

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2020

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Chris Gibson via both teleconference connection and in person meeting. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/341405989>

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
Battalion Chief, Jason Brooks
Captain Paramedic, Kelly Moretti
Captain Paramedic, Matt VanVoldinburg

Public Comment: None

Closed Session Report: President Gibson reported that two items were discussed in closed session prior to the regular meeting. The board deliberated on the Chief's contract and they will vote on the item next month. The second item was discussion on the current education incentive program that will come back next month for approval.

Consent Agenda: Chief Walder added that the agenda noted the separation of Captain Wardlaw who resigned to work for Santa Rosa Fire Department and he wanted to recognize the District's retention issues. Director Ryland made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Director Grenfell. Carried

Rollcall:

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Station 18 New Truck Room Update: Chief recommends discussion on the proposed project and progress made to date. Chief Walder explained that the plans have been submitted to the town for

approval and out to a third party for fire review. Once the town review is done then the Board can decide to move the project forward for bid. Construction costs are being underbid at this time although lumber costs are high. Director Kelley inquired about the old training house on the lot. Chief Walder reported that the house was not considered to have any historical value and is not viable to be saved or moved from the property. He continued that the offer still stands for any interested parties for the house before the demolition.

Penryn Fire District Request for Service Proposal: The Chief recommends discussion and authorization to move forward toward a negotiation process with the Penryn Fire District. Chief Walder began that he has met with the Penryn Fire board members and has submitted a list of additional documentation to prepare a thorough investigation to determine their needs and what services our District can provide. He reported that at this time the additional documents have been received and he will be reviewing their procedures and returning the item at next month's meeting. At this time the Penryn Board is also asking for assistance with Battalion Chief coverage. He noted that he could not commit assistance but that they can depend on the closest resource agreement until he can discuss the issue with the bargaining unit. It was noted that Chief Walder is assisting the District to find an interim chief as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Gann Limit Report: Staff recommends discussion and adoption of the resolution setting the Fiscal Year 2020/21 appropriations limit, per Article XIII B of the State Constitution (1979) and verifying compliance for 2019/20. This is standard procedure for the District every year. The appropriations limit is computed by multiplying the District's adopted appropriations limit in the prior fiscal year by the change in the cost of living in the preceding year and the change in population within the District for the preceding fiscal year. Chief Walder noted that the District was \$2.7 million under the Gann Limit and is projected to be \$3 million under for the 2020/21 projection. The report is sent to the County to show the District did not exceed the Gann Limit for the year. Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Gann Limit report and Resolution. The motion received a second from Director Mullin. Carried

Rollcall:

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

2019/20 South Placer Fire District (Former Loomis Fire District) Special Tax Report: Staff recommends review and approval of the Fiscal Year 2019/20 (Former Loomis Fire District) Fire Suppression and Protection Special Tax Report completed September 2020. The District's Special Tax Administrator, SCI, prepared the report of the LFD Special Tax which includes a brief history of the special tax and summarizes the parcel tax submittal to the County, expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2019/20, and projections for current fiscal year 2020/21. The Fire District's Special Tax Revenues for 2019/20 were \$469,771.

Director Kelley made a motion to approve the Former Loomis Fire District Fiscal Year 2019/20 Fire Suppression and Protection Special Tax Report. The motion received a second by Director Grenfell. Carried

Rollcall:

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

2019/20 South Placer Fire District Special Tax Report: Staff recommends review and approval of the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Fire Suppression and Protection Special Tax Report completed September 2020. The Districts Special Tax Administrator, SCI, prepared the report of the SPFD Special Tax which includes a brief history of the special tax and summarizes the parcel tax submittal to the County, expenditures for the fiscal year 2019/20, and projections for current fiscal year 2020/21. The current tax passed in 1984 is set at \$70 since its inception with no CPI. The Fire Districts Special Tax Revenues for 2019/20 were \$700,995.

Director Mullin made a motion to approve the South Placer Fiscal Year 2019/20 Fire Suppression and Protection Special Tax Report. The motion received a second by Director Kelley. Carried

Rollcall:

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

GASB 75 OPEB Actuarial: Staff recommends discussion and approval of the GASB 75 actuarial report that has been submitted to our auditors who will incorporate the report findings into our year-end audit for 2019/20. GASB 75 requires governmental entities to record annual expense for their OPEB and disclose certain information in their year-end financial statements. Chief Walder noted that the actuarial present value of projected benefit payments for current employees is at \$3.1 million with \$1.174 accumulated in an irrevocable trust toward this liability. He continued that there is a strong benefit to keeping our current OPEB benefit at its current rates. Director Kelley made a motion to approve the GASB 75 OPEB Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2019. The motion received a second from Director Harris.

Rollcall:

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

Vehicle 012 Report on Loss: Staff recommends discussion on incident resulting in vehicle 012, a 2004 Ford Expedition being a total loss. Chief Walder explained that a deer struck the vehicle while in use during the Fox Incident in the Klamath National Forest and thankfully the employee was not hurt in the accident. The vehicle was insured as at an agreed upon value and the District is in the process of getting quotes for a replacement vehicle.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Covid-19 Update: Chief recommends updating the Board on the status of the current pandemic and the District's response and preparations. Chief Walder began that the District is continuing to follow the County and State guidance and will continue with the current restrictions still in place in the District. He noted that on September 8th the County moved to substantial risk from widespread which allowed for easing of restrictions. He continued that fire stations are still closed to the public while the risk still exists and this was very important to avoid exposing our employees. He continued that tonight's meeting was a first step to normalcy as the District board meets with small in person meetings.

Correspondence: A monthly PARS statement for the month of August

Chief's Report:

- Station tones became active today thanks to Engineer Crull, BC Brooks, Engineer Patterson and many others including PCSO
- Met with 522 leadership for Labor/Management meeting and discussed issues
- Executive Staff Meeting today to discuss issues throughout the District
- Small fires last night – one wildland fire
- Multiple critical vehicle accidents with medics arriving in minutes
- OES 380 left last night for the Glass fire protecting structures
- BC McMillin still gone –now at the Fox Fire
- Appointed FDAC Vice President last week
- Multiple testing – interviewed Engineer candidates on location of Glass Fire –promotions coming soon
- Battalion Chief testing soon
- Firefighter Paramedic and Captain testing coming soon as well
- Placer County Red flag program underway

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: Director Kelly thanked the District’s firefighters and Fire Chief for the opportunity for artwork to be given by a community member in thanks for a medical call. Director Millward thanked the crew at Station 18 for their medical assistance recently when he had a medical emergency.

Future Agenda Items: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros