

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

March 11, 2025, Minutes

Tina Holum- Board Chair, Randy Rossi-Vice Chair, Scott de Bie-Secretary, Tony Marcaccio-Director, Candance Flaming-Director
The March 11th, 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, Rossi, Flaming, - Director Marcaccio arrived at 6:06pm
Absent - Holum
- 1.2. Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin Vierra & Telfer, Captain Schwitalla, FF Carlson
- 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance – Director Rossi

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1. Administration recommends the BOD approval: of Minutes from February 11th, 2025, Board Meeting.
- 2.2. Administration recommends the BOD approve: Payment of bills – green sheets for February 2025
Motion to adopt agenda and accept consent calendar.
(M/S) de Bie/Flaming
Passed 3/0

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: March 10, 2025
ITEM: March Board of Director's Meeting: Chief's Report for the Month of February
RECOMMENDATION: Receive information about the District

Calls For Service in April:

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>February</u>
Fire	0
Rescue and Emergency Medical	35
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	2
Service Call (Public Assist)	3
Cover other districts stations	3
Good Intent	3
False Alarm	1
Special Incident	
TOTAL	47
Fire Loss Total	\$

Apparatus

- Radio repairs have been made to E335 and E338. Continuing to find shorts and grounds.

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- E-338 received new tires for \$2,900. Usually cost \$4,000.
- Water Tender 38 is still in the shop.

Facilities

- We will be going out to bid for the well the week of March 17, 2025, after we receive subject matter advice on what is the best route to proceed.

Personnel

- All is well. Captains Walsh and Schwitalla are currently in their paramedic internships with County Fire and Rescue Fire respectively.
- We will be coming to the Board next month with some proposed side letter agreements to the MOU.

Administration

- IT and associated computer support have made great strides over the past two weeks.
- Once the infrastructure is complete including the new Wi-Fi mesh system, we will be looking to install Star Link for our primary internet connection with Cal NET as the backup.
- Lexipol process will begin with one of our PSSD members taking on the project which will allow staff to continue with day-to-day operational management. This process could take as long as 14 months.

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 comment.
- 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 Schwitalla reported the union has established a Health Committee which is looking at grants to reduce the carcinogen exposure of the department.

4.3 PVFA

Jerry Jumper reported the PVFA is now all squared away with the State of CA related to the non-profit status. April 3rd (the first Thursdays) will be Bingo at the Fireman's Hall. Doors open at 5:30 and the game starts at 6:00pm. The next PVFA board meeting is April 1st at 6pm.

4.4 Affiliated Organization Reports.

West Slope- Scot Telfer provided information on upcoming workshops. The next scheduled workshop is April 22nd, to be held at the West Slope Office. Registration can be done on the website. They have 2 new grants coming in a Solar Program Grant and a Youth Ambassador Program grant.

Omo Ranch –A prescribed burn was planned with the support of the Prescribed Fire Association. It was well attended; however, the wind prevented the burn from taking place. The board suggested that the Prescribed Fire Association come and provide a presentation to the district. Station 34 is ready for painting cost will be Approx \$1500.00

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4.5 Financial

Chief Whitt reviewed financials as provided in the board packet.

4.6 Standing Finance Committee Report

Financial Report was provided by Director Marcaccio in Director Holum's absence.

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 Gave update; this will be ongoing.

5.3. Water Storage Tank at Omo Ranch & Fairplay

Chris Carr reported Chlorene was put in all 4 water tanks at Omo Ranch.

5.4. Winery Water Access

Chief Whitt provided an Update on Restrictive Covenant Attachment B for the board to review. The administration reached out to 4 well companies to find out the approximate cost of a water and well inspection, 2 responded with the cost ranging from \$150.00 to \$250.00.

5.5. Designated Safety Zone

Chief Whitt gave a brief update

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 FY 24/25 Budget Amendment-2

Proposed Budget Amendment includes adding \$500,000.00 to 0898 – STATE: OES OFF EMERGENCY SERVICES, and adding \$164,000.00 to 1060 – FED: FEMA – EMRG MNGMNT AGENCY on the revenue side, and adding \$400,000.00 to 3004 – OTHER COMPENSATION, adding \$50,000.00 to 3021 – O.A.S.D.I EMPLOYER SHARE, adding \$164,000.00 to 4180 – MAINT: BUILDING & IMPROVEMENTS, adding \$20,000.00 to 4653 – OVERNIGHT TRVL: AUTO RENTAL and adding \$30,000.00 to 4656 – OVERNIGHT TRVL: HOTEL to the expense side.

Motion to accept FY 24/25 Budget Amendment-2 as stated on the agenda

(M/S) Marcaccio

Flaming

Roll call vote

Ayes: de Bie, Marcaccio, Rossi, Flaming

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Holum

Passed 4/0

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

7.1 Letter from Harry Vere Lehmann

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

All items in old business

9. ADJOURNMENT– Motion to Adjourn

(M/S) Flaming/Rossi 4/0 Meeting adjourned 7:06PM

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

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