



Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors
Regular Board Minutes
Tuesday March 19, 2024 2:00 PM
Location: Fire Station 1 - 8200 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor

CALL TO ORDER

Treanor called the meeting to order at 2:00
Present for Staff: Deputy Chief Busch, Washington
Present for Counsel: Adams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

President Treanor- present
Vice President Klick- present Secretary/Treasurer Briare- present Director Hamann- present
Director So- present Director Tognozzi- present Director Weaver- absent

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None

SONOMA COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An opportunity for the President of the Sonoma County Professional Firefighters Association to address the Board on matters of the Association.

Matt Eggleston reported out that Dennis Rutkowski had resigned from the Director position with the union, and he was now the Director and Sam Crenshaw is the Deputy Director; staff volunteered at the Lion's Club corned beef and cabbage cookout; peer support has been activated a few times recently due to tragic incidents.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

President Treanor thanked all for their hard work on the successful Measure H campaign.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Busch reviewed the activities of the crews and events over the month. He discussed; the next regular BOD meeting date is 4/16/24; FDAC conference is 4/23-4/26; we have had 2950 calls for service so far this year; significant incident calls including a double fatality, traumatic injury on a watercraft, and a large redwood tree fell into a home during high winds; recruit academy begins in May; Heidi Flowers was promoted to the Financial Analyst position; open recruitment for her replacement; Measure H has been successful. There is a concern for the round table measure that is on the ballot in November; Prevention Division has completed 40 life and safety inspections and winter veg. maintenance inspections; Congressman Huffman visited station 10 and did a meet and greet; volunteer appreciation dinner was a great success; Community outreach doing a lot of work and have covered many events. We are also on the cover of the local gazette.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A motion by Klick and a second by Briare approved the minutes from the February 20, 2024, regular meeting, and the bills and payables from February 2024. 6-1-0



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ACTION ITEMS

1. **FINANCIAL HARDSHIP/COMPASSIONATE CARE APPLICATION 23-007010**
The Board will consider approving payment plan recommendation for financial hardship/compassionate care application 23-007010.

A motion by Hamann and second by So approved the payment plan for the hardship/compassionate care applicant. 6-1-0

2. **TRAVEL APPROVAL FOR THE FIRE CHIEF**
The Board will consider approving the Fire Chief's travel to attend the National Wildfire Coordinating Group L-580 Advanced Leadership Staff Ride in Gettysburg, May 6-10, 2024.

A motion by Briare and second by Klick approved the travel for the Fire Chief. 6-1-0

3. **APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**
The Board will consider authorizing the Fire Chief to approve the consultant agreement for the development of a facilities master plan for the Sonoma County Fire District.

A motion by Briare and second by So authorized the Fire Chief to go into contract with a consultant to develop a master plan. 6-1-0

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Standing Committee: Finance- N/A
2. Standing Committee: Facilities- Director Klick stated that we should gift the Rio Nido station. There will be master plans on facilities now that Measure H has passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Enclosed

COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

CLOSED SESSION- Closed session began at 3:05

1. Anticipated Litigation (two cases) (Government Code section 54956.9(b)).

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION-

The board and staff ended the closed session at 4:00. Instruction given to staff; no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

4:02


Kathy Washington- Secretary to the Board