

MOKELUMNE FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mokelumne Fire District was called to order by President M. Young on June 3, 2021 at Fire Station 13-1, 13157 E. Brandt Road, Lockeford, CA 95237 at 7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order-Roll Call

Present: Mike Young, Mark Sperling, Joseph Valente, Jim Tamura, John Anagnos
Absent: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance: M. Young led the salute to the American Flag.

*President M. Young stated that the meeting was being recorded and that the meeting participants were practicing social distancing.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

4. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

6.1 MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON MAY 5, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the MAY 5, 2021 Board Meeting.

ACTION – MOTION: Director Sperling SECOND: Director Anagnos
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Sperling, Valente, Tamura, Anagnos

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS – UNPAID BILLS REPORT

Motion to approve the May 2021 Financial Report. Director Sperling noted that the financial reports were reviewed for May 2021 and everything was in order. Chief Ramirez noted that he stopped the overtime for the fiscal year to make sure that expenses are in line due to the new hires.

ACTION – MOTION: Director Sperling SECOND: Director Tamura
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Sperling, Valente, Tamura, Anagnos

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 STATION IMPROVEMENTS

- A. STATION ADDITION PROJECT – Chief Ramirez noted that this project is on hold until we can budget for next year.
- B. SOLAR PROJECT – Chief Ramirez noted that this project is on hold until we can budget for next year.
- C. WASHROOM PROJECT – Chief Ramirez noted that staff has completed the plumbing. There still needs some framing to be done and then the concrete will be poured.
- D. SIGN PORJECT – Chief Ramirez noted that this project is complete and the County has finalized the permit.
- E. Fill Station for SCBAs (Compressor) – Chief Ramirez noted that the compressor has been installed and is up and running. This item will be removed from the Agenda.
- F. Generator – Chief Ramirez noted the generator should arrive by the end of next month. The space is ready for the new generator and was paid through a grant. The update is that this should be in by the end of June 2021. The Board discussed that the old generator should be sold once the new generator has been installed.

Motion to approve the surplus of the old generator.

ACTION – MOTION: Director Tamura **SECOND:** Director Sperling
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Sperling, Valente, Tamura, Anagnos
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- G. Outside Cover – Chief Ramirez noted that this project is on hold until the beginning of the fiscal year. Captain Weber noted that there has been no increase in the price of materials at this point. Because they are able to get the covers shipped together, the shipping cost was reduced.
- H. APP Bay Lighting Replacement – Chief Ramirez noted that this project has also been put on hold until the beginning of the fiscal year.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: FY 2021-FY 2022 Preliminary Budget

Motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget

ACTION – MOTION: Director Tamura **SECOND:** Director Sperling
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Sperling, Tamura, Valente, Anagnos
NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

8.2 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: FY 2021-2022 Appropriation Limit
Motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 Appropriation Limit

ACTION – MOTION: Director Sperling SECOND: Director Valente
Roll Call
AYES: Young, Sperling, Tamura, Valente, Anagnos
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

9. STAFF AND FIRE CHIEFS REPORT:

- 9.1 OPERATIONS – Chief Ramirez provided a report on the calls and automatic aid for the month of May.
- 9.2 FIRE PREVENTION/PUBLIC EDUCATION –Chief Ramirez noted that he continues to monitor the cannabis business that is subleasing a location in the District. At this time, they have not been approved to build because there is a pump that needs to be in compliance that is not running at 1,000 gallons per minute. The County passed an ordinance that cannabis operations will be taxed 3% for public safety. Chief Ramirez talked to the Board of Supervisors about this tax because it should go to the Fire Districts; however, right now these funds are not allocated to Fire Districts. Chief Ramirez asked the San Joaquin County Chief’s Association to approach the Board of Supervisors in regards to allocating a portion of the taxes to Fire Districts in the County.
- 9.3 TRAINING – Chief Ramirez noted that the wildland training class has been completed for the Reserves- six will be able to go to Strike Teams. The plan will be to send three paid staff and one Reserve; however, if staffing is not available the District will send two paid staff and one Reserve. This will allow the Reserves to get further training and experience on the Strike Teams.

10. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next regular meeting will be held on July 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Ramirez, Fire Chief


Board of Director Signature