

# PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board of Directors Board Meeting

October 12, 2021 Minutes

Randy Rossi – Board Chair, Tony Marcaccio – Vice Chair, Judy Hobson – Secretary, Christina Holum – Director, Joe Ruder – Director

### **Mission Statement**

*To provide a professional and compassionate level of community fire protection, emergency medical and rescue services to the citizens and property owners within the Fire District, in order to prevent or minimize the loss of life, pain, suffering and property damage as a result of fire or other types of emergency.*

The regularly scheduled October 12, 2021 6:00 PM meeting was conducted in person 7060 Mt. Aukum Rd.  
Somerset, CA 95684

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM 18:04 hours 6:04p.m.**

##### **1.1 Roll Call**

Present: Ruder, Holum, Hobson, Marcaccio, Rossi

Administration: Chief Matthews, Administrative Assistant Joy Vierra, Captain Ramsey, FF Mayer

##### **1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT / PRESENTATIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **2.1 No special announcements**

#### **3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1** Administration recommends the BOD approve the minutes from September 14, 2021 Board Meeting

**3.2** Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills – green sheets

**3.3** Administration recommends approval of Resolution Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies

**3.4** Administration recommends approval to move \$116,651.13 from 20-21 funds to Reserve account 350

**3.5** Administration recommends approval of the Caldor Fire Temporary Home fees

Motion to Adopt the Agenda and approve the Consent Calendar items 3.1- 3.5

(M/S) Hobson/Ruder

Passed 5/0

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)**

Any person may address the District Board on any subject pertaining to District business, which is not listed on the agenda. This comment is provided by the Ralph M. Brown Open Meeting Act (Government Code § 54950 et. seq) and may be limited to three (3) minutes for any person addressing the Board. "The public may address the Board on any subject listed on the Regular Agenda. Each speaker may address the Board **once** for a limit of three (3) minutes. The filing of speaker cards is not mandatory, but is helpful in creating an accurate record. Each speaker will be called upon to speak by the Chair when the item is heard"

No Public comment

#### **5. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**5.1** Administrative/Chief's Report - Chief Matthews Reported that the call volume was down due to the Caldor Fire. He is working with the insurance company related to PFPD's losses. Insurance has been slow and is requiring more documentation. The estimate is \$112,000 for the building and \$240,000.00 of lost equipment. Chief recommends that we put up a small structure to start with to get a station back up in Grizzly Flats. Rebuilding will be slow and take time.

**5.2** Local #4586 - Nothing to report

**5.3** PVFA – There will be no Crab Banquet this year, and no Fire & Wine event. They are planning a spring fund raiser in May of 2022 at D'Agostini Pond. They will be painting the Grange building.

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The Eldorado Community Foundation gave \$66,000.00 in the form of \$300.00 gift cards to the Grizzly Flats West Slope Foundation to hand out to Caldor fire Survivors along with \$100,000.00 in cash to be distributed where needed to individuals vetted as Fire Survivors. FEMA turned down the individual pay back that was promised. Individuals will have to fight to get the \$213,000.00 per household. The PVFA wants to help residents that live in Grizzly Flats that lost their primary residence. Cash Grants are for uninsured property owners and renters who lost everything.

- 5.4 Financial - Chief Matthews provided an overview of the financials. Chief stated he has applied for a Federal grant for the damaged equipment and personnel costs. Also will be moving funds to the reserve fund.
- 5.5 Covid 19 Update - During the Caldor Fire there were 2 employees who needed to be tested for Covid. One Tested Positive One did not.
- 5.6 Succession/Transition – Chief provided information that one application was received. Deadline to turn in applications is being extended through the first part of November. The Chief also stated that there was a backup plan that the succession committee has talked about.
- 5.7 Burn Ban – Projection is for dry drought conditions, will lift the burn ban when weather conditions permit.
- 5.8 Caldor Committee – Director Holum provided information related to the committee. The purpose of the Committee is to respond to questions from the community.  
The committee came up with a recommended outline for the process containing 6 points to be covered.

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Succession – Covered in 5.6.
- 6.2 District damages due to Caldor Fire (insurance Settlements) – Covered in Chief's Report
- 6.3 Caldor Fire – Several grants have been written.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Station 35 – Chief let the board know he was approached by a gentleman who wants to help rebuild Station 35. He would like to see it be a 3 bay station with an office and meeting room. The Chief wants to put up a metal building to start with to get equipment back up in Grizzly flats.
- 7.2 Station 32 Property - Chief reported that the Post Office water has been draining onto the station 32 property. The issue will need to be dealt with.

### 8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)

None

### 9. AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time

### 10. CLOSED SESSION started at 7:11 Return from closed Session at 7:38

- 10.1 Security Pursuant to Government Code Section § 54957 (a) matters posing a threat to public services or facilities for COVID 19 Caldor Fire and Damage  
No action taken
- 10.2 Conference with Real Property under Negotiations of price, terms of payment with Steve Swanson owner of 4847 Sciaroni facility (§ 54957.8)  
The board gave the Chief permission to peruse negotiations
- 10.3 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release (§ 54957)  
No action taken

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**ADJURNMENT** – Motion made by Director Hobbs to adjourn, confirmed consensus and adjourned at 7:39pm

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday November 9th, 2021 at 6p.m.**

Prepared by:

  
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11/9/2021  
Date