

May 16, 2023 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM
SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1
DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA MINUTES

Location: Fire Station 82 @ 102 E Main Street, Sierraville, CA 96126

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Meeting No. 2554 452 4695, Passcode: Sierra

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 pm

Roll Call of Directors

{ X } Jeff McCollum, Chairperson { X } Tom Archer { X } Tom Rowson { X } Richard Maddalena
{ X } Candy Hunter { } Victoria Fisher { X } Tony Commendatore
Quorum **Yes/No**

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: Volunteer Rudy Hoyos, 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:

1. Letter to County regarding mitigation plan participation
2. State Compensation Insurance Fund renewal **Chief Connolly confirmed 10 volunteers in Calpine, 7 in Sierraville and 3 in Sattley. Clerk to update # of volunteers with State Fund.**

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 4/18/23 **Dir. Maddalena moved to accept the minutes as presented, Dir. Commendatore seconded. 4 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Commendatore, McCollum), 2 Abstain (Hunter, Rowson), 1 Absent (Fisher). Motion passed.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of April 30, 2023 **H Dir. Archer requested the property values information be emailed to the Directors.**
Approve Bill Payments **H Dir. Archer moved to approve the bill payments, Dir. Hunter seconded. 6 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Commendatore, Hunter, Rowson, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher). Motion passed. There was additional discussion regarding plumbing work needed at Station 82. Dir. Archer moved to authorize the work not to exceed \$3,000, Dir. Maddalena seconded. 6 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Commendatore, Hunter, Rowson, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher). Motion passed.**
2. Fire Mitigation Fee Update **H Directors discussed a project on A23 and resolved to review for fees collected.**
3. FY 23/24 Budget Planning **H The finance committee presented the preliminary 23/24 budget. Various needs were discussed including the Loylton Pines capital improvement project, radios for volunteers and apparatus, snowblowers for the stations and an ask from Chief Connolly for a side-by-side off road vehicle for over snow extraction. Dir. Rowson moved to approve the preliminary budget for fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, Dir. Archer seconded. 6 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Commendatore, Hunter, Rowson, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher). Motion passed.**

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

1. Chief's Report (Response Summary, Fleet, Communications System, Facilities) **Chief Connolly reported on the calls received, WT 82 out of service, problem with the pump.**
2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention **3 members just completed operator 1A & 1B, another finishing up EMT coursework, needing updated PPE for correct fit and issues with communications- needing radios. RT-130 wildland refreshers going on now.**

3. Update on Station 82 water heater **Still working on wiring to install, opted to get tankless water heater, will likely go over budget \$1,000.**
4. Cal Fire fixed price sale of surplus Type 3 engine expected in May **No update. Dir. Archer moved to approve up to \$20,000 for apparatus committee to make purchase subject to final board approval, Dir. Hunter seconded. 6 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Commendatore, Hunter, Rowson, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher). Motion passed.**
5. WT82 repairs **In progress.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Cal OES prepositioning and dozer resource needs (Victoria) **It was the consensus of the board that no response from CalOES warranted communication with District Assembly representative.**
2. Update on planned investments (Tom R) **Clerk to provide online banking access to Dir. Rowson, increase savings by \$20,000 and continue to open investment CDs in the amounts previously authorized.**
3. TdM Trademark (Tom A) **No update.**
4. 501c3 update (Rick) **No update.**
5. Olympic Valley surplus water tender (Mick/Jeff) **No longer available.**
6. Discussion regarding Verdi-Sierra Pines water storage (Candy) **Dir. Hunter sought direction on who to talk to get more information, various ideas were discussed.**
7. 2023 Fire Palooza (Tom A) **Saturday, June 3rd at 11 am at the Sierraville School. BBQ, bands and booths.**
8. Sattley Pumphouse (Jeff) **Looking for someone to build the shed.**
9. Calpine Siren (Rick/Mick) **Dir. McCollum discussed with Chief Connolly. Siren is ready to move, can have lift there when needed.**
10. Calpine Reservoir dredging update (Rick) **Jim Murphy got permit from Fish & Game last year. County funding \$25,000 out of Title III funds, District will be passthrough entity. Looking for contractor to do the work.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cal Fire Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant submitted \$39,000 for 10 sets structure fire turnouts, 50/50 match **Dir. Archer moved to grant Richard Maddalena, Director, signing and authority to make and execute the 50/50 grant agreement on behalf of the District, Dir. Rowson seconded. 6 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Commendatore, Hunter, Rowson, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher). Motion passed.**
2. Proposal to fly California flag at Station 82 **Dir. Maddalena presented the request. There was discussion regarding flag etiquette and volunteer staffing needed for such. It was recognized there is not a requirement to fly the state flag at stations.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: A memorial and service will be held for Dan Wentling, former Fire Chief, on June 25th at 2pm at the Sierraville Community Church. Eric Petterson to retire from USFS and accepted position as OES representative, Tim Beals is retiring from county and Brandon and Brian to step up to fill the duties, Dir. Maddalena attended a mandatory meeting for OES storm damage claimants, snow removal not approved.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: June 20, 2023 at 6:00pm in Sierraville

ADJOURNMENT: 8:08 pm

Key: T – Tabled from previous meeting H – Handout

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