



RUSSIAN RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, January 10, 2019 6:00 pm

At the Fire Station ~ 14100 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL:

President Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.; Director Weaver led the pledge of allegiance. Directors present: Wood, Butts, Limbert and Weaver. Director Jackson was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Butts the Agenda was approved as presented. VOTE: 4/0/1 (Director Jackson absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lois L: provided a brief introduction about her son Jordan L; he was unable to attend the meeting tonight but will be able to attend the February meeting.

Michael N: provided a copy of Sonoma Clean Power annual report to the Board; informed the Board of the program that is available to non-profit and local agencies on electric vehicles.

Linda P: District website is out of date, Directors names need to be updated. Conflict of interest concern/inappropriateness of new volunteer being related to a Board member.

Director Weaver shared legal advice he sought and received from CSDA regarding a volunteer being related to a Board member. CSDA's response stated a conflict could arise surrounding financial decisions; the Board member can recuse themselves to avoid the conflict of interest.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Director Weaver wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Board for changing the meeting date on such short notice.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Butts, the Board moved to not do a re-organization at this time and to keep the re-organization that occurred in December. VOTE: 4/0/1 (Director Jackson absent).

STAFF REPORT:

On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Limbert, the Board moved to move #6 Staff Report to later on the Agenda (Captain Lantz was out of the station on a call). VOTE: 4/0/1 (Director Jackson absent).

CORRESPONDENCE:

LAFCO: Letter on new laws affecting special districts (website included).



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Director Wood stated it is best practice to keep the District website updated.

Lois L: the black background makes it hard to read.

Michael N: Cazadero CSD used godaddy.com to develop their website.

Ted C: suggested archiving the current website as a link on the new website to save content.

Linda P: Government code section 54954.2 states what is required to be on the website.

On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Wood, the Board moved to have AA Flowers meet with a community member as well as Jason Clopton to bring back suggestions; archive old site as a link. VOTE: 4/0/1 (Director Jackson absent).

RUSSIAN RIVER ALLIANCE REQUEST-AIR QUALITY SENSOR INSTALLMENT:

Discussion held regarding price (\$259.00 per monitor), location of monitor, installation, use of information and grant availability. Director Limbert will explore wireless internet requirement, power requirement and how the system works.

AMBULANCE DEVELOPMENTS:

Tabled to the February meeting.

INTERIM CHIEF UPDATE:

Director Weaver provided a report on Interim Fire Chief candidate #1, due to required documents not being submitted, candidate #1's background was unsuccessful. Discussion held regarding next steps.

Director Wood: agreement was if candidate #1 failed out for any reason, candidate #2 would be given a conditional offer. Serving community-talks have always been to go West.

Director Weaver: exploring options of shared services/annexation/consolidation going East wouldn't end or change the current discussions with Districts to our West.

Director Limbert: Quality EMS services, Windsor/Rincon Valley are established, could send message to the West County that consolidation is inevitable.

Ted C: Agreed with Director Limbert; statistics (EMS calls, demographics).

Anthony N: Service to the community won't change with either going West or East; staff wouldn't reduce.

Director Butts: In interest of timeline exploring every option is the best thing to do; supports

Director Weaver meeting with Chief Heine and Supervisor Hopkins.

On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Butts, the Board moved to forgo the current hiring process of candidate #2 and to have Board President Weaver enter conversations with Rincon Valley/Windsor and Supervisor Hopkins. VOTE: 4/0/1 (Director Jackson absent).

REQUEST TO COUNTY FOR SUPPORT FUNDS-UPDATE:

Director Weaver provided a recap of the meeting with Jim Colangelo, Captains Wood and Cassady, Dave Franceschi and AA Flowers. Director Weaver shared draft letter explaining why Russian River Fire is requesting the \$80,000 as well as the request for additional paramedic staffing per Jim



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Colangelo's suggestion. Discussion held regarding funding (one time or for multiple years, sustainability, limited term vs. regular full time, silver plan staffing and timeline of approval of funds. On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Wood, the Board moved to accept the letter as is and send out tomorrow. VOTE: 4/0/1 (Director Jackson absent).

STAFF REPORT:

Captain Lantz reported the District responded to just under 1900 calls in 2018 (majority medical calls), Captain Wood is working on ambulance financing (ambulance should arrive mid-February) and two firefighter/paramedic candidates are in the background/medical process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. **December 22, 2018 Regular meeting minutes:** On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Butts the Board moved to approve the minutes as presented. VOTE: 3/0/2 (Director Jackson absent, Director Limbert abstain).
- b. **January 4, 2019 Special meeting minutes:** On a motion by Director Butts, seconded by Director Limbert, the Board moved to approve the minutes as presented. VOTE: 3/0/2 (Director Jackson absent, Director Wood abstain).

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

On a motion by Director Wood, seconded by Director Butts, the Board moved to approve the financial information as presented. VOTE: 4/0/1 (Director Jackson).

RESPONSE FROM SONOMA COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Director Wood reviewed the response letter from the Sonoma County Redevelopment Agency.

CERT PROGRAM UPDATE:

Marilyn Fox provided a report on CERT activities, a field training/exercise will be conducted in July; another training will be in March or April. Training will replicate what could happen in our area. The HAMM group went to training, received call number, meets twice a month.

Michael N: asked if Russian River CERT has been in contact with Timber Cove CERT, Scott Farmer? No, not yet but Russian River has been in contact with Bodega Bay CERT.

Lois L: Guerneville Association meeting will take place on January 19, 2019 at the Guerneville Library; one member speaking at the meeting spends time in Chico and another member is a CERT member with additional training from FEMA.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:

- a. **Finance-**Did not meet, next meeting is February 11, 2019. Director Limbert requested for ambulance billing to be reviewed as it appears revenue is down 3% from this point last year.
- b. **Strategic Planning:** Did not meet.



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- c. **Russian River/Monte Rio:** Did not meet.
- d. **Evacuation Planning:** Did not meet.
- e. **Labor negotiations:** Did not meet.

Board will wait until all Directors are present to re-organize committees.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lois L: concerned about Supervisor Hopkins newspaper column implying our area is not preparing for a disaster; Lois provided information to Supervisor Hopkins regarding the work the evacuation planning committee has done (meetings, flyers, educational materials, etc.)

BOARD COMMENT:

Director Wood: Great so many citizens are so active in the committees/community.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Director Limbert, seconded by Director Butts the Board adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

VOTE: 4/0/1 (Director Jackson absent).

/s/ Jason Weaver
Jason Weaver, President of Board

Date: 2.13.19

/s/ Heidi Flowers
Heidi Flowers, Interim Board Clerk