

FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

131 Kirby Street, Felton CA 95018 831 335-4422

Regular Meeting Minutes

Of The Board of Directors

January 06, 2020

1.0 Convene Meeting:

- 1.1 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Ladd at 6:59 p.m.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call: Directors D. Ladd, S. Richmond, R. Gelini, J. Anderson, D. Walters

Staff: Chief Gray, L. Dennis

Absent: none

Guests: Victoria Loomis, attorney with Atchison, Barrisone & Condotti

- **1.4** Approve meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2019. Regular meeting approved as written on motion by Director Gelini and second by Director Walters and passed.
- 1.5 Considerations of Additions to the Agenda: None

2.0 Public Comment: None

At 7:00 p.m. the Board members and staff went into Closed Session with attorney Victoria Loomis to discuss the PERS contract

3.0 Public Hearing: None

4.0 Directors Reports: None.

5.0 Staff Report: Chief Gray reported that Engineer training has started. They are trying to coordinate and possibly combine with the Driver 1A and 1B that Mike Ayers is teaching currently.

He has received and is still digesting a lot of information and documentation on the P G & E funded evacuation study for the San Lorenzo Valley. He will provide more information at a later time.

Our 5 new recruits are attending a special firefighter first responder medical training class.

We have a potential opportunity to do the planned multi-agency training that Zack Ackemann is coordinating at Roaring Camp. This Response to Violent Events / active shooter training will take an entire day. Chief stated that in order to provide the venue for our use Roaring Camp would have to shut down normal train operations all day, and he would like to be able to offer services during Thomas the Train in exchange. After some discussion the board members were agreeable. Director Anderson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Director Gelini and passed unanimously.

The County is going to a "block training schedule." The Training Officers in the San Lorenzo Valley have also tried to adopt this for Tuesday night trainings, and have met and discussed. This will also enable more joint drills with other departments in the valley. We will need to use the 5th Tuesdays dinner nights for drills in the future. He is discussing other ways to replace those missed social gatherings for the squad members and families.

Director Richmond brought up that he noticed very few donations for guests attending dinners. Some discussion followed.

Chief also brought up the squad's request that board members come observe some of their drills.

The trailer arrived today. It still needs to be anchored to the ground. There is some additional minor work to be done.

A basic tool kit has been purchased for the station. This replaces the many personal tools that were used in the past.

6.0 Unfinished Business:

6.1 PERS retirement and healthcare benefits contract update: Visit from ABC Law representative to discuss contract

Discussion was conducted during closed session.

6.2 Volunteer Shift Program: Duty Stipend & Qualifications.

Chief Gray reviewed the response numbers from last year for S. Sipes, and the corresponding financial impacts of increasing his stipend amount would have. Board members agreed it was a good plan. He is working on the Duty Officer duties and qualifications currently and will be able to report more next month.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 2020 Fire Chief goals.

Chief Gray provided an initial list of his planned 2020 goals. Director Richmond suggested changing the word "hire" to "recruit" relating to new squad members. He

also asked that the Chief add a fitness goal for the year. Overall the board members thought it was a good list.

7.2 VSP Vision eligibility for Board Members. Laurie provided premium and benefits information to the board members. She explained that FDAC/EBA will consider this a "special enrollment" to accommodate adding directors to our plan. Laurie asked they turn in their enrollment forms as soon as possible, to enable adding them during this month, with the coverage effective February 1, 2020.

8.0 Approve paid vendor claims for the month of December 2019: Board members reviewed the vendor claims in the amount of \$29,933.74. Director Anderson asked Chief to provide expenses to date for the security system and Wi-fi upgrades, and discussed the project budget. Some general discussion followed regarding access codes. Claims were approved as presented on motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Walters and passed.

9.0 Closed Session: Closed session was opened at 7:01 p.m.

10.0 Reconvene Meeting:

Dave Ladd, Chairman

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:41. Chairman Ladd reported the board members discussed the PERS contract and related retirement health benefits with attorney Victoria Loomis. Victoria will contact PERS directly to clarify further.

11.0 Set date for the next meeting: The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, February 03, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

12.0 Adjourn: Chairman Ladd adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Attest: Laurie Dennis, Secretary