

March 21, 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
and Old Verdi School, 165 Bridge Street, Verdi NV 89439

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Meeting No. 2554 452 4695, Passcode: Sierra

CALL TO ORDER: 6:08 pm

Roll Call of Directors

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

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: Ann Marie McCann and Vern Anderson of Verdi, Ca. Clerk Kelly Champion, Chief Connolly, Volunteer Ben Edwards

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.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 2/21/23 & 03/08/23 **Dir. Archer moved to approve the minutes, Dir. Rowson seconded. Roll call vote- 7 Ayes (Rowson, Commendatore, Hunter, Archer, Maddalena, McCollum, Fisher) motion passed.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of February 28, 2023 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H**
3. Fire Mitigation Fee Update **H None**
There was discussion regarding the increase in propane usage at the stations. Dir. Maddalena moved to accept the financials and pay the bills, Dir. Hunter seconded. Roll call vote- 7 Ayes (Rowson, Commendatore, Hunter, Archer, Maddalena, McCollum, Fisher) motion passed.

Moved NEW BUSINESS ITEM 5 here Consideration of Verdi Sierra-Pines water storage tank (Candy) Directors discussed the benefits and implications of a water storage tank in the area. They continued with discussion regarding wells, hydrants, stations, Fire Wise efforts, and grant funding. Dir. Hunter asked for direction on getting more information.

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

1. Chief's Report (Response Summary, Fleet, Communications System, Facilities) **Tablet Command is on hold due to a technical staffing issue at the County**
2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention **Three volunteers in the 1A & B courses, there will be two new operators on roster.**
3. Request to spend approx. \$4,300 in water rescue gear and PPE **Chief Connolly requested to purchase helmet, life vest and rope bag sets. Dir. Rowson moved to approve PPE funds for the water rescue gear, Dir. Fisher seconded. Roll call vote- 7 Ayes (Rowson, Commendatore, Hunter, Archer, Maddalena, McCollum, Fisher) motion passed.**
4. Station 82 air compressor update (replacement on order expected 3/20 in Reno) **Waiting for arrival in Reno still**
5. Need to replace water heater at Station 82 **There is a slightly used water heater at another station that could be used, it would require 220v electricity installed. Direction was given to look into upgrading the electrical.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Cal Fire Hazard Severity Zone revisions (Rick) **H Dir. Maddalena presented a letter for submission to Cal Fire in response to the revisions. Dir. Hunter has also submitted a clarification inquiry.**
2. Cal OES repositioning and dozer resource needs (Victoria) **Dir. Fisher presented a letter to Chief Marshall and Firescope California Board of Directors requesting a review, adding that she is collaborating with other agencies to submit similar letters. She expressed interest in attending a Firescope Board meeting to speak on this in person.**
3. Revised Roen equipment agreement (Tom A) **Clerk noted the title to read: Agreement to Lease Equipment. Maddalena moved to accept the agreement, Dir. Rowson seconded. Roll call vote- 7 Ayes (Rowson, Commendatore, Hunter, Archer, Maddalena, McCollum, Fisher) motion passed.**
4. Update on planned investments (Tom R) **Dir. Rowson presented the results of the research he did on various investment opportunities and made a recommendation to open online investment account(s) with Live Oak Bank. Dir. Hunter reported a CSDA speaker who recommended only CDs or LAIF and other local investments like Cal CLASS. Dir. Commendatore suggested to review JP Morgan Chase. Dir. Rowson to follow up on suggestions. Item tabled to next meeting.**
5. Discussion and decision regarding SAFER grant and review of current benefits **Dir. Maddalena proposed that the District enroll in the benefits provided by the grant as a perk for volunteers. It was agreed to look into it and move forward considering there is no burden to District. Dir. Fisher moved to authorize Dir. Commendatore to continue the process and bring it back to the Board for approval, Dir. Rowson seconded. Roll call vote- 7 Ayes (Rowson, Commendatore, Hunter, Archer, Maddalena, McCollum, Fisher) motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of JPRIMA insurance renewal for period 04/01/2023-04/01/2024 in the amount of \$29,874 **Dir. Commendatore moved to accept the renewal, Dir. Archer seconded. Roll call vote- 7 Ayes (Rowson, Commendatore, Hunter, Archer, Maddalena, McCollum, Fisher) motion passed.**
2. Authorize funds to trademark Tour de Manure and TdM including associated artwork (bull chasing bike) (Tom A) **Dir. Archer introduced the topic saying that a Federal Trademark can be done online for around \$250 and that it was available.**
3. Future planning for TdM (create a Not for Profit, contact for coordinator? (Rick) **Dir. Maddalena said there was some disappointment from the community that the event was not going to happen this spring. Discussion ensued regarding the future of the event. Dir. Maddalena to evaluate potential interest in a TdM charitable foundation/non-profit organization.**
4. Potential interest in purchasing surplus water tender from Olympic Valley Fire (Jeff/Mick) **There is a potential opportunity to purchase a 1995, 2100 gal. water tender with a super pumper, Volvo tractor, stainless steel tank with pump you can pull off the back to fill it. It has compartment space and a short wheel base. Chair McCollum to verify that the older diesel could be registered.**
5. Consideration of Verdi-Sierra Pines water storage tank (Candy) **Moved to after Financial Report in beginning.**
6. Volunteer Appreciation BBQ (Tom A) **The Directors discussed the desire to have an appreciation event for volunteers. The item would be brought back for further discussion regarding date and location.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: Letter received in mail from John Mitchell. Form 700s due to County Clerk. Volunteer Edwards asked for District communication to County regarding the Tablet Command implementation and volunteered to work on it with them.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 18, 2023 at 6:00pm in Sierraville

ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 pm

Key: T – Tabled from previous meeting H – Handout

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