



RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. Directors Marie Bowman, Delano Doss, Charles Davidson and Robyn Mikel present. Director Steve Hill not present.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (00:52)
3. **PRESENTATION BY CALTRANS ON I-80 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT** (8:00) Presentation by Bart Ney, Andrew Baskerville, and Ron Kiaaina. Comment by Tara Shaia.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF DISTRICT EVENTS** (31:00) National Night Out will be Aug 1 at Refugio Valley Park.
5. **CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA** (31:44) Motion to confirm the agenda made by Vice Chair Doss, seconded by Director Mikel. Motion Passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE (4-0)

Bowman: Yes
Doss: Yes
Davidson: Yes
Mikel: Yes

6. **REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD** (32:11) None.
7. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA** (32:22) None.
8. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (32:56) Motion made by Director Davidson to approve the consent calendar, with the addition of a friendly amendment for the budget meeting to dovetail with the September presentation of the final budget. Seconded by Chair Bowman. Motion Failed.

ROLL CALL VOTE (2-2)

Bowman: Yes
Doss: No
Davidson: Yes
Mikel: No

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the June 14, 2023 special meeting, the employee compensation adjustment and the June transmittals made by Chair Bowman. Seconded by Director Davidson.

ROLL CALL VOTE (4-0)

Bowman: Yes
Doss: Yes
Davidson: Yes
Mikel: Yes

- 9. REVIEW OF DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN AND BUSINESS/IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (37:40)** Information presented by Chair Bowman and Director Mikel. Vice Chair Doss asked clarifying questions. Meeting with Chiefs Despain and Ramirez in future.

Public Comment

Tara Shaia
Vincent Wells

- 10. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR STAFF VEHICLE (52:52)** New staff vehicle purchased in January 2023. 2005 Ford Expedition being replaced with 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe. Vehicle needs to be outfitted at additional cost of \$40,131.54.

Motion made by Vice Chair Doss to accept funding and additional charges to outfit staff vehicle. Seconded by Chair Bowman with the friendly amendment to approve Resolution 2023-08.

ROLL CALL VOTE (4-0)

Bowman: Yes
Doss: Yes
Davidson: Yes
Mikel: Yes

- 11. PRESENTATION ON DISTRICT'S CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR BOARD MEMBERS (55:10)**

Public Comment

Tara Shaia

- 12. FEEDBACK ON NEW MEETING STRUCTURE AND POSTING OF AGENDA (1:15:50)** Recent changes have been made to the agenda to make it easier to access supporting documents. Supporting documents are accessible sooner and are linked through the agenda on the rhfd.org website. Meetings moved to council chambers in May and Zoom continues in tandem with the live meeting. Time estimates have been added to agenda. In the future, posting agenda to additional places other than fire stations and website.

Public Comment

Vincent Wells

- 13. CHANGE OF DATE FOR OCTOBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING (1:27:12)** Date of meeting has been changed from October 25 to October 18, 2023 so board may attend California Special District Association conference.

- 15. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT (1:27:37)** Captain Derek Cochnauer presenting part of the report. Crews performed a roof rescue using aerial in less than 10 minutes, also responded to many grass fires. Type 3 staffed with strike team for 4th of July festivities, many fires on 7/4. Recent increase in I-80 vehicle incident calls. Two structure fires within 12 hours with one minor injury to a firefighter. Wildland training with surrounding agencies. Annual fit testing for SCBAs complete. Bayo Vista training burn went well and was completed along with neighboring agencies. Working with a vendor to replace alerting system at both stations with a cost of about \$220,000 total. Radios need staggered replacement and waiting to see if awarded AFG grant. Looking into a scheduling program. Met with contractors regarding bathroom remodel at 76. Tuff Shed projects were

completed by Captain Bischoff. Captain Solidum busy with apparatus continuing to need repair. Many challenges with prevention department, need to limit/reduce risk, not enough staff to complete tasks. Weed abatement program is reactive and complaint-based, no contractor to perform abatement currently, district struggles to complete inspections, expect weed abatement program to be more robust in 2024. Outsource prevention work with direction from Board. Current Fire Marshal mostly performs plan check and new construction inspections. Clarification on role of acting positions.

Public Comment

Robert Baum

16. STAFF REPORTS (2:05:41) None.

17. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (2:05:47) Budget Ad Hoc Committee- waiting for updates, clean up some of the language. Strategic Plan Committee- continue meeting with Chiefs Despain and Ramirez to get rest of data points, full and final presentation by August. Website Committee is reinstated. Waiting for large print size quote from potential vendor; added medical resource to website; will post CalTrans closure info and National Night Out info; add congratulations to former Director Covington.

18. MEASURE O OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (2:09:10) Nothing to report. Next meeting Sept 12.

19. LOCAL 1230 COMMENT (2:09:24) Local 1230 President Vince Wells speaking. Had a great meeting with Chief Ramirez.

20. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2:11:15) Discuss options for fire prevention; discuss strategic plan; defensible space; follow up w CA public records request/form; closed session with legal regarding process for Chief performance evaluation; 2021 annual report; regional approach to wildland support and funding; budget workshop;

21. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.