

September 24, 2024 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM **MINUTES**  
**SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1**  
**DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

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

This meeting will be conducted in person and via video conference. Those who wish to attend via video conferencing should use the following link:

<https://sierracountyfireprotectiondistrictno1-771.my.webex.com/sierracountyfireprotectiondistrictno1-771.my/j.php?MTID=mddde8b46ce168ff8ac4b69f6ae37718d>

Meeting No. 2554 452 4695, Passcode: Sierra

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 pm**

Roll Call of Directors

{X} Tony Commendatore, Chairperson {X} Thomas Archer **remote** {X} Tom Rowson

{X} Richard Maddalena {X} Candy Hunter {X} Victoria Fisher, Vice Chair {X} Jeff McCollum

Quorum **Yes/No**

**Dir. Archer requested to participate remote due to personal medical reasons and stated that there was nobody present in the room with him over the age of 18. Dir. Maddalena moved to approve Dir. Archer's remote participation, Dir. Hunter seconded. 7 Ayes- motion passed.**

**PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: None**

**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: TdM Income and Expense Report, OSFM Mandated Inspection Program, City of Loyalton Housing Element, Benevity donation platform.**

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Approval of the Minutes: 8/20/24 **Dir. Maddalena moved to approve the minutes as presented, Dir. Hunter seconded. Roll Call Vote- 5 Ayes (Commendatore, Archer, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter), 2 Abstain (Fisher, McCollum), motion passed.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of August 31, 2024 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H**
3. Authorization of prepayment to volunteers for repositioning **H**
4. Mitigation Fee Update

**Dir. Maddalena moved to accept the financial statements as presented and approve the bill payments with the exception of the Thompson Garage Door bill, Dir. Fisher seconded. Roll Call Vote- 7 Ayes, motion passed.**

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

1. Chief's Report (Response Summary, Fleet, Communications System, Facilities)
2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention

**Chief Connolly had a very extensive report- lots of activity including recent repositioning and incidents. The District averaged just under 5 staff per day. Rudy is now full-time staff with Beckwourth Peak FPD, in discussion on who will take over vehicle repair and maintenance work. Various issues with fleet. Working on R82 CARB exemption, E282 out of service, WT82 leak repair**

**and starter replacement. Bay 3 at Station 82 needs overhead door operator replaced. Still working on details of air compressor trade, welcome new volunteer, Jason Clark of Whitehawk.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Update on air compressor exchange proposal **Working on details.**
2. Feedback from SSFRS regarding radio upgrade project **Letter was re-routed via email, awaiting response.**
3. Discussion regarding Station 84 improvements **Dir. Archer made initial contact with project managers for quotes. There were various responses with further questions regarding the project and facility.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion/Action – Agreement with Sierra County regarding Filippini Road and Dearwater Field underground water storage tanks **Dir. Archer moved to approve the agreement, Dir. Rowson seconded. Roll Call Vote- All Ayes (Commendatore, Archer, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, Fisher, McCollum), motion passed.**
2. Biennial review of Conflict-of-Interest Code in accordance with CA Gov. Code § 87306.5 **T Dir. Archer discussed the requirement to review the Conflict of Interest Code every two years. Dir. Maddalena sought clarification of the categories. It was determined that there were no changes needed. Dir. Archer moved to accept the current Conflict of Interest Code with no changes, Dir. Rowson seconded. Roll Call Vote- 7 Ayes, motion passed.**
3. Discussion regarding administrative/purchasing support staff **The Directors agreed it would be beneficial to have support staff for administrative and purchasing needs. Direction was given to Chief Connolly to bring more information forward for consideration including duties and compensation.**
4. Thank you letter to Paul Roen for donating ice/snow deflector for Calpine generator **H The District recognized Paul Roen for his contribution to the District, Chief Connolly also noted his sincere thanks. Clerk to mail formal letter as presented.**
5. Discussion regarding mutual aid agreement with Beckwourth Peak FPD **Dir. Maddalena suggested that Chief Connolly open discussion with the Beckwourth Peak Chief. Dir. Archer requested additional information from the Clerk regarding existing agreements. Dir. McCollum felt it would be good to review the agreement with Truckee Fire.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: Dir. Maddalena provided a handout regarding TNF receiving \$5 million to complete community protection projects. Dir. Maddalena also reported that B84 was no longer on property.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** October 15, 2024 at 6:00pm in Sierraville

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 pm**

Key: **T** – Tabled from previous meeting **H** –Handout

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