

MOKELUMNE FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mokelumne Fire District was called to order by President M. Young on May 5, 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: Jerry from the Neighborhood Watch for the Bluff's area thanked the firefighters and had an appreciation for putting the fire out in the area. There was some false information that a gate in the area was locked and not accessible to the firefighters. Chief Ramirez clarified that the fire was about a mile away from the houses; however, the locked gate is accessible to the firefighters.

4. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 6.1 MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 7, 2021
Motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2021 Board Meeting as corrected.

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

AYES: Young, Sperling, Valente, Tamura

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Anagnos

- 6.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS – UNPAID BILLS REPORT

Motion to approve the April 2021 Financial Report. Director Sperling noted that the financial reports were reviewed and everything was in order.

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

AYES: Young, Sperling, Valente, Tamura

NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Anagnos

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 STATION IMPROVEMENTS

- A. STATION ADDITION PROJECT – Chief Ramirez plans to discuss the plans with San Joaquin County staff to ensure that the project will be approved with the new square footage. There may be a need to request a variance for the land use.
- B. SOLAR PROJECT – Chief Ramirez noted this project is on hold due to the current projects.
- C. WASHROOM PROJECT – Chief Ramirez noted that staff has removed the asphalt and plans to have the pad poured by the end of the month.

Director Tamura arrived at this point of the meeting.

- D. SIGN PORJECT – Chief Ramirez noted that this project is complete and is working with the County to finalize the permit process.
- E. Fill Station for SCBAs (Compressor) – Chief Ramirez noted that the compressor has been installed and is up and running.
- 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.
- G. Outside Cover – Captain Weber noted that he priced out two separate covers. One will be a drive through; however, the one for the antique will have a back cover the amount of the purchase \$26,500. The Board directed staff to lock in a price because the price of materials may increase.
- H. APP Bay Lighting Replacement – Chief Ramirez noted that the lights have been ordered and once they are received the install will be completed.

7.2 GRANT UPDATES

- A. FY 2020-FY 2021 San Joaquin Community Power Resiliency Project Grant Award – Chief Ramirez has received the reimbursement for this grant. The only thing waiting on this grant is the installation of the generator.
- B. CSFA Volunteer Grant – Chief Ramirez noted that the structure gear and physicals for volunteer staff have been ordered for nine personnel. This is a 50-50 cost share grant. The reimbursement for this grant has not been received.

7.3 NEW ENGINE – Chief Ramirez noted that there were a couple of warranty issues with the new engine that have been resolved.

7.4 COVID-19 VACCINATION PARTICIPATION – Staff have assisted with administering vaccinations at the Lockeford Community Center. Chief Ramirez has asked if there could be a monthly vaccination event in the

Lockeford Community. Staff have also been helping in neighboring Districts.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: STRIKE TEAM RESERVE BATTALION CHIEF

After some discussion, the Board decided not to fill this position at this time.

8.2 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2019-FY 2020 FINANCIAL AUDIT PREPARED BE FECHTER & COMPANY

Motion to accept the FY 2019-2020 Financial Audit as prepared by Fechter & Company

ACTION – MOTION: Director Valente SECOND: Director Sperling
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 April.

9.2 FIRE PREVENTION/PUBLIC EDUCATION –Chief Ramirez noted that staff is performing weed abatement inspections for the first round. There will be some public outreach to notify the public of the extrication equipment. Chief Ramirez provided an update on the cannabis grow that will be in the District. Chief Ramirez has been meeting with them and ensuring it is a safe site.

9.3 TRAINING – Chief Ramirez noted that the first wildland training class has been completed. San Joaquin County OES is paying Mokelumne Fire to provide Water Rescue training to County personnel. Revenue after all costs to provide the class are accounted for will be deposited in the USSR fund to replace equipment.

10. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next regular meeting will be held on June 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Ramirez, Fire Chief


Board of Director Signature