



Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District

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FINAL Minutes

Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of February 12, 2009

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

1.0 ROLL CALL

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

1.1 INTRODUCTIONS: FIRE CHIEF TOM CROSSER
BOARD SECRETARY FRED MALMLUND
FM JIM DIAS
DC JEFF TERPSTRA
FF/PM MICHAEL FYFE
FF RICK MOLINAR
FF/AC AARON PAASCH
DFM CAROL WALLACE
FF/PM TREVOR DIRKSEN
FF/PM ZACHARY MILLER
CAPTAIN TODD SKRABAK
CAPTAIN MICHAEL CONRAD
FF/PM STEVE ANDREWS
CAPTAIN DAVID HERNDON
CAPTAIN MICHAEL MARTIN
FF STEVE BROSIG
FF/PM MICHAEL KRETSCH

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.1 COMMENDATION FOR FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC MIKE KRETSCH – Fire Chief Crosser recognized a number of past outstanding emergency incident responses by FF/PM Mike Kretsch and awarded a special commendation to him.

3.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM/TO BOARD MEMBERS & PUBLIC

3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:
None

3.2 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Written communications included: Thank-you letters received for participation in a blanket drive for the homeless, helping a resident with her smoke detector, CERT training, Captain Skrabak participation on an oral board for the City of Santa Cruz, a recent medical call, and mutual aid to the Homespace warehouse fire. Also included were: A newspaper article regarding fire lane lines from the Loma Prieta Drive Road Maintenance Association newsletter, a Sentinel article regarding the Via Pacifica Gardens landscape, and a workshop flyer for board members.

3.3 REPORT FROM FIREFIGHTERS' LOCAL 3535 PRESIDENT TREVOR DIRKSEN
Trevor Dirksen reported he has been elected president of Firefighters' Local 3535, Todd Skrabak is vice president, Scott Cullen is secretary, and Mike Fyfe is treasurer. He stated support for the meet and confer meetings that have occurred regarding the upcoming captain and DC exams and regarding the proposed changes to the MOU regarding training funding.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 MOTION TO ACCEPT & FILE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2009

4.2 MOTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS OF JANUARY 10, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2009

4.3 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2-09 "WEED ABATEMENT"

4.4 MOTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,592.50 TO SANTA CRUZ CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR THE SECOND HALF FY2008-09 ANNUAL COST SHARING PLAN PAYMENT

4.5 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS? None

On motion by Director Weatherford, seconded by Director Ramos, consent agenda items 4.1 through 4.4 were approved as submitted by the following vote:

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

5.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 MOTION TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION TO THE ACTING DUTY CHIEF JOB DESCRIPTION

Chief Crosser recommended amending the acting duty chief job description to establish new minimum requirements prior to an individual being able to work as an acting duty chief. After discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Director Ramos, seconded by Director Spisak, item 6.1, to approve the modifications to the acting duty chief job description, was approved as submitted by the following vote:

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

6.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE FIREFIGHTERS' MOU REGARDING THE ACTING DUTY CHIEF POSITION

Chief Crosser recommended amending the Firefighters' MOU to change the compensation plan for acting duty chief position. The changes addressed compliance with the FLSA and the selection of candidates to the position and will likely result in increased operating costs up to \$25,000 annually. After discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Director Johnston, seconded by Director Ramos, item 6.2, to approve the third amendment to the Firefighters MOU regarding the acting duty chief position, was approved as submitted by the following vote:

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

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE FIREFIGHTERS' MOU REGARDING TRAINING/EDUCATION FUNDING

Chief Crosser recommended the board approve an amendment to the Firefighters' MOU broadening employee training and education opportunities and funding.

On motion by Director Weatherford, seconded by Director Ramos, item 7.1, to approve the fourth amendment to the Firefighters MOU regarding employee training opportunities and funding, was approved as submitted by the following vote:

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

7.2 REVIEW OF FY 2009-10 BUDGET CALENDAR AND LONG-RANGE FORECAST ASSUMPTIONS

Business Manager Malmund discussed details of the upcoming budget cycle and reviewed a new five-year financial forecast. The County Auditor-Controller has recommended using secured property tax revenue growth projections of zero percent for 2009-10. Using that assumption and assumed two percent growth rates for the years thereafter, he showed that the district will be able maintain the required minimum General Fund balance targets by linking future pay increases to secured property tax revenue growth rates. Two significant threats to the district's financial condition were identified – any state legislative budget actions that disrupt the existing property tax revenue stream and any possible future CalPERS supplemental assessments to the employer contribution rates due to poor investment returns. No action was taken.

8.0 STANDING REPORTS

8.1 BOARD OVERSIGHT INQUIRY:

Director Johnston asked for a follow-up report on the Seabreeze citation matter. Chief Crosser said he would obtain a clarification from legal counsel Al Smith, communicate with the Seabreeze owner, and report to the board on the matter in March.

8.2 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

The station 1 apparatus floor is being treated for safety/slip issues.

The district is developing an internal capability to deal with critical incident stress management by training several employees to be peer counselors.

Chief Crosser attended a LAFCO meeting on 2/4/09, and reported on the discussions to form a sub-committee to study the issue of possible fire agency consolidations in the future will be placed on the next LAFCO meeting agenda.

DC Rubin achieved 30 years of service with the district as of February 5, 2009.

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The grant request submitted for purchase of new defibrillator units is expected to be approved. The district will “host” the purchase of new defibrillators for many local fire agencies through the grant.

9.0 ADJOURN MEETING: 8:41 PM

Secretary to the Board

President of the Board