

February 21, 2023 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM
SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1
DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA MINUTES
FIRE STATION 82, SIERRAVILLE CA

This meeting will be conducted in person and via conference call. Those wishing to attend the meeting by telephone should dial 1-650-479-3208 and enter the meeting number below. Those who wish to attend via video conferencing should use the following link:

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Meeting No. 2554 452 4695, Passcode: Sierra

CALL TO ORDER: 6:09 pm

Roll Call of Directors

{ } Jeff McCollum, Chairperson **absent** {X} Tom Archer **Chair** {X} Tom Rowson {X} Richard Maddalena
{ X } Candy Hunter **remote** { X } Victoria Fisher { X } Tony Commendatore

Quorum **Yes/No**

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: Owen & Lindsay McIntosh of Musica Sierra, Volunteer Bed Edwards, Chief Connolly, Clerk Kelly Champion

PUBLIC COMMENT: Matters under jurisdiction of the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, and not on the agenda, may be addressed by the Public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the "Public Comment" period will be limited to a maximum of five minutes. **None**

CORRESPONDENCE: Received the TNF Cooperative Agreement signed and verified in system from Shawn Burt. It was clarified that the District would be reimbursed after 4 hours of service on a call out. Chief Connolly commented on the benefits of training with the USFS.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 1/17/22 **Dir. Rowson moved to approve the minutes, Dir. Commendatore seconded. Roll call vote- 6 Ayes (Hunter, Maddalena, Fisher, Rowson, Commendatore, Archer), 1 Absent (McCollum) motion passed.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of January 31, 2023 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H**
3. Fire Mitigation Fee Update **H None**

Dir. Maddalena received reimbursement for two overhead storage ladders for the fire stations in the amount of \$598.13. A \$200 payment was authorized for snow removal in Sierraville. It was noted that Sierraville Sattley Fire & Rescue Services agreed to contribute funds covering the cost of an AED unit for B83 in the amount of \$3,351.09 and rope rescue equipment for B83 in the amount of \$5,221.58. Dir. Commendatore asked for clarification on the contributions. Dir. Archer thanked Dir. Maddalena and SSFRS for their collaborative efforts on this. Dir. Hunter moved to approve the financial reports and payment of bills, Dir. Fisher seconded. Roll call vote- 5 Ayes (Hunter, Fisher, Rowson, Commendatore, Archer), 1 Abstain (Maddalena), 1 Absent (McCollum) motion passed.

Chair Archer moved Unfinished Business, Item 4 to discuss now: 2023 Tour de Manure potential partnership with Musica Sierra. Owen McIntosh of Musica Sierra introduced himself and the organization. Dir. Maddalena handed out a rough draft of a partnership agreement and various discussions ensued. Chair Archer formed an ad hoc committee (Rick, Candy, Tony) to continue working on the idea with Musica Sierra for the 2023 TdM to bring something back to the Board for further consideration.

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM DISTRICT CHIEF, BATTALION CHIEFS AND EMS COORDINATOR:

1. Chief's Report (Response Summary, Fleet, Communications System, Facilities) **Chief Connolly reported there were 2 medical calls, recent communication issues in Calpine, overhead door transceivers and remote transmitters were replaced at Station 84, Station 82 needs a new air compressor. Dir. Maddalena commented that Station 82 needs a new water shut off.**

2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention **More indoor ropes training and checked in with volunteers to see how everyone was doing.**
3. Update on 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (Communications) **Dir. Maddalena provided a handout and Chief Connolly reviewed the submission of the grant, which was for 5 base stations (1 for each agency), 46 radios for the apparatus, and 146 portables (handhelds). He commenting that volunteer Ben Edwards did an amazing job helping with the submission. The County Board of Supervisors are very supportive of the grant submission.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Cal Fire Hazard Severity Zone revisions (Rick) **Dir. Maddalena reported that the local public hearing was poorly attended. An explanation was given that the 2007 ratings were done with old technology. The comment period has been extended to April 4th. Dir. Maddalena pointed out two areas that went from Moderate to Very High. Various discussions ensued including homeowners insurance and fire mitigation efforts. Directors offered input towards forming a formal response.**
2. Status report regarding Verdi/Long Valley tax revenue analysis (Tom R) **Dir. Rowson provided a handout showing the reconciliation of Verdi/Long Valley tax revenues received and the TMFPD fire protections costs and concluded that an excess revenue over costs in the future should be held separate in a reserve to be applied towards future contract increases.**
3. Cal OES prepositioning and dozer resource needs (Victoria) **Dir. Victoria has taken the time to review the CalOES policy in detail and pointed out that the requirement is to use "local government resources". She feels there is a case to be made that this specific type of resource is not available in our location. She is reaching out to other counties to see what "local government resources" they have or do not have "available". Dir. Archer presented an updated equipment agreement for review. Dir. Fisher feels strongly that the CalOES policy is discriminatory and needed to be updated.**
4. 2023 Tour de Manure potential partnership with Musica Sierra (Rick) **This item was moved to discussion following the Financial Statement.**
5. Calpine Siren Status Report (Jeff/Kelly) **Clerk Kelly has been in contact with the electric provider to remove service to the pole that the siren is currently mounted on.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2023-1, Adopting Amended Policies & Procedures (Candy) **Dir. Hunter reviewed the changes made to the document, replacing "Commission/Commissioner(s)" to "Board of Directors/Director(s)" and the terms of office were added. Dir. Archer suggested to add "subject to appointment or re-appointment by the Board of Supervisors". Dir. Hunter moved to waive the first reading of the Amended Policies & Procedures, Dir. Commendatore seconded. Roll call vote- 6 Ayes (Hunter, Maddalena, Fisher, Rowson, Commendatore, Archer), 1 Absent (McCollum) motion passed. Dir. Fisher moved to approve Resolution 2023-1, Dir. Commendatore seconded. Roll call vote- 6 Ayes (Hunter, Maddalena, Fisher, Rowson, Commendatore, Archer), 1 Absent (McCollum) motion passed.**
2. Discussion/Action regarding Sierra Co. Investment Pool & invitation to join CSDA California CLASS Investment Pool **Dir. Archer introduced the Cal CLASS investment pool option. It was agreed that the investments held in the County did not yield a good return and that they should be invested elsewhere. Dir. Rowson moved for approval to close the investment account with the County and have the funds sent to the District for deposit with the intention to reinvest elsewhere, Dir. Maddalena seconded. Roll call vote- 6 Ayes (Hunter, Maddalena, Fisher, Rowson, Commendatore, Archer), 1 Absent (McCollum) motion passed.**
3. Discussion regarding 2022 SAFER Grant, application period 2/13/23-3/17/23 **Dir. Maddalena introduced the the SAFER grant materials and their benefit to volunteers. It was agreed to review the current policy and the benefits and/or consequences of changing. Direction was given to the Clerk to forward policy information for review.**
4. Review and approval of Public Information Release (Candy/Tom A) **Direction was given to post the prepared Public Information Release at the local post offices and include it under the Updates tab on the website.**
5. Resolution of Appreciation- Belli
6. Resolution of Appreciation- Burt **Dir. Commendatore moved to adopt Resolution 2023-2 and Resolution 2023-3 in appreciation of Laurie Belli and Shawn Burt for their service as Directors, Dir. Fisher seconded. Roll call vote- 6 Ayes (Hunter, Maddalena, Fisher, Rowson, Commendatore, Archer), 1 Absent (McCollum) motion passed. Direction was given to include \$100 gift certificates to Los Dos Hermanos restaurant.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: **Dir. Fisher gave an update on the CDFW committee. Dir. Maddalena gave an update on the Sattley pump house. Dir. Maddalena thanked Dir. Archer for his contributions to the District.**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: March 21, 2023 at 6:00pm in Sierraville

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 pm