



Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District

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FINAL Minutes

Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of August 13th, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY PRESIDENT HURLEY

1.0 ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: HURLEY, JOHNSTON, SPISAK, WEATHERFORD, RAMOS

DIRECTORS ABSENT: NONE

INTRODUCTIONS: FIRE CHIEF TOM CROSSER
BOARD SECRETARY FRED MALMLUND
FF/PM TREVOR DIRKSEN
CAPTAIN TODD SKRABAK
MRS. SARAH MELTON & FAMILY
CAPTAIN ED SIMS
FF STEVE BROSIG
FF/PM MICHAEL FYFE

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM/TO BOARD MEMBERS & PUBLIC

3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

3.2 SERVICE PIN AWARDS:

Chief Crosser awarded service pins to the following employees for their years of service to the district:

FF/PM Mike Fyfe	20 Years
FF Steve Brosig	20 Years
Administrative Assistant Sarah Melton	10 Years

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3.2 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Written communications consisted of two emails regarding the electrocution incident on June 28th, a thank-you letter from a resident for a recent medical call, a thank you letter from seascape uplands community for a CERT training, news articles regarding the upcoming dangers in paradise event and 4th of July safety precautions, a flyer for the September 19th car seat inspection event, a letter from the Santa Cruz County Treasurers office regarding a vacancy on the treasury oversight commission, and a thank you letter from the sheriff’s office for the districts assistance in 4th of July safety operations.

Director Weatherford expressed interest in the treasury oversight commission position. All the other board members supported Director Weatherford’s involvement in the commission. President Hurley stated he would write a letter nominating Director Weatherford to a position on the commission.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 MOTION TO ACCEPT & FILE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 9, 2009

4.2 MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS DISBURSEMENTS OF JULY 4, 2009 THROUGH AUGUST 7, 2009

4.3 MOTION TO APPROVE A DISBURSEMENT TO SANTA CRUZ CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,253.50 FOR THE FIRST HALF FY 2009-10 SERVICE CHARGE

Moved to Section 5.0 by Director Weatherford for discussion.

4.4 MOTION TO APPROVE A DISBURSEMENT TO MCNEIL & COMPANY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$31,797.00 FOR THE 2009-10 INSURANCE PACKAGE POLICY

On motion by Director Weatherford, seconded by Director Ramos, that consent agenda items 4.1, 4.2, and 4.4 be approved as submitted, was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnston, Hurley, Spisak, Weatherford, Ramos
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4.5 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS? None

5.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

4.3 MOTION TO APPROVE A DISBURSEMENT TO SANTA CRUZ CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,253.50 FOR THE FIRST HALF FY 2009-10 SERVICE CHARGE

Director Weatherford inquired if the state diversion of property taxes would affect Netcom's funding. Chief Crosser responded that Netcom is not funded through property taxes so they would be only indirectly affected.

On motion by Director Weatherford, seconded by Director Ramos, that consent agenda items 4.3 be approved as submitted, was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnston, Hurley, Spisak, Weatherford, Ramos
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 8-09 "FY 2009-10 FINAL BUDGET"

Business Manager Malmlund discussed changes to the proposed FY 2009-10 budget and forecast. The 2.6% loss of property tax revenue resulted in the following changes to the FY 2009-10 budget:

1. Cut the \$100k payment to PERS for the safety side fund balance.
2. Cut the ambulance refurbishment project.
3. Cut the mobile computers project.
4. Defer the replacement of two command vehicles to the following year.

On motion by Director Ramos, seconded by Director Johnston, that resolution 8-09 be approved as submitted, was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnston, Hurley, Spisak, Weatherford, Ramos
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6.2 MOTION TO APPROVE A DISBURSEMENT TO CALPERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 TO PAY DOWN THE SAFETY RETIREMENT PLAN SIDE FUND LIABILITY

No action was taken on this item.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 DISCUSSION OF THE GRAND JURY REPORT TITLED "WHO IS WATCHING OUR SPECIAL DISTRICTS"

Directors discussed whether to respond to the report given by the grand jury regarding LAFCO oversight of special districts. Director Johnston noted that LAFCO has no authority for special district oversight. Director Hurley noted that the report stated that larger districts (such as A/LSFPD) appeared to be operating professionally. Director Weatherford noted that no members of the District were contacted during the preparation of the report and, therefore, did not wish to respond to the report. The board, in total, stated a preference to not respond to the report.

8.0 STANDING REPORTS

8.1 BOARD OVERSIGHT INQUIRY:

Director Ramos asked about the scheduling of minimum qualification division chief classes. Chief Crosser reported that classes have been scheduled and will be completed.

8.2 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Marshal Dias continues to work on details for the administrative remedies ordinance for code enforcement. He plans to bring the item to the board for consideration at the September board meeting.

Deputy Fire Marshal Wallace and Fire Prevention Specialist Erin Collins are organizing a child safety seat event at Station 1 for Saturday, September 17th between 10:00 a.m and 2:00 p.m.

Staff has begun working with the newly formed Soquel Fire Safe Council with the intention of expanding Fire Safe efforts into our District. Community members have expressed interest in participating.

The new utility truck has been delivered. Operations Chief Terpstra will arrange for installation of various equipment prior to being placed in service.

The old CERT trailer was donated to State Parks for use in the Junior Lifeguard program.

To follow up an inquiry from the July meeting by President Hurley, the \$5925 mechanical expense for Engine 3510 was for parts and labor to perform regular service, replace several minor items, and repair the air conditioner. A copy of the repair invoice was attached for review.

Engine 3536 is currently assigned to the Lockheed fire. Chief Crosser gave a brief update of the fire progress to directors.

8.3 REPORT FROM FIREFIGHTERS' LOCAL 3535 PRESIDENT TREVOR DIRKSEN

Union President Dirksen reviewed the items of concern discussed at the most recent Union meeting:

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1. The union is informed of and sensitive to the current financial climate of local government.
2. He advocated a management study be considered by the board with completion targeted for the next 6 months.
3. Succession planning and career development is a major concern for the union. The Union is formulating a plan and will meet with Chief Crosser in the next month or two to discuss specifics of the proposed plan. The main objective is to accomplish the future hiring of the leaders of the organization from within the organization.
4. Pancake breakfast plans are underway, and scheduled for October 4th.
5. The firefighters have fully moved their storage items into the allotted storage space in the station 1 storage building. He requested the board consider offering the union a long-term lease for a nominal amount for a long period of time so that the union could be assured of the use of that space past the current administration.
6. The Union intends to share all meet and confer minutes with the board members.

9.0 ADJOURN MEETING: 8:27 PM

Secretary to the Board

President of the Board