

# PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board of Directors Board Meeting

March 8, 2022 Minutes

Randy Rossi –Board Chair, Tony Marcaccio–Vice Chair, Judy Hobson–Secretary, Christina Holum – Director, Joe Ruder – Director

### **Mission Statement**

*To provide a professional and compassionate level of community fire protection, emergency medical and rescue services to the citizens and property owners within the Fire District, in order to prevent or minimize the loss of life, pain, suffering and property damage as a result of fire or other types of emergency.*

The regularly scheduled March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:00 PM Board Meeting was conducted in person at 7060 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM 6:00 p.m.**

**1.1** Roll Call - Marcaccio, Holum, Hobson, Rossi, Ruder

Administration: Administrative Assistant Joy Vierra, Battalion Chief Earle, Captain Schwitalla, & FF Montesanti

**1.2** Pledge of Allegiance Marcaccio

#### **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**2.1** Administration recommends the BOD approve: Minutes from February 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 Board Meeting and February 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 Special Board Meeting

**2.2** Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills – green sheets  
Motion to approve minutes with noted grammar and typo corrections, greensheets, and to add item 6.2 Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies 130 to new Business  
(M/S) Ruder/ Holum Passed 5/0

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)**

Any person may address the District Board on any subject pertaining to District business, which is not listed on the agenda. This comment is provided by the Ralph M. Brown Open Meeting Act (Government Code § 54950 et. seq) and may be limited to three (3) minutes for any person addressing the Board. "The public may address the Board on any subject listed on the Regular Agenda. Each speaker may address the Board **once** for a limit of three (3) minutes. The filing of speaker cards is not mandatory, but is helpful in creating an accurate record. Each speaker will be called upon to speak by the Chair when the item is heard"

Audience member asked if we were able to use the fire dept. Wi-Fi

#### **4. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**4.1 Administrative/Chief's Report Jan/Feb 2022**

Battalion Chief Earle presented Chief's report

**4.2 Local #4586** – Nothing to report

**4.3 PVFA** – Dan Dwyer shared about the work on the concrete behind Station 38 and thanked Paul Schaffer for securing donations for the project saving significant amounts of money.

**4.4 Financial** – Received and filed the financial report as presented in the board packet

**4.5 Caldor Committee** – All issues were addressed and resolved and there is no longer a need for this committee.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

**5.1** District Dip Permit Team (Rossi)

Director Rossi shared that the excuse the US Forest Service used to stop pulling water form private water sources was lack of agreements. To address this problem we want to keep it on the agenda and when the new chief comes in he can focus on it as an operational concern before the next fire season.

**5.2** Staffing Station 31 (Dwyer)

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Dan Dwyer shared that Chief Matthews has moved out of Station 31. Discussions are in process regarding staffing Station 31 and possibly 35 in Grizzly flats. Forest service will have a presence up there again with a type 3 engine and a water tender with a 7 person crew working 9am-6pm either at Station 31 or Station 35 located at 5012 Meadow Glenn in Grizzly flats. Battalion Chief Earle stated that the forest service does not routinely respond to medical aid calls and a system would need to be in place if they are going to respond to these kinds of calls.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1** Audit Engagement with Fechter & Company (Vierra)  
The district is audited annually, and the letter needs to be signed engage Fechter & Company to perform the district's audit. Motion made to engage Fechter & Company to perform the audit.  
(M/S) Ruder/Hulum Passed 5/0
- 6.2** Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies 130 (Vierra)  
Motion to accept the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies 130 and appoint Chief Ken Earle be the authorized agent  
(M/S) Marcaccio/Ruder Passed 5/0

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)

- 7.1** Email received at [admin@pioneerfire.org](mailto:admin@pioneerfire.org) by Brian Odell of Grizzly Flats  
I hope that the board does not cave to Mark Matthew's Legal threats. I believe that there could be a lot more litigation against this board vis-à-vis their oversight of this chief.

### 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

#### 9. CLOSED SESSION entered into closed session at 6:41 pm

- 9.1** Public Employment (§ 54957) Title: Fire Chief.

#### 10. Return from Closed Session to report out on 9.1 at 7:39 pm

- 10.1** Report Out on Item 9.1

Decision made to make a conditional job offer to for the position of Fire Chief to David Whitt pending contract and background investigation, and medical release.

#### 11. CLOSED SESSION entered into closed session at 7:42 pm

- 11.1** Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to (§ 54956.9(b)): Number of cases one


#### 12. Return from Closed Session to report out on 11.1 at 9:04 pm

- 12.1** Report out on item 11.1

**ADJOURNMENT**– Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday April 12, 2022 at 6pm**

Prepared by:

  
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Date