



RUSSIAN RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, November 14, 2018 6:00 pm At the Fire Station ~ 14100 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL:

President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.; Director Jones led the pledge of allegiance. Directors present: Wood, Butts, Jackson, Jones and Weaver.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Weaver the Board moved to move item #5 Introduction-Fire Chief Candidate to after item #6 Staff Report and approve agenda as amended. VOTE: 5/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

None.

CHIEF'S REPORT/STAFF FORUM:

Captain Cassady reported on the following: In-County taskforce responded to fires on Bohan Dillon Road and Los Alamos Road and a code blue in Duncan Mills. Engine 5660 is back from the shop and performed well during the in county taskforce deployment. The rescue jet ski was repaired in house, saving the District money. Crews also responded to a fire on Sweetwater Springs Road and Canyon 4 in Rio Nido.

INTRODUCTION-FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATE:

Mr. Scott VanBoerum introduced himself to the Board and provided a brief history of his present and prior career experience as a Fire Chief.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence included questions from LAFCO on the MSR (Municipal Service Review), AA Flowers explained these questions are the basis of the interview to be conducted by Mr. Bramfitt and a representative of the Strategy Leadership Group, date for the interview to be determined. AA Flowers will provide all financial information to LAFCO. Directors Weaver and Wood will meeting with the Acting Chiefs on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 1:00 PM to review the questions.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Jackson, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2018 special meeting. VOTE: 4/1/0 (Director Jones abstained due to absence at the October 5, 2018 meeting).

On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Butts, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2018 regular meeting. VOTE: 4/1/0 (Director Weaver abstained due to absence at the October 10, 2018 meeting).

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

On a motion by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Butts, the Board moved to approve the October 2018 financial information as presented. VOTE: 5/0/0 Captain Cassady reported the reserve ambulance was sold for \$10,000.00.

REQUEST FOR \$80,000.00-FIRE CHIEF'S STRATEGY LEADERSHIP GROUP:

Director Jones reported she originally requested \$80,000.00 (verbally) to Jim Colangelo to fund the Fire Chief position if an internal candidate was successful (two internal candidates applied); the internal candidates were not successful therefore Director Jones reported she felt ethically the District could not accept the funding due to the internal candidates not being successful.

Acting Chief/Captain Cassady reported he attended the Sonoma County Fire Chief's meeting where he was made aware that Russian River Fire had declined the \$80,000.00 funding for Fire Chief. Region5 Strategy Leadership Group representative Dave Franceschi urged the Acting Chiefs to re-apply for the funding as it was still available; Captain Lantz did so by emailing Jim Colangelo on October 19, 2018 request the \$80,000.00 to be used for a Fire Chief regardless if it was an internal or external candidate.

Discussion held regarding verbal vs written request, need for funding no longer valid so null and void and the need for the Board as a whole to make the decision.

Acting Chief/Captain Cassady provided two handouts: 1) Email chain regarding \$80,000.00 request 2) Board Policy.

On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Weaver the Board moved to request \$80,000.00 from the advisory committee to supplement the funds in line item 5910 (Staff Salaries); line item 5910 contains \$62,500.00 for the Fire Chief. VOTE: 4/1/0 (Director Jones, no).

RIO NIDO STATION-RENTAL AGREEMENT:

The Finance Committee recommended to retract the offer of having a partnership with D&G and to not rent out Rio Nido at this time. Discussion held regarding rental space and square footage of entire building and risk to benefit comparison. On a motion by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Jackson, the Board moved to let the rental company know we will not be entering into a contract at this time. VOTE: 5/0/0. The Board supported Director Wood contacting D&G regarding the rental and District's decision.



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LETTER TO & RESPONSE FROM SONOMA COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Letter from Sonoma County Redevelopment Agency was reviewed. Consensus from the Board was that the letter did not address the questions the District posed. Acting Chief/Captain Cassady suggested writing a letter to Senator McGuire regarding this topic. On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Weaver, the Board moved for Director Jackson to respond to letter from Sonoma County Development Agency prior to sending a letter to Senator McGuire and coping Supervisor Hopkins. VOTE: 5/0/0.

CERT PROGRAM UPDATE:

No update.

CLOSED SESSION:

Director Jones read the title of the closed session and stated the labor representatives of the Board are Directors Jones and Weaver. The Board entered closed session at 7:16 PM.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION:

The Board returned from closed session at 7:42 PM and reported the Board discussed opportunities regarding labor negotiations. No action was taken.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:

- a. Finance Committee: Report provided during “Approval of Financial Information”.
- b. Strategic Planning: No report.
- c. MR/RR Standing Committee: No report, has not met.
- d. Evacuation Planning Committee: No report, has not met.
- e. Labor Negotiations Committee: No report, has not met.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

BOARD COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Butts the Board adjourned at 7:44 p.m. VOTE: 5/0/0.

/s/ Jason Weaver
Jason Weaver, Vice President of Board

Date: 1/10/19

/s/ Heidi Flowers
Heidi Flowers, Interim Board Clerk