

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on February 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Director Easton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director Easton, Director Ishkanian, Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Powell. Chief Taylor and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)**

Craig Geyer from Santa Barbara LAFCO provided a statement regarding his accomplishments, and asked the Board for their support in the upcoming LAFCO election.

- 2. Recognition of new promotions: Engineer/Inspector Dana St. Oegger, Captain Robert Galbraith, Engineer William Wrenn. (Strategic Plan Goal 7.3)**

Chief Taylor recognized newly promoted personnel: Dana St. Oegger, William Wrenn and Robert Galbraith. The Board took a break at 2:08 p.m. to take photos. The Board resumed at 2:12 p.m.

- 3. Recognition for 5 years of service: Fire Chief Kevin Taylor and Division Chief Alan Widling.**

Chief Taylor commended and thanked Alan Widling for 5 years of service.

- 4. Presentation regarding Long Term Financial Outlook by Accountant Nahas. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)**

Accountant Nahas provided a power point presentation regarding the District's Long Term Financial Outlook.

- 5. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)**

- a. Consider recommendation to approve December 2019 and January 2020 financial statements.**

Directors Lee and van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the December 2019 and January 2020 financial statements. Motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian and unanimously passed to approve the December 2019 and January 2020 financial statements.

b. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statement for November and December 2019.

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for November and December 2019.

6. Approval of Minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular meeting made by Director Ishkanian, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and motion carried. Director Lee abstained from the vote.

7. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Taylor stated that there were no significant incidents to report for the month of January. The Chief provided information regarding the upcoming LAFCO election. Chief Taylor provided an update regarding the roofing and generator projects. The Chief stated the RFP for the solar project was released on Friday, and the closing date is April 14th. Chief Taylor provided an update regarding the rental property project. He also stated the total compensation to date for Construction Manager, Dan Underwood is \$62,327. Chief Taylor mentioned the following future capital projects: \$170,000 allocated this fiscal year for the Exhaust Removal System, and that next year's preliminary budget requests will likely include the Extractor PPE for fire station 1, as well as carpet replacement at both stations. Chief Taylor stated he continues to sit at the negotiation table regarding the Regional Fire EMS Dispatch, and it's going very smoothly. He added that the City of Santa Barbara recently joined. Chief Taylor stated they continue to work on a potential business plan regarding the ground ambulance contract. The Chief stated that the Fire Station Location Committee has an upcoming meeting in early March, and the RFP for a vendor went out today. Chief Taylor stated the Office of Emergency Management is rebranding the notification system from "Aware and Prepare" to "ReadySBC Alerts". The Chief stated that live fuel moistures are at an average of 79% throughout Santa Barbara County, which is an indicator that we are potentially back in a drought. He added that this is a precursor to an early fire season. Chief Taylor stated that Department badges are shrouded in honor of two firefighters from Porterville that were killed in the downtown city library fire. The Chief stated that Battalion Chief Briner spoke to the Montecito Planning Commission last week, and provided a brief update of the District's Fire Code Adoption.

8. Board of Director's report.

Director Easton stated that she attended and participated in the Board of Supervisors debate.

9. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the March 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

President Sylvia Easton

Secretary Judith Ishkanian