

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

June 14th, 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 June 14th, 2022 6:00 PM Board Meeting was conducted in person at 7061 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684

MINUTES

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

1.1 Roll Call – Rossi, Marcaccio, Hobson, Ruder, Holum

Administration: Chief Whitt, Battalion Chief Earle, Administrative Assistant Vierra, Captain Ramsey, & FF Montesanti

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT? PRESENTATIONS? GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Public Hearing: Appropriations

Public hearing for appropriations was opened up to the public. There was no public comment.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Minutes from May 10th 2022 Board Meeting

3.2 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills – Greensheets

3.3 Administrating Recommends the BOD approve: Budget Amendment for 2021-2022 to include SCBA Regional Grant Income and Expense

3.4 Administration Recommends the BOD approve: Caldor Fire Replacement Home Prevention Fees reduction for Uninsured or Underinsured

Motion to approve Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Consent Calendar with the correction of items listed under 6.0 being changed from 5's to 6's, and the removal of item 6.1 and 6.5 from the agenda.

(M/S) Hobson/Ruder Passed 5/0

4. 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"

There was a public comment/question related to the rebuild fees and PFPD fee reductions. An explanation of item 3.4 was provided by Administrative Assistant Vierra.

5. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Administrative/Chief's Report May 2022

TO: Pioneer Fire Protection District, Board of Directors

FROM: David Whitt, Fire Chief

DATE: June 14, 2022

ITEM: Chief's Report for May 2022

Calls for Service in May 2022:

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• **Total:** 67 **Year to Date:** 254

By Type:

• **EMS:** 26
• **Fires:** 3
• **MVA:** 8
• **Assist:** 15
• **HZMT:** 0
• **Other:** 15

District Information:

Station/Apparatus/Equipment

- Attended several meetings and phone calls including with:
 - U.S. Representative McClintock to discuss relationship with USFS specifically since the Caldor Fire. Talk included issues with reimbursement (12 hour start verses 12-hour then revert to hour zero.
 - El Dorado Hills Fire accountant for budget information and guidance.
 - El Dorado County Fire A/C Dutch for budget review and guidance.
 - El Dorado County Fire Chiefs meeting (monthly). Discussed need for recruitment and retention. Most agencies are really challenged in this realm.
 - Preseason Cal Fire Cooperators for AEU. Discussed 2022 Fire Season Outlook.
 - Preseason Coordination Meeting with AEU, USFS-ENF, Tahoe Management Unit (TMU), BLM, BIA, and Tribal Fire. Discussed policy, procedures, Caldor Fire, and fire attack philosophy.
 - JPA EMSOC Meeting. Discussed Medic (ambulance) coverage and possible closure of Medic 49.
- Trained with “Volunteers”. Very impressed with their enthusiasm. Discussed how to recruit additional volunteers.
 - Demonstrated tank-line pull and options for additional training.
 - Watched the Point Fire, a double fatality incident and the importance of communication and integration within the Incident Command System.
- SCBA Grant:
 - Fit testing for all personnel who are IDLH qualified has been completed.
 - Training is going on now and they should be placed into service soon.
 - Looking at additional equipment for extra grant dollars to be spent (c. \$26,000).
- Station 38 apron concrete renovation project is completed and should be in service by 06/12/22.
- Bids have been received for the septic system repair and has been awarded to D’Agostini for \$3,740.
- Met with County Roads and allied agencies regarding pre-fire plans for upcoming Buck Bar Bridge closure (c. Fall of 2024).
- Purchased 4 – 5,000 water tanks for \$15,700. Pioneer to be reimbursed for nearly all of it by SPI and Omo Ranch Fire Safe Council.
- Reviewing options for district-wide water supplies.
- Station 31 cleanup was completed. Thank you to Captain Schwitalla (and all the crews)!
- Willow School is now starting function as a “tool” house.
- E38 has mechanical issues. Looking for repair facility we can depend on.

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- Station E38 apparatus door is awaiting parts for repair.
- Extrication equipment is out of service ... waiting for repair.
- Till sorting insurance equipment and PPE for returns.
- June 18th from 0800-1700 is a "Fill the Boot" drive at Grizzly Flat and Mt. Aukum Road for Caldor Fire victims.

Personnel

- FF Montesanti is finishing up driver training that will allow for signing off his FF Endorsement.
- Training hours are being documented in Target Solutions.
 - Total hours for the month were well over 120 for all personnel
 - Huge shout out to Captain Ramsey for setting up our account.
- RT-130 refresher training for volunteers this month.

Continued Steps:

- Fire Captain Position still being currently filled by overtime.
- Filling the Firefighter position with limited term.
- Stabilize training via training plan and documentation for career and volunteer staff.
- Review all apparatus needs and come up with a salvage/sales list.
- Heather is starting to develop SOG's and changes to the training plans.
- Reviewing options for additional water supply

OPTIONS: N/A – Informational Purposes Only

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

ACTION PLAN: None.

RELATED ACTION(S): None.

Chief Whit shared that El Dorado Hills Fire will be delivering a type 1 interface engine and he would like the Board to be present the day of delivery. Battalion Chief Earle shared that the Dollar General may receive its final inspections by June 15, 2022. Director Rossi asked about Staffing at Station 31, Chief Whitt reported that they have not heard back from the Forest Service related to this, and that we are waiting on them.

Paul Schaffer was asked to look at Willow School related to the need for new siding. Paul reported back that he had reached out to Hardy Plank and that Camera crews from Hardy Plank will be coming and that they will be replacing the siding on Station 31 and Willow School at no cost. They are working on possible dates for the install.

5.2 Local #4586 – Captain Ramsey No report

5.3 PVFA – No Report

5.4 Financial – Chief Whitt reviewed the county financials and gave clarification regarding the budget and expenditures.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Vegetation Management Fire Rebuild
Removed from agenda

6.2 Treasurer Board Position (Holum)
Director Holum suggested that this item be heard after the board holds financial budget training meeting, and will be addressed on a future agenda.

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6.3 Board Policy Manual vs Changes Not Noted (Holum)
This item was not addressed at this time, but will be held over on a future agenda.

6.4 2022/2033 Preliminary Budget (Whitt)
Chief Whitt reviewed the updated preliminary budget that will be submitted to the county.

6.5 Caldor Fire Rebuild permit Fees
Removed from Agenda as it was addressed in Item 3.4

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2022-23 SD PROP4 Resolution
Motion to accept 2022-23 SD PROP4 Resolution
(M/S) Marcaccio/Hobson
Roll call vote
Ayes: Rossi, Marcaccio, Holum, Hobson, Ruder
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Passed 5/0 passed

8 CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)

Administrative Assistant Vierra read a letter received from Gretchen Fretter commending the Department and Cal Fire for efforts on a recent brush fire in her community.

A letter from the Grizzly Flats Community Service District Board of Directors was also read outlining the current billing structure for vacant properties that still maintain a water service connection.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None


ADJOURNMENT– Meeting adjourned at 6.52 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday July 12, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Prepared by:



Joy Vierra, Administrative Assistant



Tony Marcaccio, Vice Chair BOD

7-12-22
Date