

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, January 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Present: Director van Duinwyk, Director Easton, Director Venable, Director Lee. Director Powell arrived at 3:00 p.m., during agenda item 7. Chief Hickman 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 is allotted for this discussion.)**

- 2. Recognition for 5 years of service: Wildland Specialist, Kerry Kellogg.**

Chief Hickman commended and thanked Kerry Kellogg for 5 years of service.

- 3. TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 Presentation by Robert TenEyck regarding completion of phase II of the Public Information and Education project, including results of the community survey.**

Robert TenEyck provided a power point presentation regarding the results of the Public Opinion Community Survey.

- 4. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to accept a \$100k anonymous donation and allocate funds to the Dispatch radio system upgrade, account 8300.**

- a. Staff report presented by Division Chief Taylor.**

Division Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding a \$100k anonymous donation. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to accept a \$100k anonymous donation made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

- 5. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to convert the part-time Wildland Fire Specialist to full-time status.**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Marshal Al Gregson.**

Fire Marshal Gregson provided a staff report regarding the Wildland Fire Specialist position. Motion to convert the part-time Wildland Fire Specialist to full-time status made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

6. Approve first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 2017-01 adopting the Fire Protection Plan for the Montecito Fire Protection District and repealing Ordinance No. 2014-01.

Chief Hickman provided a verbal report regarding the 2017 Fire Protection Plan for the Montecito Fire Protection District. Motion made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton to introduce Ordinance 2017-01 as read by title only. Chief Hickman read the title of the Ordinance. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, J. Venable, S. Easton

Nays: None

Abstain: None

7. Report from the Finance Committee:

a. Consider recommendation to approve November and December 2016 financial statements.

Director Venable and District Accountant, Araceli Gil provided a report regarding the November and December 2016 financial statements. Motion to approve the November and December 2016 financial statements made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Easton and the motion carried. Director Powell abstained from the vote.

8. Report from the Strategic Planning Committee:

a. Consider recommendation for approval of Strategic Plan.

Director Easton provided a report regarding the Strategic Plan. Motion to approve the Strategic Plan made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

9. Approval of Minutes of the December 19, 2016 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016 Special Meeting made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Lee and motion carried. Director Powell abstained from the vote.

10. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to represent the District at the Santa Barbara County Chapter Special Districts Association election on January 23, 2017.

Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to represent the District at the Santa Barbara County Chapter Special Districts Association election on January 23, 2017 made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Venable and unanimously passed.

11. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Hickman provided an update regarding recent rain events. The Chief stated that staff is currently developing an Annual Report with assistance from Robert TenEyck. He added that Mr. TenEyck is also assisting with developing an iconic piece for the District's one hundred year anniversary, in collaboration with the Firefighter's Association. Chief Hickman mentioned that the Association would donate the money for this piece. The Chief stated that Mr. TenEyck is also assisting the Association in the development of their logo that will follow in the same family as those previously created for the Fire District and Department. Chief Hickman stated that the Mountain Drive Association could have interest in the surplus patrol vehicle that has a pump component. He added that the Mountain Drive Association lost their fire suppression vehicle in the Tea Fire.

12. Board of Director's report.

Director Lee thanked the Fire Chief for his personal tour of Station 1 and 2.

13. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the February 27, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

Director Venable suggested that the new hires come to the meeting to introduce themselves.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary John Venable