

MOKELUMNE FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mokelumne Fire District was called to order by President M. Young on March 3, 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, Joseph Valente, Jim Tamura-arrived at 7:05 pm

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. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 6.1 MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3, 2021
Motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 Board Meeting as corrected.

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

AYES: Young, Sperling, Anagnos, Valente

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tamura

- 6.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS – UNPAID BILLS REPORT
Motion to approve the February 2021 Financial Report. Director Sperling noted that some checks were voided due to a printer error adding that there were large checks written this month for Gray Signs and Cascade.

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

AYES: Young, Sperling, Anagnos, Valente

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tamura

Director Jim Tamura arrived at this point in the meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 STATION IMPROVEMENTS

- A. STATION ADDITION PROJECT – Chief met with Roland Construction. Roland Construction will create a material list to help Mokelumne staff buy the materials and do most of the work themselves. There was some discussion on an addition that reduces noise and reduces heat at a cost of \$12,000. Roland Construction suggested not adding this item and adding it later. The Board directed Chief Ramirez to eliminate this item from the project because it reduces cost and adds visibility of the front parking area for the employees. Also, they suggested adding a 10-foot drop ceiling versus an 8-foot ceiling. Chief Ramirez is still looking at the final numbers of materials and cost which will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.
- B. SOLAR PROJECT – Chief Ramirez noted this project is on hold due to the current projects. The Station Addition Project is the priority right now to get the extra room for staff sleeping arrangements.
- C. WASHROOM PROJECT – Chief Ramirez noted that this project will move forward once the sign project is completed. The washer will be ordered.
- D. SIGN PROJECT – Chief Ramirez noted that this project is almost completed and may be up and running soon. There will be some landscaping improvements done around the sign and along the fence near the Digital Sign.
- E. Fill Station for SCBAs (Compressor) – Chief Ramirez noted that the compressor will be shipped on 3/18 and it will be prepared for installation; hopefully, this will be installed at the end of March or the beginning of April 2021. Bauer will remove the old compressor.
- F. Generator – Chief Ramirez noted the generator has been ordered and at this time there is no information on when it will be delivered.

7.2 GRANT UPDATES

- A. FY 2020-FY 2021 San Joaquin Community Power Resiliency Project Grant Award – Chief Ramirez has submitted for reimbursement for this grant.
- B. FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Application – Water Tender – Chief Ramirez updated the Board and let them know that this grant was submitted. Captain Weber and Administrative Assistant Lorena Coose wrote this grant. Chief Ramirez reviewed the grant and submitted it. This grant is awarded in October 2021.
- C. 2022 California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Application – Liberty Fire submitted the regional grant for extrication equipment.

D. FEMA SAFER Grant – Chief Ramirez noted that this grant is for hiring personnel. This is a three-year grant that covers 100% of personnel costs for additional staff. There is zero cost share. By consensus of the Board, the Board directed Chief Ramirez to apply for the grant.

E. CSFA Volunteer Grant – Chief Ramirez noted that this grant is for structure gear and physicals for volunteer staff. By consensus of the Board, the Board directed Chief Ramirez to apply for the grant. This is a 50-50 cost share grant.

7.3 NEW ENGINE – Chief Ramirez noted that the engine will be delivered March 4.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2017-FY 2018 AND FY 2018-FY 2019 FINANCIAL AUDIT
Motion to accept the FY 2017-FY 2018 and FY 2018-FY 2019 Financial Audit as presented by Fechter & Company

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

AYES: Young, Sperling, Anagnos, Tamura, Valente

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8.2 PERSONNEL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE PAYMENT MOVED TO JUNE 2021
Motion to move personnel clothing allowance payment to June 2021

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

AYES: Young, Sperling, Anagnos, Tamura, Valente

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8.3 NEW OUTSIDE COVER- Chief Ramirez would like to research pricing to cover the new cement area for parking for the Utility, Polaris, and other vehicles. By Board consensus, the Chief was directed to research pricing.

8.4 COVID—19 VACCINATION PARTICIPATION – Chief Ramirez noted that Mokelumne staff have been trained by San Joaquin County EMS to provide the vaccinations. There will be a vaccination site at the Lockeford Community Center on March 4. Mokelumne staff will participate and provide the vaccinations. Approximately 300 vaccines will be given.

8.5 REPLACE APP BAY LIGHTING

Motion to approve the replacement of the APP Bay Lighting.

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

AYES: Young, Sperling, Anagnos, Tamura, Valente

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. STAFF AND FIRE CHIEFS REPORT:

- 9.1 OPERATIONS – Chief Ramirez provided a report on the calls and automatic aid for the month of February.
- 9.2 FIRE PREVENTION/PUBLIC EDUCATION –Chief Ramirez noted that there was no activity due to Covid-19. Captain Firman is in charge of the prevention program and has been assigning and completing inspections as needed.
- 9.3 TRAINING – At this time, the Water Tender is not staffed because the new hires are not trained to drive. On a case-by-case basis the Captain on-duty can staff the Water Tender.

10. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Ramirez, Fire Chief


Board of Director Signature

Next regular meeting will be held on December 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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