

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 09, 2022

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 09, 2022, at 7:05 p.m. by President, Gary Grenfell.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Mark Duerr
Deputy Chief, Matt Feeley
Division Chief, Jeff Ingolia
Battalion Chief, Kelly Moretti
Division Chief, James Magnuson
Captain Paramedic, Nick Paskey
Firefighter Paramedic, Tyler Thomas
Engineer Paramedic, Michael Long

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Director Gibson made a motion to approve the items for the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Musso.

Rollcall:

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

OLD BUSINESS

Station 18 New Truck Room Update: Staff recommends discussion on the proposed project and progress made to date. Chief Duerr began that the training house demolition is complete. The next step will begin with the footings for the wall next week and should be complete in three weeks. More information and options will be presented for discussion and action at the next meeting.

Employee Retention: Staff recommends discussion on current issues facing the district involving employee retention. Chief Duerr began that the district has recently hired one Apprentice Firefighter. There are two vacancies at the Firefighter Paramedic level that will need to be filled from a newly created list. No vacancies at the Engineer level and one candidate on the hiring list. One Captain vacancy with 5 of 7 passing the written exam moving forward to the Assessment center sometime in early April. Battalion Chief assessment center is complete, with one Chief interview on Friday.

Division Chief of EMS/Safety James Magnuson started March 28th with a badge pinning scheduled for next month's meeting.

Proposition 218 Benefit Assessment Update: Staff recommends an update from SCI Consulting Group, the District's levy administrator, on the status of the Prop. 218 Benefit Assessment and Engineer's Report. Chief Duerr introduced Sonia Ortega of SCI Consulting who presented a slideshow overview on the background of the assessment, the timeline moving forward, project updates for the community meetings and development of the Engineer's report, outreach campaign practices and strategies, along with a sample ballot document. She emphasized that the District cannot advocate for the measure, but external groups could participate in advocating. She noted that SCI will return for next month's meeting for additional discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Motor Vehicle Accident Cost Recovery Fee Adjustment: Chief recommends a short review, discussion, and action on the Motor Vehicle Accident Cost Recovery services agreement. Chief Duerr began that he recommends going into a new agreement for MVA Cost Recovery Fees to offset the MVA fees for responses. The program allows the District to recover costs incurred by rendering rescue services at auto accidents by billing the non-resident responsible party's insurance (does not include ambulance transport fees). The District would receive 72% of the revenue received with an escalating fees schedule. The service agreement has not been renewed in many years. Chief Duerr asked for approval of the revised fees schedule and to approve the revised agreement by authorizing the Chief to enter into a renewed agreement with Fire Recovery USA. Director Gibson made a motion to authorize Chief Duerr to enter into a new agreement with Fire Recovery USA. Director Johnson made a second to the motion.

Rollcall:

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

2022/23 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fee Adjustment: Chief recommends revising fees and charges for certain EMS services. In April of 2018 the Board approved the EMS fees adjustment be tied to a CPI as other Fire Districts have done. The Board passed through ordinance the rate adjustment by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index Series Title Care in the U. S. City Average. Chief Duerr noted that last year's adjustment for inflation was not done. He continued that he recommends the Board approve a two-year compounded adjustment of 5.3%: 2.8 % for 2020 and 2.5% for 2021. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the 2022/23 EMS Fee adjustment. The motion received a second from Director Musso.

Rollcall:

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

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 noted that current cases are at 2.8% positivity rate in Placer County. The state has reinstated additional supplement paid sick leave for up to 112 hours per safety employee, 80 for miscellaneous employees as an unfunded mandate. The mask mandate has ended and is no longer required for District employees. Total cases are at 62,328.

Correspondence: A recent PARS statement for the month of January and a thank you letter from the Firefighter's Burn Institute for assistance at the Fill The Boot for Burns boot drive.

Chief's Report:

- UASI Grant received for 18 thermal imaging cameras- likely to have to do a budget revision for the expense
- Fire at St. Francis Circle in Loomis
- St. 15 generator to be delivered in May
- Division Chief of EMS to give quarterly reports on billing
- PIO position still vacant, Engineer Long has done a great job taking over the social media accounts and is taking classes
- Meeting with PR firm to put out media strategy
- 358 calls in January – vs. 272 in February
- Prevention – 95 new starts with \$70k in fees received in January

Functions: Easter Egg Hunts

Board/Staff Comments: Director Gibson noted that retired Chief Corado's memorial service was well-received and thanked Chief Feeley for his assistance at the event.

Future Agenda Items: Station 18 Truck Room Update

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros