

July 13, 2021 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM
SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1
FIRE COMMISSIONERS 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 VIA TELEPHONE SHOULD CALL (701) 802-5316 AND USE ACCESS CODE 5188908.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 pm

Roll Call of Commissioners

{X} Tom Rowson, Chairperson {X} Richard Maddalena { } Laurie Belli {X} Tom Archer
{X} Candy Hunter {X} Shawn Burt { } Vacant

Quorum Yes/No

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: Jeff McCollum, Marjoree Voorhees, Kelly Champion, District Clerk, Chief Mick Connolly- remote

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 three minutes.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 6/8/21 **Commissioner Archer moved to approve the 6/8/21 minutes, Commissioner Hunter seconded. 5 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Hunter, Burt, Rowson) motion passed.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of June 30, 2021 **H**
Approve Bill Payments **H Commissioner Maddalena moved to approved payment of the bills except Banner Communications invoice #10760 in the amount of \$1,447.88 for a radio to be returned, Commissioner Burt seconded. 5 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Hunter, Burt, Rowson) motion passed.**

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

1. Chief's Report (Response Summary, Fleet, Communications System, Faculties) (Mick) **Chief Connolly reported that the District responded to 6 medical calls, 1 care flight, a logging operation vegetation fire near Jackson Meadows that was cancelled early, and the Sugar Fire where they also assisted in rescuing a cow. Volunteers with E82 were recently moved from the Beckwourth airstrip to the Stead airfield for 13 hour shifts to be ready to assist with any potential helicopter or crash issues.**
2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention (Mick) **Chief Connolly will be teaching a public safety course as a minimum training requirement along with CRP.**
3. EMS (Mick)
4. Medical Supplies
5. Discussion/Action: Approve purchase of new BK programmable hand-held radio for Fire Chief. (Mick) **Commissioner Archer moved to approve the quote from KR Nida Corp in the amount of \$2,377.46, Commissioner Hunter seconded. 5 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Hunter, Burt, Rowson) motion passed.**
6. Discussion/Action: Purchase printer and supplies to print IDs for incidents. (Mick) **It was the consensus of the Commission for Chief Connolly to obtain a quote for further consideration.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Status of appeal for fire services rendered during the Loyalton Fire (Rick/Kelly) **District Clerk has spoken with Dianne Immer with CalOES who has confirmed receipt of the appeal and Becky Hicks has been assigned to work on it. They plan to submit to management for review by August 6th and have until September 3rd to submit to FEMA.**
2. PSPS Grant for generator purchases in Calpine and Sierraville, including contract with Steven Alfred for Flood Plain Survey. (Rick) **Commissioner Maddalena reported that the generators have been delivered to Sierraville and that the surveyor, Steven Alfred, has been contracted by the installer to assist with the project. The generator must be 3' off the ground according to the flood plain permit requirements.**
3. Status of exploring budget feasibility and pay structure for District Chief compensation. (Tom R.) **Commissioner Archer and Chair Rowson are in the process of drafting a contract for consideration.**
4. Status of surplus of foam equipment. (Rick) **The District received timely one public bid from Paul Roen in the amount of \$1,900 for the surplus of the equipment. Commissioner Maddalena moved to accept; Commissioner Hunter seconded. 5 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Hunter, Burt, Rowson) motion passed.**

5. Status of payment to fire fighters who served in Loyalton and Sheep fires. (Kelly) **District Clerk reported that payments had been received from both CalFire and USDA. Payment in full to the firefighter had been prepared and were included in the Bill Payments. Checks to be distributed upon receipt of their W-9.**
6. Discussion/Action regarding Cooperative Agreement with Tahoe National Forest. (Rick) **It was reported that there is no new agreement with TNF at this time and therefore the mutual aid agreement reverts back to a 12-hour minimum response time before the District may file a claim for reimbursement.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/Action regarding letter of support to BOS to encourage funding to clear and fill Calpine Reservoir for fire suppression. (Tom R.) **H The Commission was in support Chair Rowson's submitting the letter.**
2. Discussion/Action for approaching Sierraville, Sattley and Calpine residents to explore possibility of uniting under one Fire Fighters Support Association and organizing as a 501(c)3 non-profit (Tom R./Rick/Tom A.) **Various discussions ensued on if and how the Calpine group could include the Sierraville group. Direction was given to Commissioner Archer to reach out to Ryan from the Calpine group to seek permission to correspond with their entity formation council at Mobo Law in order to discuss details on how to organize the entity to allow for potential inclusion of other support groups.**
3. Discussion/Action to seek reimbursement from Sierra County, Title III funding for the Sugar Fire and Loyalton Fire. (Rick) **Commissioner Maddalena reported that the District had been denied the possibility to seek reimbursement from Cal OES and the Forest Service. Direction was given to request support through Sierra County's Title III funds.**
4. Discussion/Action: Amend District Clerk Independent Consultant Agreement, Exhibit B, to reflect \$50 per month increase from \$1,250 to \$1,300 effective July 15, 2021. **Commissioner Hunter moved to increase the monthly contract amount with Kelly Champion to \$1,300, Commissioner Burt seconded. 5 Ayes (Maddalena, Archer, Hunter, Burt, Rowson) motion passed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: A letter was received from Sierraville residents, Fred and Pam Mitchell, asking how they may make a donation to the Fire District. Commissioner Hunter attended the Sierra Brooks Firewise meeting earlier in the day and reported that it was well attended by people from all over the County, including Ann Marie McCann from Verdi and Jeanne Klose from Calpine. The Finance Committee was working to schedule a meeting with the County Planning Department to review Mitigation Fees collected.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: August 10, 2021 at 6:00pm in Sierraville

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 pm

Key: T – Tabled from previous meeting H –Handout

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