



WATER WHEEL FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT

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Water Wheel Fire & Medical District Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 20, 2024

A public meeting of the Water Wheel Fire & Medical District was convened on February 20, 2024 at the Whispering Pines Fire Station 71, 10603 Houston Mesa Road, in Whispering Pines.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order:

Steve Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

III. Roll Call of Board Members:

Present were Steve Stevens, Geoff Caldwell, Mark Essary, Janel Croy and Frank Church.

A quorum of board members were in attendance.

IV. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF FOLLOWING BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 19, 2024. after some delay, minutes were unanimously approved.

V. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Monthly Financial Report

1. Approval of Financial Reports (Actual to Budget) for January 2024. Motion to accept as presented, seconded and said motion voted and approved unanimously.

2. Motion to accept reconciliations of bank accounts for January 2024 was moved and seconded, voted upon and unanimously approved.

3. Some discussion of reconciliation difficulty in discerning what and how reconciliations are done and for what purpose they are utilized.

4. Next month. Geoff Caldwell will explain how reconciliations are done, and will provide a check register and show the procedure. Approval of next meeting. Explaining

B. Chairman's Report

1. Highlights of search for Water tender. ISO Discussion, requiring 4000 gallons of portable water to fight a fire.



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2. Fire Chief's Report

- i. Operations 21 calls.
- ii. Equipment , new vehicles, repairs of existing equipment.

Administration 5 new hires., training of same. Asking for donations, painting of station.

- iii. We are writing grants for equipment and clothing for firefighting.
- iiii. Overtime has been addressed and curtailed by new staff, other reserves from other districts

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS *

A. Appointment of an outside contractor to handle accounting functions of the district. Item was tabled until March.

B. CPA phone call was tabled because unable to find convenient time available.

C. Proposed to adopt a section 457b (or equivalent) plan in lieu of social security withholding for firefighters. So moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

D. Several attendees asked for Saturday scheduling of Board Meetings, occasionally. The Board will examine possibilities of same. A possible remedy will be investigated such as a Zoom meeting app,, allowing non attendees to watch the meeting from computers at home.

VII. CALL TO THE STAFF AND BOARD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

Dated this 20th day of February, 2024.

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Geoff Caldwell _____ Clerk