FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
131 Kirby Street, Felton CA 95018 831 335-4422

Regular Meeting Minutes

Of The Board of Directors

February 03, 2020

1.0 Convene Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Ladd at 7:00 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: none

1.4 Approve meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 06, 2020. Regular meeting approved as written on motion by Director Gelini and second by Director Anderson and passed.

1.5 Considerations of Additions to the Agenda: None

2.0 Public Comment: None

3.0 Public Hearing: None

4.0 Directors Reports: Director Walters commented regarding a conversation with a patron of the Felton Music Hall. The location seemed overly crowded. Discussion followed regarding occupancy and following up. Chief Gray requested that anyone reporting a concerning situation refer it to him at the time of occurrence. Director Walters suggested they consider a door counter. Chief Gray plans to follow up on several items with them.
Director Anderson restated that LAFCO expects the application for consolidation of some form from Aptos and Central at their April meeting.

5.0 Staff Report: Chief Gray reported that WIFi Project and security upgrades are mostly completed and on budget. The cut-over was not as smooth as hoped and Ian continues to work with Pagoda to finalize some details. Director Ladd brought up future system management needs. Chief Gray stated there are alternates to Ian, including Pagoda if any issues arose that were more than he could deal with.

The radio project is nearly done, with roll-out in progress. Short discussion followed on issuance of radios and future additions.

Chief Gray plans to include a new server in the new fiscal budget as ours is at the end of its life.

Reminder to board members that they need to file their Form 700s by April 1.

Laurie provided an update regarding PERS and our attorney's ability to obtain information. PERS is requiring special authorizations and approvals that they are trying to clarify and get in place. Still waiting for PERS response to accomplish this.

Those board members now enrolled in VSP Vision Benefits can go online

Anti-Harassment training will need to be completed by all board members online. More information to come soon. If training has already been completed elsewhere, please provide a copy of the training certificate. It needs to show the year 2020 and reference SB1343 / AB1825 to qualify.

Just received notification today that there may be issues with Roaring Camp being a location for the Active Shooter Drill planned for March 8. They are adding extra stipulations, he will follow-up with Zach Ackemann as to the exact problems. We will also be looking at alternate locations for back-up.

6.0 Unfinished Business:

6.1 PERS retirement and healthcare benefits contract review (closed session)

6.2 Volunteer Shift Program: Duty Stipend & Qualifications.

Chief Gray stated this document is not yet ready to present to the board, but is hopeful for the April meeting. There was some discussion amongst the members regarding requirement components. Director Richmond recommended keeping it simple due to the size of our department and number of personnel. He stated that the trailer is staffed an average of three nights a week, but expects that to now be increasing and definitely more so when the new members graduate the Academy.

Some discussion followed regarding the fencing and lack of response from vendors to do the work. Board members advised the Chief to just contact Boynton Fence and go with him for time's sake.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Vehicle replacement plan review.

Chief Gray discussed the district vehicles detailed on the list provided and current uses. Rescue 2360 has historically had problems and costs to keep it up, and as such is used infrequently. He expressed a desire to research a Type 6 engine, which could carry up to 300 gallons of water and wouldn't require the driver to be an Engineer. He would also like to look into selling both W2350 and R2360. He would need to find a broker and they would both have to be sold out of state, due to California diesel requirements. A lengthy discussed followed regarding financial and usability reasons for looking at both of these ideas. Director Richmond began a discussion on the large animal trailer and its less frequent use. Director Walters was supportive of the Type 6 idea and referenced his past experience with City of Santa Cruz Fire. Director Ladd recommended these ideas be considered separate from each other. Additional discussion followed. The new Water Tender will need to be in place before the old one would be decommissioned.

Director Walters made a motion to sell Water Tender 2350 and Rescue 2360 as recommended by the Chief, and investigate a replacement vehicle as necessary. The motion was seconded by Director Gelini and passed unanimously.

Chief will look for a broker and do further research.

8.0 Approve paid vendor claims for the month of January 2020: Board members reviewed the vendor claims in the amount of $76,291.87. Director Richmond noted a mis-statement in the Audit Report on page 20, that made reference to Nevada County. Laurie will contact the Auditor for corrections. Claims were approved as presented on motion by Director Richmond, seconded by Director Gelini and passed.

9.0 Closed Session: Chairman Ladd opened the closed session to discuss retirement and health care benefits at 7:35 p.m.

10.0 Reconvene Meeting: At 7:44 p.m. the board reconvened to Open Session. Chairman Ladd reported the board members discussed retiree health benefits and voted to send a letter to the former Chief regarding health benefit payments.

11.0 Set date for the next meeting: The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, March 02, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Dave Ladd, Chairman

Attest: Laurie Dennis, Secretary