

MOKELUMNE FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mokelumne Fire District was called to order by President M. Young on January 6, 2021 at Fire Station 13-1, 13157 E. Brandt Road, Lockeford, CA 95237 at 7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order-Roll Call

Present: Mike Young, Mark Sperling, John Anagnos, Jim Tamura
Absent: None

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** M. Young led the salute to the American Flag.
*President M. Young stated that the meeting was being recorded and that the meeting participants were practicing social distancing.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Director J. Anagnos made a motion to open nominations for Chair, seconded by Director M. Sperling.

ACTION – MOTION: Director J. Anagnos SECOND: Director M. Sperling
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Anagnos, Sperling, Tamura
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Director J. Anagnos nominated Chair M. Young as Chair of the Board, seconded by Director M. Sperling

Director J. Tamura made a motion to close the nominations for Chair, seconded by Director J. Anagnos

ACTION – MOTION: Director J. Tamura SECOND: Director M. Anagnos
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Anagnos, Sperling, Tamura
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Director J. Tamura made a motion to open nominations for Vice Chair, seconded by Director J. Anagnos.

Director J. Tamura nominated Director M. Sperling as Vice Chair, seconded by Director J. Anagnos.

ACTION – MOTION: Director J. Tamura SECOND: Director J. Anagnos
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Anagnos, Sperling, Tamura
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Director J. Tamura made a motion to close the nominations for Vice Chair, seconded by Director M. Sperling.

ACTION – MOTION: Director J. Tamura SECOND: Director M. Sperling
Roll Call

AYES: Tamura, Young, Anagnos, Sperling
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

5. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: By general Board consensus, no changes were made to the committee assignments.

6. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: None

7. COMMUNICATIONS: None

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

8.1 MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2020
Motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 Board Meeting.

ACTION – MOTION: Director Sperling SECOND: Director Anagnos
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Sperling, Anagnos, Tamura
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

8.2 MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 2, 2020
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 Board Meeting.

ACTION – MOTION: Director Sperling SECOND: Director Anagnos
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Sperling, Anagnos, Tamura
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

8.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS – UNPAID BILLS REPORT

Motion to approve the December 2020 Financial Report. Director Sperling noted that there was an ACE Hardware expense for \$1,272.00. Chief Ramirez explained that this was a purchase for saws for the new engine including a chain saw, and pole saw.

ACTION – MOTION: Director Sperling SECOND: Director Anagnos
Roll Call

AYES: Young, Sperling, Anagnos, Tamura
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

9. OLD BUSINESS:

9.1 STATION IMPROVEMENTS

- A. STATION ADDITION PROJECT – Chief is working on getting the plans finalized and forwarded to Roland Construction.
- B. SOLAR PROJECT – Chief Ramirez is still waiting on a bid from one more vendor.
- C. WASHROOM PROJECT – Chief Ramirez noted that this project is still on hold until the sign project is completed. The generator is no longer working and cannot be repaired because the parts are obsolete. Chief Ramirez wrote a grant for the generator and is waiting to hear on the grant awards; however, it will need to be replaced. The new generator requires more concrete; this will affect the washroom project. Chief Ramirez plans to get some pricing for the extractor.
- D. SIGN PROJECT – Chief Ramirez is working with the County to get a permit for the sign. There are some documents that the County needs from Gary Signs.

9.2 GRANT UPDATES

- A. Cal-Fire Grants
 - a. 50/50 Grant - The radio has been received.
 - b. Fire Prevention – There have been no additional grant awards at this time.
 - c. San Joaquin County Cares Act Grant – The state awarded each County Cares Act funds. Mokelumne Rural Fire Department was allocated \$31,000 based on the amount of medical calls Mokelumne Fire Had; however, Chief Ramirez is the San Joaquin County Area Coordinator. Chief Ramirez submitted \$10,000 in personnel costs for his time working as the San Joaquin County Area Coordinator. Chief Ramirez

also requested for extra equipment. Mokelumne Rural Fire Department was awarded approximately \$51,000.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 PURCHASE OF COMPRESSOR

Chief Ramirez is working on finding a compressor to fill the SCBAs that is in a good price range. Quotes are coming in at \$50,000; however, Chief Ramirez is looking for a quote to come in closer to \$30,000.

10.2 Lease of New Type III Engine

Chief Ramirez noted that the contract for the New Type III Engine has been finalized. The lease is for ten years, there is no prepayment penalty, and Mokelumne Fire will own the Engine at the end of the lease. Chief Ramirez worked with the attorney for the required opinion letter. Chief Ramirez should receive the opinion letter by the end of the next week.

10.3 Staffing

- A. BC Assignments – Three contract firefighters started on January 4, 2021; the Captains are in the role of BC. They have command and control of all incidents. The Tahoe is being used by the Battalion Chiefs. The Chief has received the 2021 Chevy Suburban. The tires have been changed. The vehicle will remain unmarked because it would cost about \$30,000.
- B. Part-Time Help – The Board approved Chief Ramirez to continue to use part-time help throughout the year. Last year part-time payroll expenses were covered through the CARES Act grant.
- C. Reserve B.C. – Chief Ramirez contacted a retired Deputy Chief from Stockton Fire as an option to serve as a Reserve Battalion Chief. The Board asked for Chief Ramirez to invite him to the next Board meeting. The Board directed Chief Ramirez to provide the draft contract to the Board.

11. STAFF AND FIRE CHIEFS REPORT:

11.1 OPERATIONS – Chief Ramirez provided a report on the calls and automatic aid for the month of December.

11.2 FIRE PREVENTION/PUBLIC EDUCATION – Chief Ramirez noted that Santa Rides were conducted on December 14th, 16th, and 18th. There was a Santa Claus and a Mrs. Claus this year. Social distancing was adhered to during this event.

11.3 TRAINING – Captain Weber is conducting the Academy for the new hires. We currently have thirteen paid staff and twenty reserve firefighters. The abandoned house across from Chevron will be burned by the Fire District. There will be signage and social media will be used to notify the public of the burn.

12. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Next regular meeting will be held on February 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Ramirez, Fire Chief


Board of Director Signature