



Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 17, 2022, 5:00PM
Location: Fire Station 1 - 8200 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor

CALL TO ORDER

Klick called the meeting to order at 5:00
Present for Staff: Deputy Chief Busch, Bolduc, Washington
Present for Counsel: Adams

TELECONFERENCE BY DIRECTOR GARY SO AND DIRECTOR WEAVER

*Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b) the following Directors will call in from:
Director So will be calling in from Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
Director Weaver will be calling in from 120 Dwight Street, New Haven, CT 06511*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

1. April 19, 2022- **No reportable action taken; instructions given to staff.**
2. May 3, 2022- **No reportable action taken; instructions given to staff.**

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.

Mike Stornetta spoke about Fire Ops 101, an opportunity to take elected officials to the class on Thursday.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Busch reviewed the activities of the crews and events over the month. He discussed; important upcoming dates for meetings and events; Call volume is currently at 4002; 3-10 calls per day for M577 out of station 1; Academy 22-01 began 5/16/22 with 6 new recruits and will last through 6/30/22; Badge pinning to be held on 6/29/22; Medic ambulance has rebranded some ambulances; Fire season 2022 looks to be extreme; HVAC station 1 bid awarded; Station 5 generator project waiting on bids; Station 1 alerting system is in planning phase with vendor; 3 type one engines on order and 1 type 6; All strike team reimbursements have been received; Wildfire Fire Prevention week press conference ; Helicopter training; SCFCA overhead refresher; Community Outreach Specialist interviews took place today and Chiefs interviews will be this week; Vegetation compliance inspections have begun; ImageTrend is working well and we are still learning everything it is capable of; We received a Rotary Grant for station 1 for a demonstration garden; Bodega Bay ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for 6/11/22 as well as recognition of Chief Grinnell.



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CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A motion by Briare and a second by Tognozzi approved the minutes from the April 19, 2022, regular board meeting, May 3, 2022, special board meeting, as well as the bills and payables for April 2022. 7-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

1. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH AB361**
The Board will consider approval of findings that there remains a state-proclaimed COVID-19 health emergency and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
A motion by Treanor and a second by Hamann approved the videoconference option.
7-0-0 roll call vote

2. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PAY SCHEDULES**
The Board will consider approval and posting of publicly available District pay schedules as required by Government Code section 20636 and CCR 570.5.
A motion by Tognozzi and a second by So approved the posting of the publicly available pay schedules. 7-0-0 roll call vote

3. **RESOLUTION 2022-05 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING SOME OR ALL OF THE DISTRICT'S UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY**
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-05 authorizing the execution and delivery of a Lease Agreement in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.00 for the purpose of refunding some or all the District's Unfunded Accrued Pension Liability; and authorizing the Board President, Fire Chief and their delegates to execute necessary documents and certificates, and related actions.
A motion by Treanor and a second by Briare adopted Resolution 2022-05. 7-0-0 roll call vote

4. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE AND BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEE**
The Board will consider establishing an ad hoc committee and process for an update of the District Strategic Plan, including a potential Board strategic planning workshop.
A motion by Tognozzi and a second by Hamann established Klick, Briare and Weaver to the ad hoc committee. 7-0-0 roll call vote

5. **CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ISSUES FOR POTENTIAL CONSOLIDATION WITH RANCHO ADOBE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**
The Board will consider and provide direction to the District Chief and staff regarding Concurrent Resolution issues for a potential consolidation with Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District, including review of a draft financial analysis report.

A motion by Klick and a second by Weaver provided direction to Chief Heine to continue to work towards consolidation with Rancho Adobe, however, we will not make any changes to policy. The specific policy that was referred to was the amount of board members that we will have on the SCFD Board of Directors. Director Weaver expressed concerned that he felt rushed to make a decision about the board tonight. Director Tognozzi supported adding more board members as we grow. The SCFD board explained that they will remain a 7-member board. 6-1-0 roll call vote



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Public comments:

Mike Stornetta spoke on behalf of 1401 and encouraged all stakeholders to focus strengthening the Prevention staff, MOU and suppression staff and less focus on governance.

Mark Hemmendinger stated that it is better for overall District to move forward with annexation and requested adding 2 seats to the SCFD Board of Directors.

Mark Hemmendinger stated that he is requesting the board increase by 2 seats to allow 2 of the Rancho Adobe FPD board members to join the SCFD board on a short-term basis. The exact amount of time was not defined.

Mark Hemmendinger stated he feels he needs to be on the SCFD board because he knows the RAFFD District and wants to make sure there is a voice for that area.

Michael Gadoua commented that it would be frustrating to have a split board vote President Klick stated in his closing comment to the RAFFD board members was that we are all in, apart from changing the number of directors on the board, now we need to find the funding.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Standing Committee: Finance Committee- **nothing to report**
2. Ad Hoc: Facilities- **nothing to report**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Enclosed

COMMUNICATIONS

CLOSED SESSION- Board entered closed session at 6:35

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

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION WILL BE AT OPEN MEETING ON JUNE 21, 2022
Closed session ended at 7:25

ADJOURNMENT

7:25


Kathy Washington- Secretary to the Board