



Russian River Fire District Board of Directors

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Station 1

14100 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville, CA 95446

Pursuant to the Governor of California's Executive Order N-25-20

Dated March 12, 2020

This meeting will occur via teleconference (information below):

<https://zoom.us/j/556901662?pwd=ZFRQweDdRY3ZVeUrdkVwbnVJcE05Zz09&status=success>

1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 556 901 662

Password: *Removed*

Thank you for supporting our COVID precautions.

This meeting was held via teleconference due to COVID precautions. Present at the station were: Chief Heine, President Weaver and Heidi Flowers. No member(s) of the public attended the meeting at fire station 1. Zoom meeting information noted above was utilized, password was removed due to issues; participants were able to join by just using the meeting ID.

Meeting Etiquette:

Meeting is being recorded and will be posted on District website.

All participants will be muted to avoid speaking over on another and eliminate background noise. Public comment and Director comment/motions can be made by utilizing the raise your hand feature, once a hand is raised, the participant will be unmuted. The raise your hand feature is found under "more" on the taskbar on the bottom of the screen. All participants were offered a chance to test the feature.

All Directors will be provided a chance to comment/ask questions on each agenda item.

All votes will be completed via roll call vote.

CALL TO ORDER

Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present for Staff: Chief Heine, Flowers present at station.

Legal Counsel: Bill Adams present via teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by Weaver.

ROLL CALL

President Weaver- Present at station.

Director Butts-Present via teleconference.

Director Jackson-Present via teleconference.

Director Limbert-Present via teleconference.

Director Symmonds-Present via teleconference.



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OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

No public comment.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None.

PRESENTATION

None.

RUSSIAN RIVER PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

No report.

LAFCO UPDATE

Chief Heine reported as of April 13, 2020, LAFCO has received 14 protest from registered voters and 41 from property owners. No concerns are anticipated moving forward. May 6th LAFCO meeting will be held to finalize the application or reorganization and to approve the annexation by final vote. Once this is complete, processing and official filings will take approximately 30-45 days. Official go live date is projected for July 1, 2020. Calls/questions received thus far are mostly based on misinformation such as the Russian River station will be closed due to the annexation and Sonoma County Fire being misinterpreted as the County of Sonoma. Parcel tax analysis' have been run for several property owners; result has been positive from parcel owners. Chief Heine has had positive, productive communication with Mr. Hernandez regarding parcel tax questions/concerns. The Bodega Bay piece of the application is unknown at this time; it will not have an impact on the Russian River side. Post LAFCO meeting on May 6th; the annexation approval does not need to be approved by the Boards of the Russian River and Sonoma County Fire Districts; this has already been done via the joint resolution.



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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Heine reported on managing the COVID crisis. Sonoma County Fire District, Russian River and Bodega Bay have been participating in joint purchasing of personal protective equipment and tracking of first responders. Precautions include but are not limited to: boot scrubbers, temperature monitoring and health questionnaire requirements before entering buildings/reporting for duty. Thus far, we do not have any active cases in the workforce. Administrative staff is working remotely as much as possible.

Fire season is approaching quickly; fuel moisture levels are being monitored and are low. Chief and staff are working closely with statewide partners to determine best practices for fire season and COVID-19.

Chief Heine provided an update on the medical director agreement. A tentative agreement has been drafted and cleared by legal counsel. Sonoma County Fire District Board will consider the adoption of the agreement at their April or May meeting. There will be no change in level of service to the Russian River Fire Protection District.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A motion by Butts, seconded by Limbert, approved the minutes of March 11, 2020 Regular Board meeting and March 2020 financial information. Director Limbert, aye; Director Symmonds, aye; Director Butts, aye; Director Jackson, aye; Director Weaver, aye. 5-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS

1. PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION AGREEMENT

The Board will consider the approval of property tax allocation agreement between the Russian River Fire Protection District and the Sonoma County Fire District for the reorganization of the Fire Districts in the western portion of Sonoma County.

Agreement is contingent upon the final reorganization. Should the reorganization as contemplated not occur, the parties agree that his agreement shall be null and void and no transfers of revenues will occur without a new agreement to do so.

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A motion by Jackson, seconded by Butts, approved the property tax allocation agreement. Director Limbert, aye; Director Symmonds, aye; Director Butts, aye; Director Jackson, aye; Director Weaver, aye. 5-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **FINANCE**- Did not meet.
2. **STRATEGIC PLANNING**- Did not meet.
3. **EVACUATION PLANNING**- Did not meet.
4. **LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**- Did not meet.

COMMUNICATIONS

May 6th LAFCO meeting may be held via teleconference; agenda will be released on May 30th. Attendance in encouraged.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Butts, seconded by Limbert adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Meeting recording can be found by visiting:

<https://www.russianriverfire.org/files/203bc75a8/Russian+River+Fire+4.15.20+Board+Meeting.mp4>

/s/ 
Jason Weaver, Board President

/s/ 
Heidi Flowers, Board Clerk