



Russian River Fire District Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Fire Station 1
14100 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville, CA 95446

CALL TO ORDER

Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Present for Staff: Chief Gustafson, Flowers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by Limbert.

ROLL CALL

President Weaver- Present
Director Butts-Present, arrived at 6:04 p.m.
Director Jackson-Present
Director Limbert-Present
Director Symmonds-Absent.

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

A motion by Jackson, seconded by Limbert, adjusted the agenda by moving committee reports prior to consent calendar. 4-0-1 (Symmonds absent).

RUSSIAN RIVER PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

None.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Gustafson reported ambulance M576 is at the shop being repaired and should be finished mid-January, the radio grant Finance Manager Terri Bolduc applied for was not granted; future grant opportunities will be pursued as they arise, BC7 tone has been added to significant Russian River incidents, LAFCO meeting on March 4th to approve application from Sonoma County Fire District to annex Russian River Fire, Chief Heine and Chief Gustafson met with Sweetwater Springs Water District for disaster preparedness plans, formation of safety committee (mental health, cancer, workplace injury) is underway, Saturday January 11th is coffee with a firefighter at County Station 4 (Todd Road) and a blood drive is scheduled for Saturday January 18th.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Finance – met at 5 p.m.; revenue is up 4% over projections, first allocation of property taxes has been received- no issues with dry period funding. Expenditures are over in the overtime category due to the upstaffing and fires (reimbursable). USDA grant has been awarded to the District, 55%/45% split, Russian River’s share is approximately \$49,000.00. Sale of Dodge pickup recommended to go towards District 45% share.
2. Strategic Planning – Did not meet.
3. Evacuation Planning - Did not meet.
4. Labor Negotiations – Did not meet.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A motion by Butts, seconded by Limbert approved the minutes of December 11, 2019 Regular Board meeting and December 2019 financial information. 4-0-1 (Symmonds absent).

ACTION ITEMS

1. **SONOMA COUNTY WILDFIRE PREVENTION, EMERGENCY ALERT & RESPONSE MEASURE, A SALES TAX MEASURE ON THE MARCH 2020 COUNTYWIDE BALLOT**
 - a. Chief Gustafson reviewed that tax measure and emphasized the difference between educating and campaigning. Agencies engaged in meaningful annexation/consolidation will be eligible to receive funds. Review of funding/expenditure will be reviewed by a commission on a regular basis.
A motion by Butts, seconded by Limbert, Russian River Fire Board issues formal support of the Sonoma County Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Alert & Response Measure, A Sales Tax Measure on the March 2020 Countywide Ballot, due to the positive impact on the District. 4-0-1 (Symmonds absent).
2. **FRIENDS OF RIO NIDO-RIO NIDO POST OFFICE REQUEST**

Weaver is in contact with Chief Heine on the scheduling of meeting with the District and Friends of Rio Nido.

COMMUNICATIONS


LAFCO letter-Information regarding a LAFCO filing (receipt of application for a proposal entitled 2019-19: Sonoma County Fire District Reorganization No. 2019-1.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Limbert, seconded by Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Jason Weaver-Board President



Heidi Flowers-Clerk to the Board