

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2021

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors Special Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:39 p.m. by President, Gary Grenfell via both teleconference connection and in person meeting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/443918485>.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler
Battalion Chief, Matt Feeley
Captain Paramedic, Nick Paskey
Captain Paramedic, Matt VanVultinburg

Public Comment: None

6:39 p.m. Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board of Directors adjourned to a closed session meeting for the following purposes: To discuss the public employment appointment of the position of Fire Chief. (Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54957.b.1))

7:33 p.m. reconvene from Closed Session: President Grenfell reported that the Board has discussed appointment of the Fire Chief in closed session and would be forming an ad hoc committee of three board members later in the open session of the meeting to continue working on the appointment.

Old Business:

- A. Fire Engine(s) Authorization to Purchase: Staff recommends discussion and authorization to enter into agreement to purchase two Pierce Fire Engines with Golden State Fire Apparatus using the HGAC Buy Program. At the January board meeting the board was presented with a two-engine purchase presentation to take advantage of current discounted pricing. Two lenders have proposed financing options available to the District that reflect very low interest rates and favorable length of terms. One engine is currently

budgeted in this year with the second engine expected to need replacing in the next two years. Interest rates with Community Leasing range from 2.5% - 2.6% with a down payment of \$699,000. Pierce Manufacturing offers financing through PNC at an interest rate of 1.61% over two years. It was noted that there was a prepayment discount of an additional \$52000 if paid in full in 15 days. Director Ryland suggested the District put ½ down on the purchase and finance the balance over a long term – up to five years. Chief Walder asked the Board for authorization to obtain the best financing available and move forward with the purchase contract for the two engines. Director Gibson made a motion to approve and authorize Chief Walder to purchase two engines and obtain the best financing available over a 5-year term. Director Bajtos made a second to the motion. Carried

Rollcall:

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

New Business:

- A. Administration Reorganization: Staff recommends discussion and possible action to support the Districts Administrative operation during the current and near future leadership changes. Chief Walder noted that the Board has asked to defer the item at this time until an ad hoc committee for the Fire Chief Replacement can be formed and review and revisit the issue. Directors Grenfell, Bajtos and Mullin volunteered to participate on the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Medeiros
Board Secretary