

March 19, 2024 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM
SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1
DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA MINUTES

Location: Fire Station 82 @ 102 E Main Street, Sierraville, CA 96126

This meeting will be conducted in person and via video conference. Those who wish to attend via video conferencing should use the following link:

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Meeting No. 2554 452 4695, Passcode: Sierra

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

Roll Call of Directors

{X} Tony Commendatore, Chairperson {X} Thomas Archer {X} Tom Rowson {X} Richard Maddalena
{X} Candy Hunter { } Victoria Fisher, Vice Chair **absent** {X} Jeff McCollum
Quorum **Yes/No**

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Matters under jurisdiction of the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, and not on the agenda, may be addressed by the Public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the "Public Comment" period will be limited to a maximum of five minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk questioned Chief Connolly about an email from MARS and he reported that there was an old invoice for fuel and meals from the Beckwourth assignment that was pending his approval, he took care of it.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 1/16/24 and 2/20/24 **Dir. Rowson moved to approve the 1/16/24 and 2/20/24 minutes, Dir. Archer seconded. 6 Ayes (Commendatore, Archer, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher), motion passed.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of February 29, 2024 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H**
3. Update on Fire Mitigation Fees **H No new mitigation fees received. There was discussion regarding proposed AB2729. Dir. Maddalena moved to accept the financials as presented and approve the bill payments, Dir. Rowson seconded. 6 Ayes (Commendatore, Archer, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher), motion passed.**

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM DISTRICT CHIEF, BATTALION CHIEFS AND EMS COORDINATOR:

1. Chief's Report (Response Summary, Fleet, Communications System, Facilities)
2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention
3. Update on wildland **structure** turnout purchasing for Volunteer Fire Capacity 50/50 grant **Chief Connolly reported one medical call, new handheld radios in service, mobiles to be installed, new remotes on overhead doors at Calpine station and sensor eyes moved so they don't malfunction, EMR/EMT refresher this Thursday with Jenni McGuire from Nor-Cal EMS, Ryan Solberg is back, Max Barasso helped with the storm and chimney fire recently. Needing to swap out some boots that are too small.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing to hear public comment on the 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Plan – 6:15 pm **Chair Commendatore opened the public hearing at 6:15 pm and the CIP was discussed among the Directors. With no additional comment the Chair Commendatore closed the public hearing at 6:21 pm. It was acknowledged that the March CCI was not available yet.**

2. Resolution 2024-1, Adoption of the 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Plan **Dir Archer moved to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-1, Dir. McCollum seconded. 6 Ayes (Commendatore, Archer, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher), motion passed. Dir. Archer moved to adopt Resolution 2024-1, Dir. Hunter seconded. Chair Commendatore called for a roll call vote: Maddalena-Aye, Hunter-Aye, Rowson-Aye, Archer-Aye, McCollum-Aye, Commendatore-Aye; motion passed.**
3. Approval of MOU with Eastern Sierra Firefighter Auxiliary for Tour de Manure (Tom A) **H Dir. Archer moved to authorize Chair Commendatore to sign the MOU on behalf of the District and to approve the agreement, Dir. Maddalena seconded. 6 Ayes (Commendatore, Archer, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher), motion passed.**
4. Discussion regarding supply exchange issues (Victoria) **There was nothing new to report from Dir. Fisher. Chief Connolly reported a saline exchange with an ambulance on a dog bite response. Dir. Rowson moved to authorize the purchase of EMS supplies and equipment as needed not to exceed \$12,800, Dir. McCollum seconded. 6 Ayes (Commendatore, Archer, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher), motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding FY2025 Third Congressional district Appropriations Committee request for unfunded county-wide communications project **Dir. Maddalena presented the opportunity to use data from the previously unawarded countywide communications grant (FEMA) application in a submittal for an appropriations request. The Directors were in agreement and it was the consensus of the Board for him to proceed.**
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: Clerk announced that she would be traveling on April 16th and would need to attend remote. Dir. Archer moved to table the April 16th meeting to April 23rd, Dir. Hunter seconded. 6 Ayes (Commendatore, Archer, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, McCollum), 1 Absent (Fisher), motion passed.**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 16, 2024 at 6:00pm in Sierraville **It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting on April 23rd, 2024.**

ADJOURNMENT: 6:43 pm

Key: T – Tabled from previous meeting H – Handout

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