

# PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board of Directors Board Meeting

November 9, 2021 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 November 9, 2021 6:00 PM meeting was conducted in person at 7060 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM 18:03 hours 6:03p.m.**

1.1 Roll Call-Present: Ruder, Hobson, Marcaccio, Rossi. Director Holum attended via telephone and will not be part of voting. Administration: Chief Matthews, Admin. Assistant Joy Vierra, Captain Schwitalla, FF Walsh

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance Led by Director Rossi

#### **2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT / PRESENTATIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS**

2.1 No special announcements

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

3.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve the minutes from 10-12,-2021 Board Meeting

3.2 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills – green sheets

3.3 Administration recommends the BOD approve adding the position of Office Assistant (M/S) Marcaccio/Ruder Passed 4/0

#### **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" None

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

5.1 Administrative/Chief's Report - The Grizzly Flats West Slope Foundation is using the storage lockers four corners. Chief Earle is working on more permitting projects. We will need a 65,000 gallon water supply at the Dollar General site. Station 35 is a priority right now. Having weekly meetings with the insurance company and OES. We are working to get a temporary fire station at 35 through OES. There is a home to rent in Grizzly Flats to use as a residence and place a metal structure for apparatus. FEMA is looking to see if they can pay for staffing for 6 months to a year. SCBA grants RFP have been posted, receiving bids. Squad 35 still OOS parts back ordered. Repairs at 31 have been completed. Still working with Cal Fire to get tones for stations 35, 37 and duty chief. Reserve funds have increased to 1.3 million and the district is in a good financial condition.

5.2 Local #4586 - Nothing to report

5.3 PVFA - There will be a Santa drive through at Pioneer Park on Saturday, December 11 from 12 to 3. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there. Crab Banquets are not being held this year - looking to having a fund raising event in the spring. The Fairplay-Aukum Community Hall Association is working with the Grizzly Flats West Slope Foundation as their fiscal agent. The El Dorado Community Foundation provided \$100,000 to the organization to be used to assist Caldor Fire victims; they also provided \$66,000 in gift cards of which most have been distributed.

5.4 Financial - This item was moved to 7.1 and 7.2.

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- 5.5 COVID 19 update -Nothing to report. No decision from the state as to vaccination mandates.
- 5.6 Caldor Committee - Grant Ingram could provide an update. Grant has a meeting with Supervisor Turnboo Friday. Todd White is in contact with El Dorado Sheriff's Office trying to determine if the Grizzly Flats Tabletop exercises were used during the fire. Will have more information in the next 2 weeks. Director Rossi suggested that the committee contact Tom McClintock's office. Director Holum added that they will look into what to do with all the burned timber. .

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Succession - Director Rossi said that there have been several meetings and have received a few applications. We are still advertising and hope to get more applications; more meetings.
- 6.2 District damages due to Caldor Fire (insurance Settlements) – Should receive \$150,000 check to start replacing items. Estimated loss of \$200,000 plus of equipment and supplies. Our insurance has increased from \$19,000 to \$70,000 for the next year.
- 6.3 Caldor Fire updates – There are concerns for washout in the road and land concerns with winter coming and water run-off. Road conditions are bad because of large truck volume and traffic.
- 6.4 Station 35 rebuild and Temporary Facility - Covered in Chief's Report.
- 6.5 Property Purchase 4847 Sciaroni Road Grizzly Flats - Made an offer of \$23,000 for property next to Station 35 and they accepted. Making sure property owner cover fire debris removal.
- 6.6 Station 32 property and Security - The runoff from the post office still has to be dealt with. There is an issue with people cars in front of the storage lockers. DOT has dirt to deliver and if cars are parked, they can't dump the dirt. There will be signage for "No Parking". The policy will be that a first time warning will be given, second time a citation will be given and then a tow.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 21-22 Final Budget Updates - Need to submit final budget. The budget can be adjusted throughout the year. Need a roll call vote to accept. (M/S) Hobson, Marcaccio Passed 4/0
- 7.2 FY 20 Audit Report - Motion to accept the audit. (M/S) Hobson, Ruder Passed 4/0

### 8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS(GOOD OF THE ORDER) None

### 9. AGENDA ITEMS None at this time.


### 10. CLOSED SESSION started at 7:18 (19:17) Return from closed Session at 8:47 (20:47)


- 10.1 Security Pursuant to Government Code Section § 54957 (a) matters posing a threat to public services or facilities for COVID 19 Caldor Fire and Damage No action taken or discussion
- 10.2 Public Employment (§ 54957) Title: Fire Chief (Succession Recommendations) Vote was taken to extend the Chief's contract up to 3 months. (M/S) Ruder, Marcaccio Passed 3/0/1abstain
- 10.3 Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8) Lease options Station 38 & other district property with USFS and PFPD (prices, terms of payment) Owner accepted now in closing. BOD confirmed Fire Chief to sign all documents.

**ADJOURNMENT**– Motion by Director Ruder to adjourn, confirmed consensus and adjourned at 8:51pm

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 6p.m.**

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Date