

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 May 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Present: Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Dougherty, Director Powell. Chief Neels 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.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Receive budget development presentation and review the recommended Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-24.**

Chief Neels and Accountant Nahas provided a power point presentation regarding budget development and recommended Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-24.

- b. Consider recommendation to approve March and April 2023 financial statements.**

Director Lee provided a report regarding the March and April 2023 financial statements. Motion made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Powell, and unanimously passed to approve the March and April 2023 financial statements.

- c. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for March 2023.**

Director Lee provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statement for March 2023.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of the April 24, 2023 Regular Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2023 Regular meeting made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Powell, and unanimously passed.

- 4. Fire Chief's report.**

Battalion Chief Hudley provided a power point presentation regarding the Public Access Defibrillation Program. Fire Marshal Briner provided an update regarding the following projects: Neighborhood Chipping, Roadside Weed Abatement, Tag and Trim, Fuels Mitigation, Herbivory, and Defensible Space mailers. Chief Hudley provided an update regarding Station 92 repairs. Chief Neels stated the Department joined the Hands Across Montecito team, performing a walk along the homeless corridor of the railroad tracks last Friday. The Chief stated the Wildfire Preparedness Community meeting will be held at El Montecito Church on June 28th at 6:00 p.m. Chief Neels stated the Montecito Flood Mitigation Master Plan meeting will be held at the Montecito Library tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. The Chief noted a department representative will be present. The Chief stated that he would be attending the California Fire EMS Disaster Conference tonight through Thursday.

5. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

6. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the June 26, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Director Easton suggested that the District's Joint Fire Station Committee meet with the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District's Joint Fire Station Committee.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54956.8)

Property: 100 Innovation Place, Summerland, CA

Agency Negotiators: Directors Dougherty and van Duinwyk

Negotiating parties: UC Investments

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

The Board reported out of closed session at 3:51 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary Sylvia Easton