

# PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

February 11, 2025, Minutes

Tina Holum- Board Chair, Randy Rossi-Vice Chair, Scott de Bie-Secretary, Tony Marcaccio-Director, Candance Flaming-Director  
The February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:00 PM meeting was conducted in person at 7061 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684.

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- 1.1. Roll Call Present – De Bie, Marcaccio, Rossi, Holum,  
Absent - Flaming
- 1.2. Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin Vierra & Telfer, Captain Walsh, FF Self
- 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance – Director Marcaccio

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1. Administration recommends the BOD approval: of Minutes from January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board Meeting.
- 2.2. Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills – green sheets for January 2025  
Motion to adopt agenda and accept consent calendar.  
(M/S) Rossi/Marcaccio  
Passed 4/0

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)

None

### 4. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### 4.1 Administrative/Chief's Report

Chief Whit gave a brief overview of the Chief's report as printed in the board packet.

**TO:** Pioneer Fire Protection District Board of Directors  
**FROM:** David Whitt, Fire Chief  
**PREPARED BY:** David Whitt, Fire Chief  
**DATE:** February 11, 2025  
**ITEM:** February Board of Director's Meeting: Chief's Report for the Month of January  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive information about the district

### Calls For Service in April:

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>January</u>
Fire	3
Rescue and Emergency Medical	33
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	1
Service Call (Public Assist)	7
Cover other districts stations	3
Good Intent	17
False Alarm	0
Special Incident	0
TOTAL	64
Fire Loss Total	\$ 75,000.00

### Apparatus

- Radio repairs are being made to E335.
- E-338 is still running well; it has a couple of minor issues but should be going in for service once the storms clear.
- Water Tender 38 is still in the shop with repairs being completed.

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## Facilities

- We will be looking to seek some subject matter expert advice for the well at Station 31.

## Personnel

- All is well. Captains Walsh and Schwitalla are currently in their paramedic internships with County Fire and Rescue Fire respectively.

## Administration

- IT and associated computer support is really moving now!!!
- We have moved all our storage to the “Cloud” and have a great tech support company assisting us.
- We more than likely will be going to go to a Starlink plan for our interconnectivity. Checking with pricing and availability for a not just a static “Fixed Base Plan” but also to include phones for apparatus for when our people are out in the boondocks.
- Lexipol has been paid, and we will be starting the onboarding process this month.

**OPTIONS:** The Chief’s Report is for informational purposes. The Board of Directors may take one or more of the following actions:

- 1) Provide Staff with comments.
- 2) Provide Staff with additional direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** As noted in the report.

**ACTION PLAN:** None.

**RELATED ACTION(S):** None.

### **4.2 Local #4586**

Captain Walsh represented the Local and had nothing new to report.

### **4.3 PVFA**

Dan Dwyer reported the PVFA will be doing a practice Bingo night on February 26 at 6pm.

### **4.4 Affiliated Organization Reports.**

West slope Foundation is applying for a grant program for Ambassador in schools to provide education for disaster preparedness.

The Fire Safe Councils did the Hub and Assemblyman Joe Patterson was in attendance and discussed grant procedures.

The Omo Ranch Fire Safe Council is using the storage container located at station 37.

Paul Schaffer reported more hydrants are available for sale for \$175.00 as costs have gone up.

### **4.5 Financial**

Chief Whitt reviewed financials as provided in the board packet.

### **4.6 Standing Finance Committee Report**

The committee did not meet. Will be meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **5.1. Board of Directors Policy Manual Review Update**

Chief Whitt gave an update; this will be ongoing.

### **5.2. Station 31 Building Project**

Chief Whitt reported that the funds for this project have been received.

### **5.3. Water Storage Tank at Omo Ranch & Fairplay**

Chris Carr reported this is still in process of seeking funds for the water storage tanks.

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**5.4. Winery Water Access**

Chief Earle provided an overview of NFPA 11-42 Standards related to water storage and water use agreements.

**5.5. Temporary Refuge Area**

Director Rossi reported this in in process. The board requested the title of this item be changed to Designated Safety Zone.

Motion made to keep this item on the agenda and get 3 quotes for the costs for the maintenance of water storage tanks and review the contract language of #3 of the restrictive covenants.

M/S de Bie/Rossi

Passed 4/0

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS  
(GOOD OF THE ORDER)**

None

**8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

Keep on agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, and change the name of 5.5

**9. ADJOURNMENT– Motion to Adjourn**

(M/S) Holum/Rossi 4/0 Meeting adjourned 7:07PM.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.**