



PENRYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING: October 18, 2021

1. **Call the meeting to order and Roll Call:** Vice-Chair Randy Neifer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Directors in attendance: Dennis Bergstrom, Danielle Hardesty, Cheryl Hotaling (by teleconference), Susan Mahoney, and Randy Neifer. Chief Ian Gow, Fire Marshal Mark D'Ambrogi, District Manager Gillian Lofrano and Battalion Chiefs Matt Slusher and John Williamson were also in attendance.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice-Chair Neifer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Chief Gow requested that item 9A be removed from the agenda as no proposals have been received for the station repairs. SCI is in the middle of a 3-year contract. Director Bergstrom moved to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Mahoney and passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Director Bergstrom corrected a spelling error. Director Hardesty moved to approve the amended minutes for the special meeting on September 13, 2021. Director Bergstrom seconded the motion that was passed unanimously.
5. **Financial Report & Bill Approval:** SCI Consulting Group's charge of over \$9,700 seemed high for the preparation of the tax assessments. The District had to pay for items for Engine 38 that were not under warranty. Director Bergstrom moved to approve the monthly expense report which was seconded by Director Mahoney. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Correspondence:** None.
7. **Public Comment:** Supervisor Holmes presented 3 options for the redistricting of the supervisorial district boundaries for Placer County. The Supervisors will adopt a redistricting plan on November 30, 2021.

Mrs. Patty Neifer will schedule the fire engine recognition open house in the spring.

Director Neifer received Assistant Chief Nagaoka's 10-year service award that was found at Denio's market. It will be proudly displayed at the fire station.
8. **Informational/Non-Action Items:**
 - A. **Nevada County Professional Firefighters, Local 3800 (Local 3800):** Captain Gordon requested that the association name be changed on the agenda.
 - B. **Fire Chief Ian Gow's Monthly Report:**
 - Captain Barsdale has been quite ill in hospital. Staff has offered to help his family.
 - Past Fire Chief Dave Ebert passed away. No services were requested.
 - The former employee turned down the offer of the Engineer's position. We have several good applicants for the vacant position.
 - Chief Gow and District Manager attended a webinar for COVID funding. There are no funds available for local government.
 - The attorney is reviewing the policy for staff reimbursement on strike team deployments. The policy will be on next month's agenda for review.

- Still finalizing the date for the generator installation.
- The COVID calls have declined. The stations are still closed to the public. Staff are still following the protocols. Pfizer's booster shot has been approved.
- Placer Hills' OES engine returned last night from the Caldor Fire. A Placer Hills engineer accepted a position with Sacramento City Fire. There is one person on the list. If he does not accept the position, the vacancy will be posted.
- Newcastle has an applicant in backgrounds for the engineer's position. The Federal Government still has to publish the successful USDA loan applicants. Newcastle hopes to start construction on the new fire station in 8 weeks. The owner of the site amended the deed and extended the timeframe for the construction commencement. The loan will be for 40 years.
- The closing date for the proposals for the station repairs is October 22, 2021.

C. Fire Marshal Mark D'Ambrogio's Monthly Report:

- Chief D'Ambrogio has reviewed 3 sets of sprinkler plans and signed off an agricultural building and 2 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). He has been interacting with the town of Loomis with the Taylor Road project.
- He is working on the list of State mandated inspections.
- Chief D'Ambrogio is assisting new builders with the fire code requirements and getting them on the right track.

D. Battalion Chief (s) Reports:

- Chief Slusher reported that staff completed 172 hours of training last month. There were 159 calls for service last month for a total of 549 this year. We are getting much better call data with the new reporting system.
- There are 3 applicants for the engineer's position. Penryn staff will conduct the testing process with oversight from Placer Hills.
- Chief Slusher discussed a Catastrophic Time Donation policy to assist personnel with long term illnesses.

E. Director Committee Reports

- 1) **Personnel Committee:** Director Hardesty reported that the district's broker provided several benefits options for the employees.
- 2) **Administrative Contract Oversight Committee:** The committee met with District Manager Lofrano. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

9. Action Items

A. Removed.

The open meeting was adjourned and the Board went into closed session at 7:15 pm.

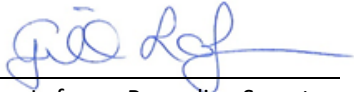
B. Closed Session: California Government Code § 54957.6(a) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS REGARDING UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. District Negotiators: Chair Hotaling and Director Hardesty.

The open meeting was reconvened at 7:30 pm. Director Bergstrom moved to open negotiations with Local 3800. Director Mahoney seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, November 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: 
Gillian Lofrano, Recording Secretary