SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2021

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Gary Grenfell.

<u>Present:</u> Gary Grenfell, President Chris Gibson, Vice President Sean Mullin, Clerk Ken Musso, Director Mike Johnson, Director <u>Absent:</u> Terri Ryland, Director Dan Bajtos, Director

<u>Staff in Attendance</u>: Fire Chief, Karl Fowler Division Chief, Jeff Ingolia Battalion Chief, Kelly Moretti Business Manager, Kathy Medeiros Captain Paramedic, Matt VanVoltinburg Captain Joe Stephens Engineer Paramedic, Ray Spear Engineer, Justin Silva

Public Comment: None

Closed Session Report: None

<u>Consent Agenda</u>: Director Gibson noted that a correction was made to a typo in the minutes on page six and the correction has been made to the official records. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the items for the consent agenda with the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mullin.

Rollcall:

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

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Station 18 New Truck Room Update</u>: Staff recommends discussion on the proposed project and progress made to date. Chief Fowler began that at the last board meeting the board approved moving forward with a scaled back project to review the demo to the training house and building a wall at the south property end. The total cost will be between \$165-175,000 for those two items. PNP Construction is providing a detailed estimate for these items as the funds are already allocated in the new budget. Chief Fowler noted that it was disappointing that the whole project could not be done at this time but the urgent need to remove the safety hazard at the site is a priority.

<u>Fire Chief Recruitment Update</u>: Staff recommends discussion and update for the Board of Directors on the progress of recruitment for the Fire Chief position. Chief Fowler explained that this has been a long process since March and an offer has been made by the Consultant and the Board at this time. The candidate is moving forward with pre-employment exams of medical and psychological testing before an announcement can be made. Chief Fowler continued that he expects an announcement at the August Board meeting with a target start date possibly of August 16th.

<u>Employee Retention</u>: Staff recommends discussion on current issues facing the District involving employee retention. Chief Fowler began that the District recently hired three Engineer positions, one Apprentice Firefighter, and there are three Paramedic Firefighter positions that have completed the testing process with conditional offers given to all three. The Fire Chief position offer has been made by the board and Battalion Chief written testing was just completed with successful candidates moving forward to an assessment center in the future. He continued that a hiring/recruitment list is in place for the new oncoming Fire Chief. Deputy Chief Recruitment will begin the process once the new Fire Chief is on with the District. It was noted that the retirement wave the District has been in is almost complete

<u>Wesleyan Church Property at 4700 East Roseville Parkway</u>: Staff recommends discussion and possible action to either pursue purchase of property or recommend not to purchase. Chief Fowler explained that the Board has continued to meet and discuss the possibilities for the new facility. Placer County Treasurer has agreed to meet with Chief Fowler to discuss the options to finance the project. He continued that a closed session may be needed to further discuss options and costs of the property at the August meeting.

<u>Fiscal Year 2021/22 Preliminary Budget Adoption</u>: Staff recommends adoption of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget. The Chief presented the preliminary budget adding that few changes have been made since last month's meeting. The contracted increase to salaries of 3% for 2022 is included as well as the increase in medical contributions to the employees. The first payment of the Type 1 engines purchase and the entire station 18 project are currently in this budget. He continued that workers compensation, audit costs, and the general liability insurance all had substantial increases. This budget estimated property tax revenues with a 5% increase putting the salaries and wages at 88% of general revenues.

Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Preliminary Budget as presented in the board packet. The motion received a second from Director Johnson.

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

NEW BUSINESS None

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

<u>Covid-19 Update</u>: Chief recommends updating the Board on the status of the current pandemic and the District's response and preparations. Chief Fowler noted that there has been a release on restrictions as the Board moves back to in person meetings. The OSHA workplace requirements now direct for no social distancing and asking unvaccinated to wear a mask. The District is still following the guidelines in the current plan and continuing to monitor the situation.

<u>Correspondence:</u> A monthly PARS statement for the month of May and correspondence from FASIS regarding the 2021/22 billing package. Photos of South Shadow Oaks Lane of the new EVA were distributed.

Chief's Report:

- Station 18 cost estimates for cinder block wall and demolition of the old training house in progress
- Eagle Scout project at Station 18 is complete a dedication ceremony was held on Sat. 6/19
- Three new Engineers hired with a start date of July 19
- Paramedic Firefighter testing completed with conditional job offers extended to three candidates
- Battalion Chief written exam completed July 9th
- Apprentice Firefighter position hired to round out all the Apprentice positions
- July 4th call volume was 31 calls for service in the 24 hour period. 12 calls were fireworks related
- PERS performance up to 21.3%
- Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for July 29 with Directors Ryland and Mullin
- Chief Fowler on vacation the week of July 19th
- Rest in peace to Paramedic Firefighter David Volk who passed away July 13,2018 –three years ago
- Apprentice Mechanic doing well- Trent Jennings
- SCI moving forward with a kick off meeting to discuss a feasibility study for Division 2

Functions: none

<u>Board/Staff Comments</u>: Division Chief Ingolia reported statistics and an update to the Board on the new development within the District.

Future Agenda Items: none

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros