

# MOKELUMNE FIRE DISTRICT

## MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2023

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The **Regular** meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mokelumne Fire District was called to order by President John Anagnos on August 2, 2023, at Fire Station 13-1, 13157 E. Brandt Road, Lockeford, CA. 95237 at 6:02 pm.

Board meeting minutes were prepared by Administrative Assistant Lorena Coose.

**1. CALL TO ORDER ROLL-CALL/NOTICE OF MEETING BEING RECORDED:**

Present: John Anagnos, Mark Sperling, Jim Tamura (arrived at 6:18 pm), Joe Valente, Frank Schulz

Absent: None

Staff present: Fire Chief Mark Weber, Firefighter/Engineer Gavin Scroggins, Firefighter Julian Serrano, Firefighter David Perez, and Administrative Assistant Lorena Coose

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President John Anagnos led the salute to the American Flag.

**3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**4. LATE AGENDA ITEMS 54954.2:** None

**5. COMMUNICATIONS:** Chief Weber noted that the Lockeford Community Clean-Up event would be held on August 19, 2023.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**6.1 MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JULY 5, 2023**

Motion to approve the minutes: Mark Sperling

Second: Joe Valente

Vote: Unanimous Approval 4-0

**6.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY 2023**

Board Vice President Mark Sperling noted that the financial expenses for the month for general expenditures were \$87,389.94 noting that the \$31,711.25 was paid to FASIS for the quarterly worker's compensation expense. There were other additional large expenditures for the tires for Water Tender 13-1 and Engine 13-1, a background check fee; boat rack purchase; and a cost-share of ten percent paid to Linden-Peters Fire Department for the regional radio grant. Director Sperling was provided financial information for the USAR Association noting that the account balance is \$49,821.28 and that recently approximately \$8,300.00 was spent for the drone.

Motion to approve financial reports: Mark Sperling

Second: Joe Valente

Vote: Unanimous Approval

**6.3 WARRANTS APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:**

Warrant no. 06 \$87,389.94 – General Expenditures

The warrants were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mark Sperling.

Second: Joe Valente

Vote: Unanimous Approval 4-0

At 6:18 pm, Board Member Jim Tamura arrived at this point of the meeting.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**7.1 STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

a. Station Addition Project – Fire Chief Mark Weber noted this project is still on hold.

b. Solar Project - Fire Chief Mark Weber noted there is no update at this time.

**7.2 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS BI-LAWS**

Chief Weber provided an overview on the changes made to the bi-laws by the Board committee.

After some discussion, a motion to approve the Board of Directors Bi-Laws: Frank Schulz

Second: Mark Sperling

Vote: Unanimous Approval 5-0

**7.3 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: UPDATING OR CHANGING DEPARTMENT WEBSITE VENDOR**

Chief Weber discussed the benefits of using Streamline for the District's website services for an annual amount of approximately \$3,600.00.

After some discussion, a motion to approve Streamline as the website provider was made by: Mark Sperling

Second: Joe Valente

Vote: Unanimous Approval 5-0

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**8.1 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: SURPLUS OLD COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

Chief Weber informed the Board that there were several old computers that could be disposed of at the Lockeford Community Clean-Up event. After some discussion, a motion to surplus the old computer equipment was made by Mark Sperling.

Second: Joe Valente

Vote: Unanimous Approval 5-0

**9. STAFF AND FIRE CHIEFS REPORT:**

**9.1 Operations** – Fire Chief Weber provided an overview of the calls for the month of July 2023.

**9.2 Fire Prevention/Public Education** – Chief Weber noted that staff participated in the August 1<sup>st</sup> National Night Out Event. There were about 20 people at the event and Chief Weber provided information on

the increase in call volume and staffing levels. Chief Weber attended the Lockeford MAC meeting and provided an update on operations.

**9.3 Training** – Chief Weber noted that the new firefighters are being trained during their probationary period. Chief Weber hosted a Water Rescue class for eight attendees which included four Mokelumne Fire staff members and four French Camp Fire staff members. There was also a Confined Space Awareness class completed for reserves. Additionally, staff are participation on the new records management system for payroll. Two staff members will be participating in a two-day Engine Boss class at Manteca Fire.

**9.4 USAR Association Update-** Fire Chief Weber noted that the area is prepared for the container placement. Staff has been participating in drone training.

#### **10. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION:**

President John Anagnos announced that the Board would enter a closed session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the following:

**10.1** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): Two (2) Cases

Board President John Anagnos announced that the Board returned from closed session at 8:17 p.m.

**10.2** Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session:

Board President John Anagnos announced that there were no actions taken in closed session.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

***Next regular meeting will be held on September 6, 2023, at 6:00 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief Mark Weber

  
Board of Director Signature