

MOKELUMNE FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2023

The **Regular** meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mokelumne Fire District was called to order by Vice President Mark Sperling on May 3, 2023, at Fire Station 13-1, 13157 E. Brandt Road, Lockeford, CA. 95237 at 7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order-Roll Call

Present: Mark Sperling, Joe Valente, Frank Schulz, Jim Tamura

Absent: John Anagnos

Staff present: Fire Chief Mark Weber, FF/Engineer Chad Holley, Firefighter Gavin Scroggins

2. Pledge of Allegiance: M. Sperling led the salute to the American Flag.

3. OATH OF OFFICE: None

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

5. LATE AGENDA ITEMS 54954.2: None

6. COMMUNICATIONS: None

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: BOARD SECRETARY/CLERK OF THE BOARD

Board Member Joe Valente nominated Fire Chief Mark Weber as Board Secretary/Clerk of the Board seconded by Jim Tamura.

Vote: Unanimous Approval

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

8.1 MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 5, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes: Joe Valente

Second: Frank Schulz

Vote: Unanimous Approval

8.2 MINUTES FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 26, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes: Joe Valente

Second: Frank Schulz

Vote: Unanimous Approval

8.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2023

Board Vice President Mark Sperling noted that the financial expense for the month for general expenditures were \$31,128.76; grant expenses were \$59,620.19 for a total of \$90,478.95 for the month.

Motion to approve financial reports: Mark Sperling

Second: Joe Valente

Vote: Unanimous Approval

8.4 WARRANTS APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:

Warrant no. 19 \$31,128.76 – General Expenditures

The warrant was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mark Sperling.

Second: Jim Tamura

Vote: Unanimous Approval

- 8.5 Budget Workshop:** Fire Chief Mark Weber provided an overview of the current financials. Staff will continue to provide updates and discuss them at the next board meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

9.1 STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- a. Station Addition Project – Fire Chief Mark Weber noted this project is still on hold.
- b. Solar Project - Fire Chief Mark Weber is working with Lindsey Construction to get a quote and then work with FM Bank to obtain a quote.

9.2 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AMERICAN RESOURCE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING EXPENDITURES UPDATE

Fire Chief Mark Weber updated the Board on the purchases that were made through Rescue Source for the water rescue equipment such as fins, wet suits, webbing, and a line gun. Fire Chief Weber is working on one final project with Evolution.

9.3 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LINDEN-PETERS FIRE DISTRICT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

Board Vice President Mark Sperling noted that the Linden-Peters Board meeting is the following day, so there is no update at this time. Chief Weber mentioned that the Board could address any questions that can be forwarded to the Linden-Peters Fire Chief. Board Vice President Mark Sperling noted that this item would be placed on old business for the next regular board meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: NEW HIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS

Chief Mark Weber discussed the need to begin new hire background checks for full time employees providing information to the Board on the possible vendors. The Board directed Chief Weber to move forward with performing background checks on new hires including reserves. There was some discussion on the Reserve Background checks with no final decision made. The Board tabled the Reserve Background checks for the next Board meeting. Motion to approve Pearside as the background check for new hire full time employees made by Frank Schulz.

Second: Joe Valente

Vote: Unanimous Approval

10.2 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY (SJC) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE MOKELUMNE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION DUTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Motion to approve the MOU between the SJC Community Development Department and the Mokelumne Rural Fire District for Fire Prevention duties within the District boundaries made by Joe Valente.

Second: Jim Tamura

Vote: Unanimous Approval

10.3 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN AND APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT OF THE FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES (FRMS) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA)

Resolution No. 2022/2023-3: Motion to approve Resolution to Authorize Participation and Approving the Amended Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the FRMS JPA made by Joe Valente.

Second: Jim Tamura

Vote: Unanimous Approval

10.4 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: WEBSITE UPDATES

Chief Mark Weber discussed the need to update the District website. Chief Weber noted that he is working on researching other website developers because of the cost of updating the website with the current website developers. Chief Weber discussed using StreamLine as a website developer in Sacramento that specializes in websites for Special Districts in California. Board Vice President Mark Sperling asked that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

10.5 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS BI-LAWS

Board Vice President Mark Sperling asked that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

11. STAFF AND FIRE CHIEFS REPORT:

11.1 Operations – Fire Chief Weber provided an overview of the calls for the month of April 2023. ESO Reporting Software is live and the scheduling will be active soon. Captain and Engineer testing is this month along with Reserve interviews.

11.2 Fire Prevention/Public Education – Fire Chief Weber provided an update on a project on Victor Rd. Water flows in that area are not up to fire code, so they are required to put in a water tank. Fire Chief Weber is working with San Joaquin County Public Works because there are other commercial buildings in that area including the school. Chief Weber is addressing the need for an upgrade to the water system in the area due to the commercial buildings in the area. San Joaquin County Public Works staff were receptive to working on solutions to the issue.

11.3 Training – Fire Chief Weber noted that there is new firefighter training for the new firefighter.

11.4 USAR Association Update- Fire Chief Weber noted that the USAR Association is hoping to purchase a drone for the District to use during rescues.

12. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION:

Board Vice President Mark Sperling announced that the Board would enter a closed session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss the following:

12.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): Two (2) Cases

Board Vice President Mark Sperling that the Board returned from closed session at 9:32 p.m.

12.2 Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session:

Board Vice President Mark Sperling announced that there were no actions taken in closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Next regular meeting will be held on May 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Weber, Fire Chief


Board of Director Signature