



Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors
Regular Board Minutes
Tuesday April 18, 2023, 2:00 PM
Location: Fire Station 1 - 8200 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor

CALL TO ORDER

Tognozzi called the meeting to order at 2:00
Present for Staff: Chief Heine, Bolduc, Washington
Present for Counsel: Adams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

An opportunity for the Board President to approve adjustments to the current agenda.

Yes, pulling Action Item #2

SONOMA COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An opportunity for the President of the Sonoma County Professional Firefighters Association to address the Board on matters of the Association.

None

DIRECTOR REPORTS

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

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Heine reviewed the activities of the crews and events over the month. He discussed; important upcoming dates for meetings and events; Fish Fest, Grand Fondo bike race, Coffee with the Chief, Mother's Day pancake breakfast are all coming up; Strategic planning meeting with staff on May 1 & 2; Station 1 fire wise garden continues to develop; RFP presentation is on 4/20; SCFC & FSWG continue to work on sales tax measure for 3/2024; Great work by Chief Grinnell on the Explorer and Volunteers; Great work by Karen Hancock on community outreach, social media, and events.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A motion by Briare and a second by Treanor approved the minutes from the March 21, 2023, regular meeting, meeting and the bills and payables from March 2023. 6-0-1



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PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION REGARDING AMBULANCE BILLING PRACTICES

EMS Division Chief Matt Windrem will update the Board of Directors on the status of the District's EMS billing practices and discuss potential changes to billing practices.

Chief Windrem discussed balanced billing and potential billing practice changes for the District.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **APPROVE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT AUDIT FOR JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022, APPROVE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT SINGLE AUDIT FOR JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022, AND RECEIVE BODEGA BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS AUDIT FOR JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022**

The Board will consider approving the Sonoma County Fire District audit for July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, approve Sonoma County Fire District single audit for July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, and receive the Bodega Bay Fire Protection Districts audit for July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

A motion by Hamann and seconded by Treanor approved the audits for Sonoma County Fire District and received the audit for Bodega Bay FPD. 6-0-1

2. **EMERGENCY GROUND SERVICE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN EOA-1**

The Board will receive an update on the District's bid submittal and act on any related items.

This item was pulled.

3. **EMS BILLING HARDSHIP APPLICATION 22-499010**

The Board will consider approving the staff recommendation to reduce an ambulance transport bill and offer a no interest payment plan.

A motion by Briare and seconded by Klick approved staff recommendations on EMS billing. 6-0-1

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Standing Committee: Finance Committee- none
2. Ad Hoc: Facilities- none

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Enclosed

COMMUNICATIONS

None



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CLOSED SESSION- Board and staff entered closed session at 3:00

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Govt Code section 54956.9(a):
AMR West v. California Department of Health Care Services, Sonoma County Fire District, Sonoma Valley Fire District, City of Petaluma, et al.; Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2021-80003757
2. Anticipated Litigation (two cases) (Government Code section 54956.9(b)).
3. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Bill Adams
Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief
4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Fire Chief Mark Heine
Represented Employees: IAFF Local 1401, Sonoma County Professional Firefighters

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session ended at 4:40. Instruction given to staff; no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

4:40


Kathy Washington- Secretary to the Board