



South Lake County Fire Protection District
— in cooperation with —
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M., July 21, 2020
Middletown Fire Station, 21095 Highway 175

NON-TIMED ITEMS

A. OPEN MEETING:

- A1. *President Martinelli called meeting to order at 7 p.m.*
- A2. *Pledge of allegiance led by Chief Duncan.*
- A3. *Present: Vice President Jim Comisky, Directors Rob Bostock, Devin Hoberg, and President Madelyn Martinelli, Eric Redford (joined meeting at start of TIMED ITEMS). Also present: Chief Paul Duncan, Battalion Chief Mike Wink, and Board Clerk Gloria Fong.*
- A4. **BOSTOCK/COMISKY MOTION** to approve agenda. *AYES: Hoberg, Bostock, Comisky, Martinelli. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED.*

B. CITIZENS' INPUT: None.

C. COMMUNICATIONS:

C1. Reports:

C1.1. Fire Sirens

In their absence, Chief Duncan reports the three days they've been here was hugely successful.

C1.2. SL Fire Safe Council: No report

C1.3. Volunteer Firefighters' Association

Association President Fenk reports PCFs Chase and Lopez took vehicle up to Oregon for Type 6 fitting, and new Type 3 engine just branded is at Konocti for some services and numbering.

C1.3.1. Introduction and Badge Pinning of Paid Call Firefighters

Newly recruits, Caden Delong, Logan Hildebrand, Shelby Myers, and Nik Vargas, graduated from Napa program and their families are welcomed.

Pride and what it means to be part of proudest organization and profession, family of brotherhood and sisterhood to serve community is highest calling. Chief Duncan very proud with everyone on completion of academy with several are going on to summertime Cal Fire program. He thanked families, giving them their time to serve the community.

PCF Ron Chase knows all four have gone through a lot with COVID situation each doing what they can to get through.

PCF Captain Cory Smith is proud of them, and they will to be part of a family who stick together and provide for safety first.

On behalf of the Board, Director Comisky thanked all and welcome them to long journey, whom he himself has served 44 years.

C1.4. Chief's Report

For North Division a successful meeting was held at the Boatique Winery on June 25th.

For camp operations, 4 crews are available at Konocti. This may change based on a new mandate to release inmates with less than 180 days left on their sentence.

For South Lake operations, District took delivery of the new M6311. It'll be in service after a couple of identified issues are dealt with.

The PCF team is taking the Type 6 Cab and Chassis to Medford, Oregon by July 27th. Scheduled completion is by August 27th.

The Association purchased Type 3 Engine from Calistoga Fire. It is being painted, then will be lettered, pump tested and serviced.

On the maintenance side, WT6011 is receiving some new water valves, E6031 is being maintenance and OES359 is having a defective injector replaced.

On the facility side, electrical safety improvements have been completed at Station 64 and an electrical subpanel at 63 that was too small and sparking, required replacement. Station 60 roll up doors have been a big challenge recently. Several broken motors and windows were repaired. Station 60 is due to get pavement sealer in August.

Our Fire Family from Middletown Station 31 are now temporarily working out of Station 60 during their floor repair, and asbestos abatement.

The "House of Bargains" Thrift Shop re-opens Tuesday, July 14th.

A PCF who has been assisting Gloria while plans are made to hire a new office technician.

Several PCF's are working on their CAL FIRE Firefighter Basic "Bridge" Training.

An Engineer we have, who is a Coast Guard Reservist, received orders to return to active duty in Rhode Island for three years because of COVID-19.

We are in process to hire Permanent and Limited Term FFII Paramedics.

A total of 22 first responders responded to a recent bariatric trauma and rescue, performing critical tasks, which made rescue a success. In spite of massive blood loss and significant trauma, Paramedics, Reach Crew and Hospital staff successfully saved this man's life.

C1.5. Financial Report

Gloria reports:

District data is provided instead of Wittman reports, which are unavailable, because billing delayed June's closure.

She attended GoToMeeting Lake County Fire Miasha Rivas put together. She did an excellent job.

She asked the Board to be prepared to see the warrant list reports look different, as she continues to work on one that isn't as cluttered.

Reports of direct charges were just received.

Board of Supervisors approved all the fire districts' capital fire facility plans we submitted in March and their resolution attached.

C2. Directors Activity and Committee Report

Director Bostock has no activity to report.

Director Comisky reports there's been no conclusion for repeater system and more to follow for emergency alerting and weather service, he completed ethics training, and as of Saturday, he is retired again.

Director Hoberg has no district business to report.

Director Redford joined the meeting and has no activity to report.

Director Martinelli video-taped siren going off for Battalion Chief Wink.

TIMED ITEMS

D. REGULAR ITEM:

- D1. **TABLED FROM 6/16/2020 MEETING:** Consideration for Resolution No 2020-21 01 A Resolution Establishing Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Appropriations Limit. Placed on agenda by Gloria Fong.

Measure L ballot provides for increase using consumer price index (CPI). What it didn't establish is a methodology. The ballot didn't include which CPI to use, such as urban wage earners (CPI-U) or clerical workers (CPI-W) population group. It also didn't identify the period. Overall whether January to January or December to December has the same net escalation, as provided in attached table. With these, the appropriations can continue to be set using Department of Finance income and population increases for the County of Lake area and sets base for each year thereafter.

BOSTOCK/COMISKY MOTION to approve appropriations limit utilizing urban group 12-month December to December. **AYES:** Redford, Comisky, Bostock, Hoberg, Martinelli. **NOES:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- D2. Consideration for Resolution No. 2019-20-12, A Resolution Requesting the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar of Voters consent to and order the consolidation with such other elections as may be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, anywhere within the territory of the district for Appropriations Limit Override beginning with fiscal year 2021-2022. Placed on agenda by Gloria Fong. Placed on agenda by

In prior year's, the appropriations limit override provided 1.25 million increase, which is option 1 on the resolution. Prior to this, the override amount was \$950,000.

With Measure L passage, the appropriations limit override includes the Measure L amount, which is option 2.

COMISKY/BOSTOCK MOTION to approve D2 with option 2 as submitted. **AYES:** Hoberg, Redford, Bostock, Comisky Martinelli. **NOES:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.,**

- D3. Update on telephone consultation with Legal Counsel Bill Adams held Monday July 20th regarding the DA (Development Agreement) between the Guenoc Development and the County of Lake, which contain items that will and could affect South Lake County Fire Protection District, specifically, DA Sections 2.23, 2.58, 7.4, 12.3 and 12.4. Placed on agenda by Chief Duncan and Battalion Chief Wink.

This information is provided for discussion with no action to be taken. Chiefs reached out to counsel as part of proposed agreement between Guenoc and County of Lake.

The Board of Supervisor approved agreement with four to one vote.

Chiefs reached out to counsel for proposal as part of the proposed agreement for Guenoc project, which was approved by County Board of Supervisors vote 4 to 1.

On the agreement with the Fire District, there were a few areas of concern that Chiefs raised to legal counsel and got direction. To Section 2.23 Emergency Response Center there is question on ownership of land and how Fire District will operate it and it will be operated under perpetual easement and not change to this section. With section 7.4 want to make sure Measure is codified and able to assess Measure L going forward, amended with addition of sentence to end reads "these limitations exclude the continued special tax levy Measure L approved by voters of the district November 2018. In 12.3 Emergency Response Center's it didn't address what on-going cost and is amended "and on-going maintenance cost".

The \$1 per square foot will be used as credit towards their cost of building the Emergency Response Center and all the equipment. All property tax, AB formula and Measure L will all be paid.

- D4. Discussion for South Lake County Fire Protection District to retain Legal Counsel Scott Ferguson, from San Francisco based Law Firm of Jones Hall, who specializes in public entity type Bonds and similar items, and whose involvement and input to Bonds process, intended to fund building of the Fire Station and purchasing of all equipment is recommended and requested by Guenoc Development Team and all legal service expenses to be reimbursed by the Guenoc Development Team. Placed on agenda by Battalion Chief Wink.

The Guenoc Development Team is looking at Mello Roos bonds and the expert from California, Legal Counsel Scott Ferguson from San Francis based Law Firm of Jones Hall is whom they are considering. He only works for municipalities and not private entities. His expenses will be reimbursed by the Team and an agreement to follow between them for this.

Comisky reminded the Board we approved a CFD and approved Measure L and can also include the Mello Roos under 12.4 of the previous discussed item.

Attorney Bill Adams unequivocally recommends Scott Ferguson to provide assistance.

COMISKY/HOBERG MOTION to have staff move forward and bring back agreement for Board to review. AYES: Bostock, Redford, Hoberg, Comisky, Martinelli

- D5. Situational awareness briefing about agricultural development within the South Lake County Fire Protection District that may present challenges for Emergency Ingress and Egress. Placed on agenda by Battalion Chief Wink.

Battalion Chief Wink has had dialogue before with Board about the growing number of adult cannibas being developed around the county. The County Board of Supervisors determined this to be agricultural process and exempt from fire mitigation fee. Per fire code and public resource codes, it doesn't have any improvement to ingress or egress, where we may be called to upon emergency response on an unimproved road, not because of the product but because it is likely to happen. This is about 100,000 plus square feet the Fire District is to protect like anything else that doesn't pay fire mitigation fees and we are uncertain how it applies to property tax rolls.

Director Comisky feels we as Fire District need to aggressively approach the County because it is different nature than grapes or pears. Chief Duncan is in agreement.

President Martinelli appointed to a situational awareness on agricultural development ad hoc committee, Directors Redford and Comisky along with Chief Duncan.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

E1. Minutes presented:

E1.1. June 16, 2020 – Regular Meeting

E2. Warrants presented:

E2.1. July – preliminary

E2.2. June – corrected

HOBURG/COMISKY MOTION to approve consent calendar. AYES: Bostock, Redford, Comisky, Hoberg, Martinelli. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. **BOSTOCK/HOBERG MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All members in attendance are in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted by: _____



Gloria Fong
Board Clerk

READ AND APPROVED BY: _____



MADLYN MARTINELLI
President – Board of Directors