

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

May 10th, 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 May 10th, 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 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call – Rossi, Marcaccio, Hobson, Ruder, and Director Holum was absent.

Administration: Chief Whitt, Administrative Assistant Joy Vierra, Captain Ramsey, & FF Montesanti

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance Marcaccio

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Minutes from April 12th 2022 Board Meeting

2.2 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills – Greensheets

2.3 Administration recommends the BOD approve Fechter & Company Amendment to the signed Engagement Letter dated February 18 2022. (Vierra)

Motion to approve Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Consent Calendar

(M/S) Ruder/Hobson Passed 4/0

3. 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"

No Public Comment

4. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Administrative/Chief's Report April 2022

TO: Pioneer Fire Protection District, Board of Directors

FROM: David Whitt, Fire Chief

DATE: April 7, 2022

ITEM: Chief's Report for March 2022

Calls for Service in April 2022:

• **Total:** 48 **Year to Date:** 183

By Type:

• **EMS:** 17
• **Fires:** 0
• **MVA:** 6
• **Assist:** 10
• **HZMT:** 3
• **Other:** 12

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District Information:

- Attended several meetings and phone calls including with Western Slope, USFS, JPA, and local agencies
- Met with staff and “QRT’s” to discuss expectations, vision, and how to engage more personnel
 - Discussed standards of training
 - Possible changing nomenclature from QRT to Volunteer and what that entails
- Attended the April El Dorado County Fire Chief’s Meeting
- Met with Attended the El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority (JPA)
- Continuing to review files, budget (as will be discussed)
- Station 38 apron concrete renovation project
- Septic system repair has gone to open bid ...again
- Station 31 cleanout in progress
- SCBA from grant have been received, inventoried, and documented for Georgetown and Mosquito to pick up their share
- El Dorado Hills Fire Board approved the donation of their Type 1 Wildland Engine to Pioneer
- Target Solution training platform is back!

Next Steps:

- Continuing to work with FEMA providing FEMA and Cal OES with all the information those agencies need to complete any/all claims from the Caldor Fire losses
- Fire Captain position still being currently filled by overtime
- Filling the Firefighter position with limited term
- Stabilize training via training plan and documentation for career and volunteer staff
- Review all apparatus needs and come up with a salvage/sales list

OPTIONS: N/A – Informational Purposes Only

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

ACTION PLAN: None.

RELATED ACTION(S): None.

Chief also informed the board he had meetings with most all the volunteers. They discussed changing the name from QRT’s to Volunteers and insure all are trained to do the tasks they are performing.

Paul Schaffer reported that the concrete work at station 38 will be completed on 5/11/22.

4.2 Local #4586 – Captain Ramsey reported that the Boot Drive date is being picked and the Local 4586 is working with the PVFA to set up the event

4.3 PVFA – Dan Dwyer reported that The West Slope Foundation’s next Tool Drive drop off date for Caldor Fire Victims is May 15th at Pioneer School. Music in the Park to be held June 26th at Pioneer Park. On July 9th there will be a thank you dinner for all who volunteer to be held at the Fireman’s Hall. On August 16th there will be a BBQ at Pioneer Park for the 1st anniversary of the Caldor Fire. The PVFA is also working on a tool shed to be located at Willow School for the West Slope Foundation to store the tools. Conversations are still taking place with the forest Service

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related to the use of Station 31. The Building and grounds needed to be cleaned up, and Crews have been taking care of this.

- 4.4 Financial** – Chief Whitt reviewed the county financials and gave clarification regarding the budget and expenditures.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.1** Vegetation Management Fire Rebuild (Kelly Auville SME)
Held over until next month
- 5.2** Rebuilding Fire Fee (Scot Telfer)
Scott Telfer reported that the West Slope foundation held a meeting with Chief Whitt to discuss reducing fees for Fire survivors. Chief Whitt will address the discussion with item 6.4
- 5.3** Treasurer Board Position (Holum)
Held over until next month
- 5.4** Board Policy Manual vs Changes Not Noted (Holum)
Held over until next month

5 NEW BUSINESS

- 5.3** Brown Act Unconditional Commitment (Rossi)
Brown Act Unconditional Commitment letter written to Mark Matthews was read into record by Director Rossi
Motion to accept and send Unconditional Commitment Letter to Mark Matthews.
(M/S) Hobson/Ruder Passed 4/0

- 5.4** 2022/2023 Preliminary Budget (Whitt)
Chief Whitt provided a budget update and a proposed work plan and priority order with an outline and reviewed items that are a high priority.
Work Plan
1. Continue to support our personnel and provide them with the training, equipment, and facilities to perform at the present service levels.
 2. Access the department's response to emergency calls for service.
 3. Review and implement a training program that provides a minimum of 20 hours per month for personnel to meet Federal, State, and local standards.
 4. Listed as item 6 – Improve radio and communication systems to increase Fire Fighter safety and interoperability.
 5. Listed as item 7 – Provide annual testing of equipment and apparatus as mandated
 6. Listed as item 8 – Provide Weed Abatement Services to direct public resources
 7. Listed as item 10 – Enhance Volunteer/Reserve program including revising job description and identification of new functional responsibilities within the department.
 8. Listed as item 11 – Review and update department policy and procedures and provide copies to personnel.
 9. Listed as item 12 – provide for Fire Department participation of public education and community events without compromising response capabilities

- 5.5** Measure F (Vierra)
Joy Vierra informed board it is again time to put the Measure F information together for the County, all information is due to them August 3rd, 2022

- 5.6** Caldor Fire Rebuild Permit Fees (Earle/Whitt)
Chief Whitt read a staff report that came out of the meeting with the West Slope foundation related to the Caldor Fire and the effects it is having on residents and community. Chief Whitt provided several options the department could take with relation to reducing PFPD permit rebuild fees.

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One idea is for those that are uninsured or underinsured to have PFPD fees cut 50% and pay the balance of the fees over a 2 year process with no interest. If after 2 years fees are still unpaid the department will lean the properties in question.

Motion made to direct staff to come up with a policy relative to fee reduction to our current permit fee schedule for the Survivors of the Caldor Fire.

(M/S) Hobson/Ruder Passed 4/0

6 CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)

Admin Vierra read a thank you letter into record from the EDSO Thrive Family for supporting the Back to the Badge Event.

7 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Items 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 with no closed session on the next agenda

8 CLOSED SESSION entered into closed session at 7:16 p.m.

9.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to (§ 54956.9(b)): Number of cases one

10. Return from Closed Session 7.35 p.m.

10.1 Report out on item 9.1

Nothing to report out


ADJOURNMENT— Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Prepared by:



Joy Vierra, Administrative Assistant



Randy Rossi, Chair BOD

6-14-2022
Date