



RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. Directors
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**
4. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION/CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT** Nothing to report out
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF DISTRICT EVENTS (00:47)** Upcoming town hall-style meetings on June 18 in Hercules and June 29 in Rodeo.
6. **CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA (2:21)** Vice Chair Bowman motioned to move item 8 (public comment) to occur after item 17. Seconded by Director Mikel. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll Call Vote

Doss	Y
Bowman	Y
Hill	Y
Davidson	Y
Mikel	Y

7. **REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD (6:28)** Chief Ramirez presented a letter of support for the city of Hercules to remove eucalyptus trees.
8. **CONSENT CALENDAR (9:05)** Items on the consent calendar passed with a consensus.
9. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS (10:00)** Chief Despain presented the town hall flyers with a focus on customer feedback and the potential benefits of annexation.
10. **WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM (26:15)** Michelle Rinehart from the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District presented the wildfire mitigation program. She detailed the program's funding, objectives, and various projects aimed at preventing and mitigating wildfires in the area, including vegetation management, maintaining fire access routes, and the establishment of Firewise neighborhoods.
11. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL (58:16)** The board facilitated a discussion centered around the professional services request for proposal for the 23-24 audit and legal services. The importance of periodically revisiting the RFP process was highlighted. Item tabled.

12. **PUBLIC HEARING ON 24-25 BUDGET** (1:10:30) RHFD directors praised the Chief and Getachew Demeku-Ousman for their work on the budget report but highlighted concerns about forecasting, particularly in relation to potential tax revenues from the Philip 66 refinery. Chief and Mike Despain discussed the implications of the current budget for the fire department, with a focus on staffing and training standards. Motion to accept Resolution 2024-13 made by Vice Chair Bowman and seconded by Director Davidson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Baum
Maureen Brennan
Selina Williams

Roll Call Vote

Doss	Y
Bowman	Y
Hill	Y
Davidson	Y
Mikel	Y

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14: RESOLUTION ORDERING EVEN YEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION; CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTIONS ORDER** (2:47:05) Motion made by Vice Chair Bowman to accept Resolution 2024-14 and seconded by Director Mikel. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Doss	Y
Bowman	Y
Hill	Y
Davidson	Y
Mikel	Y

14. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** (2:52:16) Accepted as presented in the board packet. There was a consensus vote to extend meeting to 10:15.

15. **STAFF REPORTS** (2:54:10) None.

16. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** (2:54:20) East Bay Hills Wildland Coordinating Group to meet on July 8 from 9am to 12 to look at best practices. Board Orientation/Onboarding committee to meet with Kim Corcoran sometime in July.

17. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA** (2:56:50)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Baum
Janet Callaghan
Maureen Brennan

18. **LOCAL 1230 COMMENT** (3:12:14) John Bischoff reporting on behalf of Local 1230.
19. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (3:14:35) Contra Costa County Auditor-Controller Robert Campbell to appear before the board possibly in August; ratification of Local 1230/RHFD MOU in July.
20. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

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Marie Bowman

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