



Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors
Regular Board Minutes
Tuesday November 21, 2023 2:00 PM
Location: Fire Station 1 - 8200 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor

CALL TO ORDER

Tognozzi called the meeting to order at 2:05
Present for Staff: Deputy Chief Busch, Bolduc, Washington
Present for Counsel: Adams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

President Tognozzi- present
Vice President Treanor-present Secretary/Treasurer So-present Director Klick-absent
Director Briare-present Director Hamann-absent Director Weaver-present

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None.

SONOMA COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dennis Rutkowski spoke about the kick-off fundraiser and informational gathering for the tax measure. The next meeting will be at Sally Tomato on 1/21/24.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

An opportunity for Directors to report on their individual activities related to District business.

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Busch reviewed the activities of the crews and events over the month. He discussed; important upcoming dates for meetings and events; upcoming retiree luncheon; SCFD EMS grand opening event will be held at 1269 Corporate Center Parkway on 1/5/24; celebration of life for Jeff Davis was well attended and he will be missed; latest promotion of Scott Gratto-Bachman to Engineer; several training events; 305 class was attended by 14 staff and was a great experience and provided a lot of training for emergencies in the future; another busy month for community outreach events; we have had 11,110 call for service thus far this year.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A motion by A motion by Treanor and a second by Weaver approved the minutes from the October 24, 2023, regular meeting, October 27 special meeting and the bills and payables from October 2023. Additionally, they authorized purchases of communications equipment, hose/nozzle equipment, ALS/BLS medical supplies, beds/mattresses, extrication tools, rope/water rescue equipment, station ringdown systems, STN 1 compressor, STN 8 septic improvement project, LED sign projects, command vehicle, two each-Type 3 apparatus. 5-0-2



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ACTION ITEMS

1. **APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES BETWEEN THE GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

The Board will consider approving the memorandum of understanding for fire suppression and emergency response services between the Graton Fire Protection District and Sonoma County Fire District.

A motion by Weaver and seconded by So approved the new MOU with Graton FPD. 3-2-2. A roll call vote was taken.

Directors Briare and Treanor voted against this MOU stating that response should continue to be a co-op, mutual aid, we shouldn't pay each other for assistance. President Tognozzi agreed with their statements. Director Treanor also stated that it was too much to pay.

2. **AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN TWO (2) INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AGREEMENTS (IGT)**

The Board will consider authorizing the Fire Chief to execute two (2) Intergovernmental (IGT) Agreements regarding transfer of Public Funds to participate in the State of California, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Voluntary Rate Range Program.

A motion by Treanor and seconded by Briare authorized the Fire Chief to sign the intergovernmental transfers. 5-0-2. A roll call vote was taken.

3. **AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN FIRST CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH WITTMAN ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) BILLING SERVICES**

The Board will consider authorizing the Fire Chief to execute a contract amendment with Wittman Enterprises, LLC for EMS billing services.

A motion by So and seconded by Treanor authorized the Fire Chief to sign the contract amendment with Wittman Enterprises. 5-0-2. A roll call vote was taken.

4. **DECLARE DISTRICT ASSETS LISTED IN REPORT AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL OF THE PROPERTY**

The Board will consider declaring the District assets listed in the report as surplus and authorize the disposal of the property.

A motion by Briare and seconded by So declared the various District assets as surplus and authorized proper disposal. 5-0-2.

5. **FOURTH AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SUB-CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT AND MEDIC AMBULANCE, INC.**

The Board will consider approval of a fourth amendment to the sub-contractor agreement with Medic Ambulance, Inc.



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A motion by Treanor and seconded by Briare approved the 4th amendment with Medic Ambulance. 5-0-2. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Treanor thanked everyone for their hard work and persistence. President Tognozzi asked how much per unit hour would SCFD make per unit hour and the answer was not provided. He also shared concerns about the \$100k loss SCFD faced in the first year of providing service.

6. **RESCHEDULE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO DECEMBER 12, 2023 AT 12:00 P.M. AND PLAN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 2020-02 SCHEDULE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES AND ORDINANCE 2020-03 SCHEDULE OF FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES FEES**

The Board will consider moving the regular scheduled December Board meeting to December 12, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. and plan the public hearings for the amendment of Ordinance 2020-02, schedule of Emergency Medical Services Fees and Ordinance 2020-03, schedule of Fire Prevention Services Fees.

A motion by Briare and seconded by Treanor approved re-scheduling the regular board meeting. 5-0-2.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Standing Committee: Finance Committee- n/a
2. Ad Hoc: Facilities- n/a

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Enclosed

COMMUNICATIONS

None

CLOSED SESSION- Board and staff entered closed session at 3:45

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Exposure to Litigation (Govt Code section 54956.9(a): *AMR West v. County of Sonoma*; Sonoma County Superior Court Case No. SCV-272948
2. Anticipated Litigation (two cases) (Government Code section 54956.9(b)).

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

The board and staff ended the closed session at 4:35. Instruction given to staff; no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

4:35


Kathy Washington- Secretary to the Board