

# PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

January 14, 2025, Minutes

Tina Holum- Board Chair, Randy Rossi-Vice Chair, Scott de Bie-Secretary, Tony Marcaccio-Director, Candance Flaming-Director  
The January 14, 2025, 6:00 PM meeting was conducted in person at 7061 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684.

## MINUTES

### 1. Oath Of Office

1.1 Director Marcaccio administered the Oath of Office for Director Rossi. Director Rossi then took his seat on the board.

### 2. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

2.1 Roll Call Present – De Bie, Marcaccio, Rossi, Holum, Flaming,  
Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin Vierra & Telfer, Captain Stutts, FF Aemisegio

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance – Director Flaming

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

3.1 Administration recommends the BOD approval: of Minutes from December 10, 2024, Board Meeting.

3.2 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills – green sheets for December 2024

Motion to adopt agenda and accept consent calendar.

(M/S) Rossi/Holum

Passed 5/0

### 4. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2025 EFFECTIVE JAN 10, 2025, AS PER THE P&P MANUAL

Director Marcaccio opened Nominations for Board Chair.

Director Rossi nominated Director Holum for Board Chair. No other nominations were received. Nomination for Board Chair was closed. A vote was held and passed 5/0.

Director Marcaccio opened Nominations for Vice Chair.

Director Holum nominated Director Rossi for Vice Chair. No other nominations were received. Nomination for Vice Chair was closed. A vote was held and passed 5/0.

Director Marcaccio opened Nominations for Secretary.

Director Holum nominated Director de Bie for Secretary. No other nominations were received. Nomination for Secretary was closed. A vote was held and passed 5/0.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)

An audience member had questions regarding the Candlelight Village Fire. Board Chair Holum requested questions related to the fire be held until we reach item 8.1 in the agenda.

### 6. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### 6.1 Administrative/Chief's Report

Chief Whit gave a brief overview of the Chief's report as printed in the board packet.

**TO:** Pioneer Fire Protection District Board of Directors

**FROM:** David Whitt, Fire Chief

**PREPARED BY:** David Whitt, Fire Chief

**DATE:** January 1, 2025

**ITEM:** January Board of Director's Meeting: Chief's Report for the Month of December

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive information about the District

### Calls For Service in April:

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<u>Call Type</u>	<u>December</u>		
Fire	1		
Rescue and Emergency Medical	29		
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	2		
Service Call (Public Assist)	7		
Cover other districts stations	8		
Good Intent	11		
False Alarm	2		
Special Incident	0		
TOTAL	59		
Fire Loss Total	\$ 0	TOTAL FOR 2024	684

### Apparatus

- A decision will be made in the next two weeks concerning where to repair E-38 and the associated electrical problems.
- E-338 is still running well; will be going into the shop for preventative maintenance and servicing.
- Still working on Water Tender 38, it is still in the shop but we have directed the mechanic to move forward with alternative piping.

### Facilities

- Looks like we may have a rather inexpensive repair option, thanks to Director Holum and Joy for the connections!!!

### Personnel

- We have hired Firefighter Jacob Self full-time as of December 24.

### Administration

- IT and associated computer support is still moving forward ... albeit, sometimes a painful process ... change is good and difficult at times.

**OPTIONS:** The Chief's Report is for informational purposes. The Board of Directors may take one or more of the following actions:

- 1) Provide Staff with comments.
- 2) Provide Staff with additional direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** As noted in the report.

**ACTION PLAN:** None.

**RELATED ACTION(S):** None.

#### **6.2 Local #4586**

Captain Stuttz represented the Local and had nothing to report.

#### **6.3 PVFA**

Jerry jumper reported that Breakfast with Santa went well with 160+ people in attendance. \$400.00 in donations were raised. The next PVFA meeting will be on February 4<sup>th</sup> with the Pancake Breakfast and Easter egg hunt being the next event coming up.

#### **6.4 Affiliated Organization Reports.**

Scot Telfer reported for West Slope Foundation that they have their new schedule for the Disaster Preparedness workshops available.

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## 6.5 Financial

Chief Whitt reviewed financials as provided in the board packet. The Chief also reported that there are currently 6 PSSD staff deployed at the Eaton Fire.

## 6.6 Standing Finance Committee Report

Committee did not meet.

## 6.7 Temporary Refuge Area

Director Rossi gave an update on the Temporary Refuge area located at 7663 Grizzly Flats Rd.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### 7.1 Board of Directors Policy Manual Review Update

Chief Whitt gave update. An additional PSSD staff member has been hired and will be taking on Lexipol. He is a former Fire Chief from El Dorado Hills and has experience in this matter.

### 7.2 Station 31 Building Project

No report on this topic, But Chief Whitt did report that an MOU with the forest Service for Station 31 has been signed for another year.

### 7.3 Water Storage Tank at Omo Ranch & Fairplay

Chris Carr - The PVFA had a closed meeting in December, so Chris was unable to ask for financial support for the for the Fairplay/Omo Ranch Road water project on Drew Potter's property. Director Rossi reported that there are 5 15000-gallon water storage tanks that are a reasonable cost of \$400.00 each. Director Rossi will be looking to see if these water tanks will meet our needs.

### 7.4 Roof Repair

Roof repair has been completed at no cost to the district through a donation.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Candlelight Fire

Chief Whitt Provided an informational Staff Report on the Candlelight Fire. Discussion took place related to the fire. Question was asked if the PFPD's water tanks were full. The answer was yes. Discussion took place related to the hydrant system at Candlelight Village. PFPD will be working with Candlelight Village to review the current hydrant system flow rates. The need for working smoke detectors was stressed for all district residents.

### 8.2 Local Water Ponds etc. Permissions

Chief Whitt stated we have the ability to use any water in the district without permissions. Any water used would have to be replaced at the district's expense. This item can be removed from future agendas. \* It was noted that Winery Water Access should have been placed on this agenda and will be added to the next agenda. Director de Bie surveyed several local wineries and had a positive response to the topic of water access.

### 8.3 ISO Rating Update

Chief Whitt provided an informational staff report on Insurance Services Office Rating. The final 2025 Public Protection Classification is 04/4X which is an improvement from the 2015 05/5X we previously held as a district.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)

Director Rossi shared that the NRCS has funds for possible matching grants for mastication and clearing available for 2026. Dr Rossi has information if interested.

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## **10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

Add Winery Water Access to Old Business, Remove Local Water Ponds, keep on 7.1,7.2, &7.3

## **11. ADJOURNMENT– Motion to Adjourn**

(M/S) Flaming/Rossi 5/0 Meeting adjourned 7:45PM.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.**