

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD DIRECTORS
JULY 12, 2022**

MINUTES

MEETING: Meeting called to order at 16:00 hrs. Directors Doss, Cooper, Atkin, Uboldi, Moretti and Chief Bellach were present. Chief Bellach asked that Item 6.B of the agenda be moved to 4:15 pm for a presentation.

ROSTER: 20 Volunteers, 4 Part-Time & 5 Full-Time. Chief Bellach reported we had lost a couple of out of district volunteers due to lack of participation and moving out of the County. We have gained one new Part-Timer from Dry Creek Fire.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: MSP Doss/Moretti to approve Claims #21-22-13 for \$22,322.44 and Claims #22-23-1 for \$51,515.38 and payrolls 6/3/22 for \$24,278.39, 6/17/22 for \$25,569.35 and 6/30/22 (7/1/22) for \$30,737.43.

OLD BUSINESS: MSP Doss/Atkin to approve the Consideration of Approval of video conference option under AB 361. Chief Bellach added that he has been getting requests from the public for the recorded audio of the meetings and/or have the meetings also available on Zoom. The problem with the recorded audio is that the files are too large to email or up load on the website. He has created a One Drive account to up load files that the public can download. He asked the Board if they would be interested in having the meetings live via Zoom. Director Uboldi suggested that we put this on the agenda for next month.

MSP Cooper/Doss to approve the resolution of the Board of Directors ordering an election to be held and requesting consolidation with the November 8, 2022, General District Election.

CHIEF'S REPORT: A presentation from HAAS Alert – Alex Snesareva – showed that Slow Down, Move Over alerts are helping to significantly reduce the risk of collisions and minimize these risks by as much as 90% and reducing speeds at least 25% within the first few seconds. Chief Bellach stated that he has had many close calls over the years while on scene of accidents and people not paying attention. The most common type of event is while driving code three and not have people pull over. Director Moretti asked for the Chief to come back to the Board with a recommendation and if this will increase the safety of our staff.

Director Uboldi asked since we are working on the LED sign, could we post on it “Accident Ahead” to help notify drivers. Yes we could do that.

Director Doss reported on the HR Committee. He stated that they will be working with the Chief to come up with a suitable evaluation form for the Chief. By the next meeting they should have a form ready to bring to the Board.

Director Atkin reported on the Consolidation Committee. They have met multiple times and have developed a list of questions related to the impact of revenues, expenses and operations of a consolidation. They have been interviewing different people to answer the questions including the Chief. They plan to meet with Bill Adams tomorrow. They are gathering documents like gap funding agreements between the County and Bodega Bay/Sonoma County Fire District and other Districts. The target date will be in January when they can bring a report back to the Board.

Director Moretti asked if there is a way we can talk to the agencies and the public to find out how those consolidations have worked out. Chief Bellach stated yes we can ask any district personnel and community members on how their experience has been.

Director Uboldi reported on the Facilities Committee. We have determined the location of the LED sign will be at the east corner of the station where the bushes are. The bushes will be removed and the sign will be put on a 2 foot mound. We will determine what to put in place of the bushes to keep cars from driving behind the station later. Engineer Molesworth provided some detail plans of the LED sign to the Board.

Director Doss asked if Caltrans has any say in this project. Yes they do but, so far the sign company has not had any issues with the LED sign locations with Caltrans.

Director Atkin asked if the sign location will disrupt or affect any remodeling in the future. Yes it would. If we plan to add engine bays in the future, that area that the sign is located, will have to be relocated.

Director Uboldi asked for a report on 3197. Chief Bellach stated that he spoke to Burtons and we are possibly 2 weeks out to getting it back. The tender is approx. 90% done. We are still waiting on the pump parts from Hale.

GOOD of the ORDER: Director Moretti reported that we did a lot better than our budget called for this FY. We may want to take a look in detail at performance against budget at the next board meeting. Looking at the preliminary numbers, we did just fine. He commented that there are fires every day in the County and wanted to know if this has caused any issues and/or learning from this. Chief Bellach stated that units have been fast to attack these fires and luckily, we have not had a major incident where we have had full alignments of fuel, wind and topography. Having a heavy or large copter available at the air attack base for the past couple of seasons, has also helped. Having pre assigned move-ups and coverage has also been a huge help in getting un-staffed stations covered faster.

Director Ublodi asked about reports of fire being started on Lawndale Road. This was in the SRA and CALFIRE did the investigation. The subject had been apprehended by the Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:
