

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 6:05 p.m. by President, Terri Ryland.

Present:

Terri Ryland, President
Chris Gibson, Vice President
Ken Musso, Clerk
Gary Grenfell, Director
Dan Bajtos, Director
Tracy Randall, Director (arrived at 6:52 p.m.)

Absent:

Mike Johnson, Director

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Mark Duerr
Deputy Chief, Matt Feeley
Division Chief, Jeff Ingolia
Division Chief, James Magnuson
Battalion Chief Paramedic, Brian Midtlyng
Captain Paramedic, Donny Gray
Captain, Joshua Green
Captain, Justin Buathier
Engineer Paramedic, Pat Patterson

Public Comment: None

Closed Session Report: None

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

District Wide Photovoltaic Solar Electric Project: Staff recommends an update on the District-wide solar project. Chief Duerr began that the NEM agreements are complete for two stations. The District has approved the fire plans which are now in process for county review and approval- then construction can begin. The project is moving forward as expected.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) of Fire Risk Management Services (formerly Fire Agencies Self Insurances Systems (FASIS)): Staff recommends adopting a resolution approving the consolidation of Fire Services Self Insurance Systems (FASIS) and Fire District of California Employment Benefits Association (FDAC EBA). Chief Duerr explained that

FAIS and FDAC EBA are merging to become Fire Risk Management Services- combining the District's workers compensation carrier with employment benefits. Effective July 1, 2023, the two entities will form FRMS. To approve this consolidation, the Board must approve and adopt the resolution approving participation in the JPA. Director Gibson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-2022/23 authorizing participation in the JPA of Fire Risk Management Services. Director Bajtos made a second to the motion.

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

Contract Approval Authority for Multi-Year Financial Audit Agreement: Staff recommends a discussion and contract approval authority to enter into a multi-year auditor agreement. Chief Duerr explained that our current third-party auditor, Robert W. Johnson group, has submitted a multi-year contract with minimal increases of 2-3% for the next three years. Chief Duerr recommended the board move forward with the contract to retain our current auditor's services for the future. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the multi-year contract with Robert W. Johnson Accountancy Corporation. Director Bajtos made a second to the motion.

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

Procurement of an In-Service Reserve Ambulance (ISRAM): Staff recommends discussion and purchase approval for a new ambulance deployment model to include apparatus. Chief Duerr began that the District has provided ambulance services since 1962, one of only three fire agencies in the county with the right to do so. EMS is experiencing increase in call volume of 60-70%, with 80-90% of the calls EMS related. With the increase in waiting times at local emergency rooms, the District is short an ambulance for a portion of this time. The request is to put an in-service and reserve (ISRAM) program that would only respond in District to critical calls when neither of the two in service ambulances are available. The ISRAM will be housed at one of the District stations and respond along with an engine company when a critical call is received without a District ambulance available. The cost will be \$450,000 and will be funded 100% with mitigation funds as this is a new service to the community. The expenditure would not happen until the 23/24 budget cycle. Chief Duerr explained that mitigation revenues in the fund have exceeded expectations this year with the growth in the community. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the procurement of an in-service reserve ambulance. Director Bajtos made a second to the motion.

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

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

District Operational Update: Staff recommends a discussion about District operations after recent changes. Chief Duerr began that call volume is up for March over last year and call volume overall is trending up for the year. Call volume is up for the District with 70% for rescues/medical, service calls and good intent 15%. Medic 16 and Engine 17 are the busiest units. Station 18 with the most call volume. Four fires in the District: one vehicle fire, riding mower, two mutual aid house fires. Call responses at 90th percentile with improved turn out and travel times. Total calls for March was 170. EMS 103 total responses with 98% compliance.

Correspondence: One PARS financial statement for February and the PARS Trust Financial Statement as of June 30,2022.

Chief's Report:

- Vehicle fire
- Crews at Easter Egg Hunt
- Safer Grant submitted
- Telecommunicators Appreciation Week
- Apprentice Mechanic in backgrounds
- Apprentice Firefighter interviews on 4/20 to fill open positions
- Engineer Promotional test tomorrow
- Rocklin live fire training this weekend
- Working on Annual Report - expect at next meeting
- Placer County has free computer devices for over 60-year-old residents from grant
- Fire Prevention department: Total permits down in March, square footage down, fee revenue down, new starts down compared to February
- Overtime: 41% generated by sick leave, 21% vacations, 17% open positions
- Overtime hours up due to vacancies and using sick leave
- Leave usage year over year: vacation used more in 2022 than 2023. Total Overtime is down from last year.

Labor Report: Engineer Pat Patterson introduced himself to the Board as the new labor representative for SAFF 522, noted the recent loss of personnel of 11% and reported that many more are testing with other agencies. He continued that SPFD is losing more personnel than other agencies. He noted his focus is to best deliver services to the public and keep the best employees to deliver that service.

Functions: June 24th Open House at Station 18 from 11 am – 1 pm sponsored by Stryker. South Placer Firefighter Appreciation Dinner Friday 9/22/2023 at the Blue Goose.

Board/Staff Comments: Director Bajtos noted that he would like to reach out to State Parks to build a stronger relationship for the District.

Committee Reports:

Director Musso reported that he attended the FAIRA board meeting in March. He remarked that they discussed additional insurance options such as compliant website insurance. He recommended the District obtain that coverage with FAIRA as well as Cyber Liability benefits which are both offered at no charge to the District as FAIRA members. He noted that May 8th was a FAIRA special board meeting that he would need to utilize the District's training room to attend via teleconferencing.

Future Agenda Items: Director Grenfell requested additional discussion on the impacts of the Station 15 and Station 19 closures. Chief Duerr replied that the master plan would fully discuss these decisions, but he would give a summary report soon.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros