



RUSSIAN RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, March 13, 2019 6:00 pm At the Fire Station ~ 14100 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Butts the Agenda was approved as presented. VOTE: 5/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Greule thanked the crews for their fantastic work during the recent floods.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Directors Butts, Jackson, Limbert, Wood and Weaver all thanked the staff for their hard work during the recent flood.

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 18/19-01:

Director Weaver opened the public hearing.

Jason Weaver read Ordinance 18/19-01.

- What is the increase over the current rate? ~40%
- Where does Russian River stand in regards to rates? 4th or 5th out of about 30 agencies. Coast Life Support is the highest.
- Can there be a cap on amount of increase? Yes
- How was the new rate determined? AA Flowers and Jason Clopton reviewed cost to operate the ambulance; rate increase is to cover the costs. The District can run the new rate for one year then review the revenue the new rate generates to determine if the rate is sufficient.
- What is the consequence for not complying with Proposition 218? The District can be sued.

The public hearing was closed.

CONSOLIDATION DEVELOPMENTS/SHARED SERVICES UPDATE:

Chief Heine and Deputy Chief Gustafson were present and spoke to the Board about the process Windsor, Rincon Valley, Bennet Valley and Mountain VFC has followed for consolidation into one District, Sonoma County Fire.



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- Sonoma County Fire will have a 7 member Board (3 from Windsor Fire, 3 from Rincon Valley and 1 from Bennet Valley).
- Supervisor Hopkins is very supportive of consolidation.
- CalPERS only accepts annexation.
- How many agencies can fit under Sonoma County Fire? Any number of employees; under new organization chart, administration can handle 30-100 employees.
- When annexed, District name and Board will go away.
- AB8 rate will not change for individual Districts.
- Windsor Fire's parcel tax will spread over new District.
- Sonoma County Fire will be under Local 1401; 3 MOU's will be blended into 1 MOU
- Is a public vote required for annexation? No.
- Sonoma County Fire is currently in their 21 day protest period ending on April 3rd; "go live" date is April 4th.

Director Weaver updated the Board on the dissolution of the shared Administrative Services agreement with Monte Rio Fire; Director Weaver hand delivered Russian River's letter to Monte Rio President Fein.

STAFF REPORT:

Captain Cassady reported on the following: birth of FF/Paramedic Clopton's daughter on 2/14, completion of hiring process and County accreditation for new hires Bandfield and Rose; both have started on shift, status of \$80,000 from the County of Sonoma, 2019 flood stats and retirement of FF/Paramedic Glenn Rampone. Director Wood recommended the Board write a letter of recognition to Glenn Rampone.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Incumbency certificate email from AA Flowers to Board was reviewed.

RESOLUTION 18/19-09 CALPERS RETIRED ANNUITANT 180 DAY WAIT PERIOD EXCEPTION:

AA Flowers reviewed Resolution 18/19-09. On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Jackson, the Board moved to accept the Resolution as seen and to waive the first reading. Roll call vote: Director Limbert, aye; Director Butts, aye; Director Jackson, aye; Director Wood, aye; Director Weaver, aye. VOTE: 5/0/0.

SALARY SCHEDULE:

AA Flowers reported on the requirement of having salary schedules posted on the District website to comply with CalPERS. Salary schedules were reviewed; Director Limbert requested a change from "monthly" to "annually". On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Butts, the



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Board moved to accept the Russian River salary and incentive schedule with noted changes.
VOTE: 5/0/0.

REQUEST TO COUNTY FOR SUPPORT FUNDS-UPDATE:

Discussed under Staff Report.

DRAFT AUDIT REVIEW:

Director Jackson reviewed the revised draft audit. One change is still needed on page 24, figure should be \$448,420. On a motion by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Limbert, the Board moved to approve the draft audit report with change noted on page 24. VOTE: 5/0/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. **February 13, 2019 Regular meeting minutes:** On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Butts the Board moved to approve the minutes as presented. VOTE: 5/0/0.
- b. **February 21, 2019 Special meeting minutes:** On a motion by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Butts the Board moved to approve the minutes as presented. VOTE: 4/0/1 (Director Wood abstained).

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Director Jackson reviewed the financial information. On a motion by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Limbert, the Board moved to approve the financial information as presented. VOTE: 5/0/0.

REDEVELOPMENT:

Director Jackson will be reviewing the following questions/comments:

1. Status of the Russian River Fire new station application? What happened to the project?
2. Billing-Method of withholding tax revenue then refunding unused funds vs. billing for actual cost.
3. Contacting Mike McGuire- our tax dollars not being spent in our District.

AIR QUALITY SENSOR INSTALLATION UPDATE:

Tabled to April.

AT&T CELLULAR TOWER SUPPORT:

On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Jackson, the Board moved to support Director Weaver writing a letter to Permit Sonoma in support of the cell tower project on Neeley Road. VOTE: 5/0/0.

CERT PROGRAM UPDATE:



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Director Weaver received a great deal of community input after the floods; Director Weaver stated if the questions/input is operational it should be directed to the Captains.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:

- a. **Finance:** Director Jackson reported on the finance meeting on March 11th. No recommendations at this time.
- b. **Strategic Planning:** Did not meet.
- c. **Evacuation Planning:** Director Butts has been working on the Facebook page; would like to review the page with staff before publishing.
- d. **Labor negotiations:** Did not meet.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Captain Cassady reported the new ambulance has arrived. It will be going to the Firehouse World show in Los Angeles at the end of March. Directors were asked to save the date of April 10th, time to be determined, for pictures for the website.

BOARD COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Butts the Board adjourned at 7:57 p.m.
VOTE: 5/0/0.

/s/ Jason Weaver
Jason Weaver, President of Board

Date: 4.10.19

/s/ Heidi Flowers
Heidi Flowers, Interim Board Clerk