

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

MINUTES

MEETING: Meeting called to order at 16:00 hrs. Directors Atkin, Doss, Moretti, Uboldi and Chief Bellach were present. Director Cooper was absent.

MINUTES: MSP Doss/Moretti to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023. MSP Doss/Uboldi to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 22, 2023.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 13 Volunteers, 6 Part-Time and 2 Full-Time.

Chief Bellach reported that Chief Akre and he had spoken in regards to his position after the contract went into effect on October 1st this year. Chief Akre thought it would best to make him Assistant Chief for Kenwood until July 1st 2024. This is because of Chief Bellach's current involvement with the SCFCA and the REDCOM Duty Officer positions he holds. As a Chief Officer, Bellach would be able to continue with these roles.

The board felt that since Chief Bellach is an employee with the district, the board and HR committee should have the authority to make these decisions. This will be discussed further in an HR Committee meeting with Chief Akre and Chief Bellach.

Chief Bellach reported out on the cash management with California Class. Currently, we have just over a million in our Operations account and a pending transfer of 2 million to our Cap fund.

Director Moretti suggested that we should have a second individual on the account to initiate any large wires for the future as well as having a back-up person on the account. The Finance Committee will meet to make a recommendation for this.

CLAIMS: MSP Moretti/Doss to approve Claim #23-24-04 for \$116,553.29 and payrolls dated 09/08/23 for \$12,297.53 and 09/22/23 for \$13,210.85.

OLD BUSINESS: Chief Bellach reported he got notification from the County that we will only be receiving the revenue sharing of \$196,750.00. An adjusted budget was produced showing only the revenue sharing for this year.

It was felt that we did not need to do minor adjustments every time there is a change in revenue. The original final budget will stand as approved.

Chief Akre reported he reached out to the County Administrator to see where we are with the \$300,000.00 that was requested by Supervisor Gorin.

MSP Uboldi/Moretti to approve Resolution 2023-24-01 approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #:7GF23051 (VFA Grant).

NON-ACTION ITEMS: Tony Ghisla reported for the Grant committee. It appears that both FEMA grants are going to be declined. We have not received the formal letter yet. The Cal Fire grant is in the final process. Going forward there is still benefits of Kenwood putting in for grants for the future and working with Sonoma Valley for the staffing needs.

GOOD of the ORDER: Director Moretti asked if there are any unanticipated issues since we signed the contract for services with Sonoma. Chief Akre stated that it has been seamless since we started and we need to still work out through the HR committee the Administrative duties in more detail. Changes have been made with REDCOM. The Sonoma deployments have been added to the Kenwood District. Chief Bellach and Chief Andreis have been working together to make sure the operational side of things are running smoothly. Director Moretti asked about our equipment and why it has been 2 years in a row that we have had equipment out of service during fire season. Chief Bellach stated that the preventative maintenance is done annually. We cannot control equipment that have break downs that are outside of the normal preventative maintenance schedules. Chief Akre stated it is never convenient to have a break down. We now have a bigger depth with the service contract that will give us reserve engines as needed. Sonoma also has a dedicated fire mechanic that if the board agrees to, can be utilized to do maintenance for Kenwood equipment.

Director Doss reported his friend woke up with signs of a heart attack and within 3 minutes the Glen Ellen station arrived and saved his life. He is very grateful. Doss stated that this made a huge difference and is happy and thankful the board made this decision to have ALS for Kenwood.

Chief Bellach reported our crews in Kenwood went well over the top. We had a PT who had a major bleed and had bled all over the house. Our crews stayed and cleaned the house and started the laundry so she could come home to a clean house.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:
