

**FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting  
March 15, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center  
9594 E. American Ave.  
Del Rey, California

**MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Furrer, Arabian, Richter, Mendes, Chavez, and Bulla

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Hail, Michaels, Wittwer, and Castaneda

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross

GUESTS:

**ROLL CALL**

President Furrer requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were five (6) members present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Furrer called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and President Furrer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

None

**CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

None

**Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-8)**

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2-8.

No Public Comment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 9 – Ordinance No. 2023-02 Board Member Compensation.**

Board members discussed if there will be benefits included in the monthly compensation. They will revisit this in the next board meeting.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), ON ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02 BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 10 – Resolution No. 2023-01 Authorizing Participation in the Fire Risk Management Services Joint Powers**

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR FRANCISCO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES JOINT POWERS.

No Public Comment.

**Agenda Item 11 – Heavy Equipment Mechanic and Administrative Assistant Positions.**

UPON MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT FURRER, SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITIONS.

No Public Comment.

**Agenda Item 12 – Creation of the 2022 Annual Report**

Directors discussed on authorizing the finalization and implementation of the 2022 Annual Report.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO AUTHORIZE THE FINALIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT.

**Agenda Item 13 – Amended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Directors reviewed and approved the Amended Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023. There will be adjustments to the budget. The Board members monthly compensation was not captured.

UPON MOTION BY PRESIDENT FURRER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO AUTHORIZE THE FINALIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT.

**Agenda Item 14 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports**

None

**Agenda Item 15 – Staff Reports**

1. Chief Hail explained how mission tasking has been working for the district. He stated there have been 5 hand crews mission tasked during these storms. Chief Hail also discussed how the crews at Wonder Valley built a wall with sandbags to stop the water from reaching the structures.
2. Chief Hail discussed the operational briefings we have had with the Sheriff's Office about the flooding and the storms.
3. Chief hail advised that station 72 is getting close to the target number. They will be having a meeting 3/16/2023.
4. Chief Hail advised that the storm has caused a few fences to blow over in the district but no major damage.
5. AC Michaels advised they are keeping a close eye on the water flow from the snow melt.
6. AC Wittwer informed the board that Station 95's generator was turned on 3/14/2023, 85 has to have PG&E come out and shut off new panel but they cancelled. Station 93 is having a pad being poured. Station 71 is two months ahead of schedule. The roof tiles are stacked and the electrical and plumbing are complete. Station 82 is still waiting on generator.
7. AC Michaels introduced the new vendor for Fresno County Fire and MVRTC. Michaels stated that 2hot active wear is where Schedule C employees can purchase uniforms. He also explained he is wanting to get Schedule C employees into polos, like office staff.
8. AC Michaels explained the AFG Grant process.
9. AC Michaels discussed the risk assessment. He stated that it needs to be updated.

**Agenda Item 16 – Legal Counsel Reports**

None

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR MENDES AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0) IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on April 19, 2023.