

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 08, 2020

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 08, 2020 at 7:01 p.m. by President, Chris Gibson via teleconference connection <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/755826357>.

Present:

Chris Gibson, President
Gary Grenfell, Vice-President
Sean Mullin, Clerk
Dave Harris, Director
Russ Kelley, Director
Terri Ryland, Director
Tom Millward, Director

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Director Millward made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Director Harris . Carried

Ayes: Harris, Gibson, Mullin, Millward, Grenfell, Ryland, Kelley Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Station 18 New Truck Room Update: Chief Walder recommends discussion on the progress made on the new truck room project. Chief Walder reported that the project is moving along with the architects and the Town of Loomis. Lionakis is now 95% completed reviewing the plans which will then be brought back to the Facilities Committee and the Town of Loomis for input. Comments may be delayed due to the COVID-19 crisis. The next steps will be to have final review before going out for bid. He continued that the current economic climate will have to be considered as well before starting the project. There has not been a completion date for the documents by the architect. The item will move forward as an agenda item.

Funding Measure Ad Hoc Committee Update: Staff recommends updating the Board on the status of the Funding Measure Ad Hoc Committee. At the February meeting, the Board authorized the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Board members, members of the Fiscal Responsibility Goal Steward Team, and five additional members throughout the ranks of

the District. An online meeting was held on March 19th with SCI to discuss the appropriate time for the community survey. At this time, SCI felt it was not appropriate to send out a survey amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a downturn and uncertainty for the future. It was recommended that the District wait 3-4 months and watch events to decide to move forward. This will not incur a delay for the receipt of any new tax revenue for the District. The Chief noted that it was important to look at the long-term effects on the economy in the future. The Board agree that the measure was inappropriate at this time and the item should come back for discussion in a couple of months.

NEW BUSINESS

Covid-19 Update: Chief recommends updating the Board on the status of the current pandemic and the District's response and preparations. The COVID-19 pandemic has spread across the globe and impacted the State of California resulting in a March 19th, 2020 Executive Order to shelter in place. Chief Walder explained that safety employees are considered essential workers. Daily plans are being distributed putting forward EMS County directives for our employees and plans for any exposures in the District. Shelter in place for all employees has been enacted along with support for them through the process. Station 16 has been converted into an employee support center to handle any covid exposure or illness symptoms. The front office while closed is still doing business by receiving plans and deliveries. Administration has begun working in the office one day a week to maintain social distancing. Dispatch has eased HIPAA laws to allow notification for potential exposures so that responses can be protected. A fogging system to decontaminate the ambulances and stations has been purchased. Currently, Placer County health is expecting a peak in cases on April 28th. The health officer directive ends on 4/10 but a new order is expected that will match the State directive.

Authorization to Surplus Rescue 17: Staff requests authorization to surplus Rescue 17 unit. Rescue 17 is a 2001 walk around Rescue Squad that was staffed until the District purchases and staffed Truck 17. It was retrofitted with the cascade air unit system when the District surplused the aging air unit chassis and turned Rescue 17 into a Reserve unit. With the upgrade to the SCGBA system to 5500 psi earlier this year the Rescue 17 is now obsolete. Chief Walder recommended to surplus the unit and place the Reserve Engine into service as the back up to Truck 17. Director Ryland made a motion to authorize Chief Walder to surplus Rescue 17; the motion received a second from Director Harris.

Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS) Board Vacancy: Staff recommends the Board vote for up to four positions to fill future vacancies on the FASIS Board of Directors. FASIS is the joint powers authority that provides workers compensation and other benefits to the Fire District. Director Grenfell has again expressed interest in the position on the Board and would like to run for the upcoming term. The Board agreed and determined to use their vote for Director Grenfell in the position. Director Ryland made a motion to nominate Director Gary Grenfell for the FASIS Board of Directors ballot. Director Harris made a second to the motion. Carried.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Placer County Fire Service Issues: Chief Walder recommends discussion on the latest developments in Placer County Fire Service delivery system and consolidation efforts countywide. He explained that Placer County Chiefs are currently consumed with the Covid-19 crisis. Also, in discussion is the closest resources agreement (CRA) and collaborations with OES. The Rocklin Fire Chief has retired, and they have hired an interim Fire Chief while recruiting for the position. He concluded that sales tax dependent agencies are hurting due to the recent losses in revenue.

Correspondence: A monthly statement for the month of February from PARS Trust reflecting the recent activity to the OPEB account. Cards of appreciation from Country House Residence and Growing Brilliant Preschool.

Chief's Report:

- Structure fire on Bonanza Way was quickly extinguished with a fatality found after. Investigation is undetermined at this point.
- Calls down 29%
- Hiring of 4 on May 11th
- Two new hires in Orientation now
- Engineer testing coming
- Firefighter Paramedic in open recruitment
- Battalion Chief Assessment Center on hold
- Captain list now exhausted and will need to test again
- Division Chief Ingolia still doing inspections
- Firefighter Appreciation dinner canceled but to be rescheduled

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Medeiros". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros