



FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

131 Kirby Street, Felton CA 95018 831 335-4422

Regular Meeting Minutes

Of The Board of Directors

August 02, 2021

Location: ZOOM meeting link:

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1.0 Convene Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cyndi Foreman at 6:02 p.m. Chairperson Foreman noted at this time we do not have a quorum.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call: Directors C. Foreman, R. Gelini, J. Anderson

Staff: Chief Gray, L. Dennis

Absent: Director D. Ladd – joined meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Guests: Norm Crandell, Adam Hensleigh

1.4 Approve meeting minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 14 and the Regular Meeting held on July 19, 2021. Regular meeting minutes approved as written on motion by Director Anderson and second by Director Gelini and passed.

Ayes: Director Anderson, Director Gelini and Director Ladd

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: None

1.5 Considerations of Additions to the Agenda: None

2.0 Public Comment: None. Adam stated he was just attending to observe.

3.0 Public Hearing: None

4.0 Directors Reports: None

5.0 Staff Report: Chief Gray reviewed highlights of the Chief's Report-

-Budget- still working on some details. The next board meeting will be a Public Hearing to adopt the 2021/2022 budget.

-Signed letter of intent with Pehling & Pehling for our financial audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

-Work continues on finalization of the Zone Haven mapping.

-Will be meeting with Supervisor McPherson regarding radio infrastructure for the County and some other projects. Director Foreman asked if Public Works is involved in the radio project, to which Chief replied that the stakeholders are still being determined.

-Training drills have been around cliff rescue skills, including the EMTs. Captain Nathan Fenker will be the interim training coordinator.

- Engine 2310 is still out for two more weeks being repaired.

- Fire Prevention- participating in exploring potential sites for PANO system (artificial intelligence) to detect smoke / columns, with funding through PG&E. Can provide additional alerts and information sensitivity, as the Alert Wildfire cameras do now. Beta testing being done at Henry Cowell observation deck. He's spoke with Bruce McPherson regarding potential funding also. Contact has been made with Dream Inn, 2 sites in Zayante and one off of Rebecca in Boulder Creek for future locations. Some discussion regarding Alert Wildfire camera potential on wharf and the County Building.

-Captain Dawson met with 44 more residents and groups in the past month. She has spoken at several group meetings including the Rotary.

- EMT program- all have been cleared and are responding to calls and overnight shifts. He noted that the response time to an allergic reaction last weekend was 2 minutes due to crew on site at the station. The quick response time and expanded scope EMT abilities made all the difference.

- Recruiting event held yesterday at the station was successful. They demonstrated the physical agility requirements and other aspects. A reporter from the Press Banner also came and will do an article.

6.0 Unfinished Business:

6.1 Updates on PERS post-employment benefits

Chief Gray stated that there was no update from legal, no further communications. Director Anderson noted that we have amended our PERS agreement, so we should be set for the future until we need to amend again.

Norm Crandell asked to be brought up to date on this item. Director Anderson gave a detailed explanation and history of the post-employment benefit for the former Chief and PERS contract amendment. General discussion followed.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 CEPPT pension pre-funding trust.

Laurie explained the flyer provided and the multiple contacts from CalPERS regarding any interest we may have in the pension pre-funding trust. Director Anderson expressed his concerns on both the make-up of their Board and their projected returns information, and as he sees that we were forced to add another employee into PERS. Some discussion followed.

Chief Gray stated that LEIF funds appear to be better investments. Director Foreman stated she feels the benefit of adding another employee far outweighs the necessity to add them due to hour requirements, or being forced as he stated. The addition of the employee in her position results in more of an asset to the district than the resulting cost of additional contribution to PERS in her opinion. Additional discussion followed.

Director Ladd made a motion to decline participation in CEPPT. The motion was seconded by Director Gelini. Discussion following did not result in agreement. Chairperson Foreman called for a vote, or the rescinding of the motion. After further discussion Director Ladd rescinded his motion, and all agreed to table until next meeting. Laurie will forward contact information for the PERS representative to Director Anderson and he will contact her directly for additional information. Laurie suggested forming a sub-committee to research potential investment options. Chairperson Foreman agreed and suggested placing it on the agenda for next meeting to discuss forming a committee.

Director Anderson stated he will also discuss this with Joe Serrano of LAFCO, due to his financial acumen.

7.2 Adopt annual pay schedule.

Chief Gray explained the need to approve the document, which now had the addition of Station Manager position. Director Gelini made a motion to approve the Salary Schedule effective dated July 01, 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Anderson and Chairperson Foreman called for a vote.

Ayes: Director Anderson, Director Gelini and Director Ladd

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

8.0 Approve paid vendor claims for the month of July 2021: Board members reviewed the vendor claims in the amount of \$81,024.85. Chief Gray recapped some of the larger bills for the month. Director Ladd asked if permits were required for the electrical work done at the station, to which Chief Gray replied no. Chief added that he inspected the work when it was completed. Claims were approved as presented on motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Gelini.

Ayes: Director Anderson, Director Gelini and Director Ladd

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

9.0 Closed Session: None

10.0 Set date for the next meeting: The next Regular Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.** The meeting will be a Public Hearing in person and also remotely via Zoom.

11.0 Adjourn: Director Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Cyndi Foreman

Cyndi Foreman, Chairman

Laurie Dennis

Attest: Laurie Dennis, Secretary