

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

April 12, 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 April 12th, 2022 6:00 PM Board Meeting was conducted in person at 7060 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684

Director Ruder will be joining the meeting by phone from 148 Choctaw St. Ashville, NC 28801

MINUTES

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

1.1 Roll Call - Marcaccio, Holum, Hobson, Rossi, Director Ruder joined the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Administration: Chief Whitt, Administrative Assistant Joy Vierra, Battalion Chief Earle, Captain Schwitalla, & FF Fresien

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 March 8th 2022 Board Meeting and March 18st 2022 Special Board Meeting

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

2.3 Administration recommends the BOD appoint Chief David Whitt as JPA board representative for Pioneer Fire Protection District. (Vierra)

2.4 Administration Recommends the BOD approve the Revision of Pioneer Fire Protection District (Title 24 Part 9 Fire Code) Amendments Table B 105.1(1) (Earle)

2.5 Administration Recommends approving Resolution 2022-01 Declaring an Election Be Held in its Jurisdiction Consolidation with Other Districts Requesting Election Services. (Vierra)

2.6 Administration Recommends BOD approving Exiting the County/District MOU Version 3 and Entering Into Version 4 (Earle)

Motion to approve Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Consent Calendar (M/S) Hobson/Marcaccio Passed 4/0

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"

Community Member Jennise Tumni shared her concerns about the Temporary Home permit process related to returning to her property in Grizzly Flats with a trailer. She does not agree with paying the \$98.00 inspection and review fees to Pioneer Fire Protection district. She shared her experience related to the Caldor fire and how it has impacted her and her family. She was very angry and stated she would not pay the fees. Director Rossi offered to pay her fees for her and provided her the funds to pay the permit fees personally.

Community member Maryann Cooke shared how thankful she is that her Temporary Home permit process was easy to navigate through with both the County and Pioneer Fire Protection District.

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4. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Administrative/Chief's Report March 2022

TO: Pioneer Fire Protection District, Board of Directors
FROM: David Whitt, Fire Chief
DATE: April 7, 2022
ITEM: Chief's Report for March 2022

Calls for Service in March 2022:

• **Total:** 33 **Year to Date:** 137

By Type:

• **EMS:** 19
• **Fires:** 2
• **MVA:** 1
• **Assist:** 3
• **HZMT:** 0
• **Other:** 8

District Information:

- Attended public affairs event at the temporary housing location in Grizzly Flats with California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Recovery Branch personnel
- Attended the March El Dorado County Fire Chief's Meeting
- Attended the El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority (JPA)
- Meet with Company Officers regarding duties, shift schedule, and brief expectations
- Met informally with Cal Fire AEU Chief Blankenheim and El Dorado County Fire Chief Tim Cordero to set up a future meeting to discuss a pathway to future success and cooperation
- Going through files, reviewing policy, and learning the Pioneer Way!
- Prior to leaving, Captain Selig did update me on the status of all the apparatus
- Setting up meetings with FEMA and Cal OES Recovery Branches
- Station 38 apron concrete renovation project underway
- Septic system repair has gone to open bid
- Station 31 cleanout in progress

Next Steps:

- Providing FEMA and Cal OES with all the information those agencies need to complete any/all claims from the Caldor Fire losses
- Filling open Fire Captain position being currently filled by overtime
- Filling the Firefighter position
- Stabilize training via training plan and documentation for career and volunteer staff

OPTIONS: N/A – Informational Purposes Only

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

ACTION PLAN: None.

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RELATED ACTION(S): None.

BC Earle reported that El Dorado Hills Fire will have item on their agenda in April to donate a 2006 HME type 1 engine to replace our back up Engine 32 that will be no cost to the district. It has 56 000 miles with a 1250 gallon pump & auxiliary pump. He also reported that the 16 page document for permitting and temp homes has been reduced to a 1.5 page document.

Paul Schaffer gave an overview of the concrete repair at Station 38.

The septic system repair has gone out to bid for Station 38. Station 31 clean out is in process.

Chief Whitt met with the Forest Service and shared that they are anxious to do inter-agency cooperative staffing and fire stations. He reiterated that they do not have any responsibility to respond to the calls we have, however if we ask for mutual aid if it is a call of a critical nature they can respond between 9am-6pm when they are staffing the station. There is a possibility of staffing at station 31, and possible in the future to potentially build an inter-agency location in Grizzly Flats.

Chief Whitt reported we are currently in the process of filling a Captain's position and a FF position. We are also looking at stabilizing training through a new training plan for both staff and volunteers.

Director Rossi asked about the dip site water usage and agreements. Chief Whitt will look into it.

4.2 Local #4586 – Captain Schwitalla reported the union has no new business but on behalf of the entire Local 4586 they are excited Chief Whitt is here and with the direction he is taking the department.

4.3 PVFA – Dan Dwyer reported that there is no cost to Pioneer Fire for the concrete repair at station 38. PVFA is ordering a dumpster to support the Station 31 clean out. PVFA is in the process of deeding the property lot at station 35 in GF to Pioneer Fire. The Easter egg hunt will be Saturday April 16th with the pancake breakfast 9am-10:30am Easter egg hunt at 11am. The last PVFA meeting discussed Music in the Park to be held June 26th and is also looking at a fall fundraiser. On July 9th there will be a thank you dinner for all who volunteer to be held at the Fireman's Hall.

4.4 Financial – Chief Whitt reviewed the county financials and is working on getting clarification from the County and some other fire Chief's related to how the financials are presented. Provided an overview of funds still waiting to be received form deployments. Chief provided a review of the SCBA grant. Chief also provided an overview of the Caldor Fire insurance process for replacements and reimbursements.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Staffing Station 31 (Dwyer)
Dan Dwyer shared he is dealing with the forest service and they are talking about putting 7 people with hours form 9am – 6pm with a type 3 engine and water tender. The current barrier to this happening is finding available staff.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Vegetation Management Fire Rebuild (Kelly Auville SME)
No presentation will be moved to the May Board meeting

6.2 Rebuilding Fire Fee (Scot Telfer)
No Presentation will be moved to the may board meeting

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- 6.3** Helms Fee Waiver Request- Code Enforcement Violation (Vierra)
Board reviewed all documents received, discussed the prior board decision in June 11, 2021 to deny the fee waiver request.
Motion to deny second Helms Fee Waiver Request
(M/S) Marcaccio/ Holum Passed 5/0
- 6.4** Stern/Peterson Fee Waiver Request – Code Enforcement Violation (Vierra)
The information related to this fee waiver request was discussed.
Motion to deny Stern/Peterson Fee Waiver Request, with the suggestion that they go to the county to see if they can set up a payment plan over a period of time.
(M/S) Marcaccio/ Hobson Passed 5/0
- 6.5** FEMA for Rebuild of Station 35 (Holum)
Chief Whitt and Dan Dwyer gave an overview related to Station 35. It was a 1/3 acre lot with a garage on it.
- 6.6** Treasurer Board Position (Holum)
Director Holum suggested the board should explore the idea of having a treasurer Board position to be more involved with the budget of the district. Chief Whitt suggested having a finance committee of 2 people. This will continue to be listed on the agenda as old business to be addressed at a future board meeting.
- 6.7** Board Policy Manual vs changes Not Noted (Holum)
Director Rossi recommended that this be addressed at a future board meeting. This will continue to be listed on the agenda as old business to be addressed at a future board meeting.
- 6.8** USFS Medical Aid Agreement (Holum)
Chief Whitt looked into this and they will not automatically aide or add themselves to Pioneer Fire calls and they won't go to band aid calls. This will be removed from future agendas.
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)**
- 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.6, & 6.7
- 9. CLOSED SESSION entered into closed session at 7:32 p.m.**
- 9.1** Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to (§ 54956.9(b)): Number of cases one
- 10. Return from Closed Session to report out on 11.1at 8.08 p.m.**
- 10.1** Report out on item 9.1
Nothing to report out

ADJOURNMENT– Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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

Prepared by:


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Randy Rossi, Chair BOD

5/10/2022
Date