

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021

6:45 p.m. Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board of Directors adjourned to a closed session meeting for the following purposes: Conference with legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9(b.))

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:12 p.m. by President, Gary Grenfell via both teleconference connection and in person meeting. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/216799477>

Present:

Gary Grenfell, President
Chris Gibson, Vice President
Sean Mullin, Clerk
Ken Musso, Director
Dan Bajtos, Director
Terri Ryland, Director
Mike Johnson, Director

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros
Battalion Chief, Matt Feeley
Battalion Chief, Darren McMillin
Fire Marshal, Jeff Ingolia
Captain Paramedic, Devin Fuller
Engineer, Joey Vincent
Captain Paramedic, Nick Paskey
Captain Paramedic, Matt VanVoldinburg

Public Comment: None

Report from Closed Session: President Grenfell reported that the Board had a brief discussion regarding a potential legal issue while in closed session with no decision at this time.

Consent Agenda: Director Ryland made a motion to approve the items for the consent agenda with the motion seconded by Director Musso. Carried

Rollcall:

Ayes: Musso, Bajtos, Johnson, Mullin, Grenfell, Ryland, Gibson Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: None

OLD BUSINESS

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 recommended the Board form an ad hoc committee of 2 to 3 members to further meet with the Penryn Board members to further discuss a service proposal. Directors Gibson, Johnson, and Musso volunteered for the ad hoc committee. Chief Walder noted that he will schedule a meeting with the Penryn board members and their interim Chief Shannon in the next week.

Station 18 New Truck Room Update: Chief recommends discussion on the proposed project and progress made to date. Chief Walder explained that the plans are in their second plan review now but once the review is finished the architect will come present the plans to the board for a bid ready project. He noted that there were still environmental issues at the site: lead paint and asbestos to remove that would require an additional estimate for their removal. The project will be presented again to the Board for further discussion.

Hazardous Vegetation Enforcement MOU: Staff recommends action to authorize the Chief to enter into the updated MOU agreement with Placer County over hazardous vegetation enforcement. This is a revised MOU approved by the County with revised language that has been sent to District legal counsel after discussion in the December 2020 board meeting. Legal counsel has approved the language and agreed the MOU is beneficial for both parties. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Hazardous Vegetation Enforcement MOU. The motion received a second from Director Mullin. Carried

Rollcall:

Ayes: Musso, Bajtos, Johnson, Mullin, Grenfell, Ryland, Gibson Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: None

Employee Retention: The Chief recommends discussion on employee retention as a standing item for discussion for every board meeting. Chief Walder began that since last month's report there has been one Firefighter Paramedic resignation. Labor and management have recently again met to discussion retention issues and identify items for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of the South Placer Fire District Annual for the Fire Impact Fee Program: Staff recommends approval of the resolution adopting the fire impact fee program annual report for fiscal year 2019/20. In accordance with Government Code Section 66006(b) (1) and (2) the District is required to prepare a one year report and has determined that the report is true and correct. The report has been posted online for general viewing. There were no requests made to the District for notification as of the preparation of this meeting. There are no new revenues being collected under this Nexus Fee program since the approval and implementation of the Consolidated South Placer Fire District Nexus Fee Study and fee program. The beginning balance for the fund was \$104,000, with \$30,000 remaining at the fiscal year end. The fund will be spent down to zero within the South Placer District boundaries.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve Resolution No. 8-2020/21 and to approve the South Placer Fire District Annual Report for the Fire Impact Fee Program. Seconded by Director Gibson. Carried

Rollcall:

Ayes: Musso, Bajtos, Johnson, Mullin, Grenfell, Ryland, Gibson Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: None

Adoption of the former Loomis Fire Protection Districts Annual Report for the Fire Impact Fee Program: Staff recommends approval of the Resolution adopting the fire impact fee program annual report for fiscal year 2019/20. In accordance with Government Code 66006(b) (1) and (2) the District is required to prepare an annual report and has determined the report is true and correct. The District did post the report online for general viewing. The fund began the year at a balance of \$214,000 and received over \$3000 in interest. The fund at fiscal year-end was spent down to \$95,000 and will be reduced to zero by spending within the boundaries of the former Loomis Fire District boundaries.

Director Gibson made a motion to approve the former Loomis Fire Protection Districts Annual Report for the Fire Impact Fee Program and to approve Resolution No.9-2020/21. The motion received a second by Director Ryland. Carried

Rollcall:

Ayes: Musso, Bajtos, Johnson, Mullin, Grenfell, Ryland, Gibson Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: None

Adoption of the Consolidated South Placer Fire District Report for The Fire Impact Fee Program: Staff recommends approval of the resolution adopting the fire impact fee program annual report for fiscal year 2019/20. In accordance with Government Code 66006(b) (1) and (2) the District is required to prepare an annual report and has determined the report is true and correct. The District did post the report online for general viewing. Interested parties that requested notice would have been notified of the report 15 days prior to this regularly scheduled meeting. There were no requests made to the District for notification. This fund collects and expends for the newly consolidated district boundaries. At the beginning of the fiscal year the balance was \$369,000 collected with over \$5,000 earned in interest.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Consolidated South Placer Fire Districts Annual Report for the Fire Impact Fee Program and to approve Resolution No. 10-2020/21. The motion received a second by Director Bajtos Carried

Rollcall:

Ayes: Musso, Bajtos, Johnson, Mullin, Grenfell, Ryland, Gibson Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: None

Budget Revision for replacement of Duty Vehicle: Staff recommends approval of the budget revision to move forward with the purchase of the replacement vehicle. Vehicle 012 was a complete loss and reported to the Board in October of 2020. Insurance covered the vehicle at agreed upon value of \$38,000. Insurance has paid \$6,534 cash value of the vehicle to the District to date. To receive the balance of the agreed upon value the District must show a bill of sale covering the agreed upon value of the loss. The remainder of the buildup of the duty vehicle is estimated to cost \$35,000. This will eliminate the need to replace the current back up duty vehicle as previously reported in 2022/23. Chief Walder asked the Board to approve a budget revision for \$73,000 in the capital expenditures category for the 2020/21 budget. He noted that the purchase will save the district \$35,000 in the apparatus plan. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the budget revision to purchase a replacement for duty Vehicle 012. The motion received a second by Director Bajtos. Carried

Rollcall:

Ayes: Musso, Bajtos, Johnson, Mullin, Grenfell, Ryland, Gibson Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: None

Authorization to proceed with Budgeted Engine Purchase: Staff recommends authorization to purchase the budgeted Type 1 Engine with a brief presentation by the Apparatus Committee. Captain Paramedic Nick Paskey made a short presentation on the apparatus committee's recommendation to purchase two new engines this fiscal year. He noted that many engines in the fleet have over 80,000 miles and it would be a benefit to have uniform apparatus in the District. He continued that Detroit motors will discontinue soon not be an option in Pierce products. After 2/1, there is a \$35,000 increase in pricing by Pierce. Funds are in the budget to replace one engine this year with the understanding that the Covid pandemic may lead to many economic changes that could delay the purchase. At this time staff believe that we should move forward with the planning process and have the committee proceed with the build process. There is an opportunity to purchase two engines which would enable the District to surplus Engine 20 and utilize the low interest rates currently available. Historically, the District has paid cash for purchases but it has used HGAC financing in the past for the aerial truck purchase. One engine cost is \$706,000, two engines would be \$1.394 million. Chief Walder suggested the board continue the discussion at a special meeting proposed for Wednesday, January 27th. Director Mullin made a motion to continue the discussion at a special board meeting in the next week. Director Ryland made a second to the motion.

Carried

Rollcall:

Ayes: Musso, Bajtos, Johnson, Mullin, Grenfell, Ryland, Gibson Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: None

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. He noted that the District has encountered one Covid call per day and had several infected employees. He continued that the reporting, tracking and tracing of sick employees has been a lot of work. It was noted that the District is still doing as much as possible to keep exposures down by social distancing. While cases are still high in Placer County the District has worked hard to keep responders on the engine to keep servicing the community. Chief Walder added that he recently began ordering custom shields for the firefighters as a thanks for all their efforts during the pandemic.

Correspondence: A monthly PARS statement for the month of November.

Chief's Report:

- Executive Staff Meeting today to discuss issues throughout the District. Prevention reported ten new starts in December with business inspection programs suspended due to Covid. Facilities have many small project in the works: phone replacements and tree removals from the admin offices.
- Training has been hampered by Covid with only single company training approved. Looking to bring instructors for LARRO and Driver Operator 1A and 1B for a District class. Most agencies have similar restrictions or tighter on training due to mixing of crews.
- Met with 522 leadership for the standing labor management meeting with good dialogue to identify issues that need to be addressed quickly while documenting meet and confer issues for future discussions.

- Chief Brooks working on keeping our FCC licenses up to date since the passing of Pres Thompson. Station 18 up for renewal. Station tones project is experiencing a few issues on dispatch's side.
- Chief McMillin held a Safety Committee Meeting on Dec. 18th working on required mandates, accident reviews, health and wellness OSHA required screenings, TB, and hearing and respiratory. Updated IAPP Incident and Accident Prevention Plan.
- SAFF 522 update: Boot drive taking place on the 4th thru the 7th at Greenback and Sunrise
- Testing update 32 apps received for Apprentice Firefighter-written test scheduled. Captain application period is open. BC test wraps up in February with one candidate.
- Four new hires starting Feb. 1 with 3 paramedic firefighters and one engineer
- Announcement: Chief Walder retiring after 30 years of service in the District. Retirement application sent already to CalPERS for early March. Personnel Committee will need to meet immediately – Board members: Grenfell, Musso, and Gibson

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: Director Ryland congratulated Chief Walder on his upcoming retirement.

Future Agenda Items: Special Board Meeting needed with possible closed session for Personnel Committee to discuss Fire Chief Replacement and engine purchase, tentative date of January 27th

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

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