - One Firefighter, who was with the District prior, has been offered a full time position.
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  - o Interviewing for Fire Captain this week.

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#### 5.2 Local #4586

AIC Captain Walsh represented the Local 4586, he had nothing to report

#### 5.3 PVFA

Dan Dwyer reported that Breakfast with Santa was a big success. Over 170 meals were served. The Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Park Breakfast will be served from 9-10:30a.m., and the Easter Egg Hunt will start at 11a.m.

#### 5.4 Financial

Chief Whitt reviewed County financial reports as provided in the board packet.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

#### 6.1 Finance Ad Hoc Committee Formation

(Whitt)

Chief Whitt attended the Finance ad hoc committee meeting for El Dorado County Fire on 1/17/23 to see how their meetings are conducted and gain ideas for PFPD's Finance Ad Hoc committee meetings. Director Marcaccio and Director Holum have volunteered to be on the Finance Ad Hoc committee. The Finance Ad Hoc Committee will have a meeting before the next regularly scheduled board meeting. A Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Station 38 was chosen as a good day and time to meet once a month to start. Admin Vierra will set up the time and date that will work for all for the meeting to be held before February's board meeting.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

# 7.1 Board of Directors elections (Chair / Vice Chair / Secretary)

(Rossi)

Director Rossi opened up nominations for the Board Chair position. Director Hobson nominated Director Marcaccio for the Board Chair position. Vote was taken and all voted in favor 5/0.

Director Rossi opened up nominations for the Vice Chair position. Director Marcaccio nominated Director Holum for the Vice Chair position. Vote was taken and all voted in favor 5/0.

Director Rossi opened up nominations for the Board Secretary position. Director Hobson volunteered. Vote was taken and all voted in favor 5/0.

## 7.2 Review and Acceptance of Final Audit

(Vierra)

Board reviewed the copy of the final audit that was provided in the board packet.

Motion made to accept final audit for FY 2021

(M/S) Holum/Hobson

Passed 5/0

# 8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)

**8.1** Admin Vierra The following letters:

Letter Addressed to Captain Mike Stutts and the Pioneer Fire Protection District from the Omo Ranch Fire Safe Counsel thanking Mike for sharing knowledge and experience related to fire safety. Letter from Linda Catterlin thanking the fire Crews for their support with a call to their home. Christmas card received with a donation to the Station from Douglass and Celestina Single. The suggestion came up for all board members to be provided tours of all the stations in the district to familiarize current and the new board members to the stations and our response area.

## 9. AGENDA ITEMS (For Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting)

9.1 Financial Ad Hoc Committee meeting reports will be listed with the standing financial report as the Financial Ad Hoc Committee may not be meeting monthly.

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9.2 New Business - Board Manual Bylaw review. Suggestion was made to obtain some of the board manuals for other similar districts to use as a basis so we are in line with other Special Districts in the County. EDC Fire, Diamond Springs Fire, Garden Valley, were identified. Possible formation of a board Manual/Bylaws Ad hoc Committee will be on the next agenda

# ADJOURNMENT - Motion to Adjourn

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

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday February 14, 2022 at 6pm

Prepared by:

Joy Vierra, Administrative Assistant

Chair BOD /

D.4.

Date