



FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

131 Kirby Street, Felton CA 95018 831 335-4422

Regular Meeting Minutes

Of The Board of Directors

July 06, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91983546161> Meeting ID: 956 2567 1796

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1.0 Convene Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Ladd at 7:04 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call: Directors D. Ladd, R. Gelini, J. Anderson, D. Walters

Staff: Chief Gray, L. Dennis

Absent: None

Guests: John Block, Cyndi Foreman

All attendees participated via Zoom except Chief Gray and Director Gelini.

1.4 Approve meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 01, 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: None

5.0 Staff Report: Chief Gray stated that the new water tender 2350 arrived and has already been on a wildland fire assisting up the coast. The old tender went to Oklahoma for some refurbishing before it goes to it's destination department.

He participated in the Ben Lomond violent incident on June 6. He responded due to specialized training and was IC. He attended a debriefing this morning with County EMS which was very valuable.

This morning began Phase II of the Day Break fuel reduction project. Funds provided by McPherson's office, Fire Safe Council and PG&E provided about \$85,000 in funding. The work will cover both sides of Mount Hermon from the horses at the bottom clear up to the Zayante overpass, 30 feet in on each side. He was asked to become a board member on the

Fire Safe Council which will be beneficial for both them and Felton Fire District. He has stepped down from the CERT Council, and Zach Ackemann will be involved.

6.0 Unfinished Business:

6.1 Board Vacancy – interviews and appointment

Director Ladd began the interviews by stating the same 5 questions would be asked of each candidate, with the board members alternating asking the questions.

At 7:14 p.m. the first interview began with candidate Cyndi Foreman. She described her reasons for applying and qualifications. Questions were asked and answered.

At 7:29 the interview with candidate John Block began. He described reasons for applying and qualifications. Questions were alternately asked and answered.

Board members had a short discussion regarding both candidates. Chairman Ladd called for a vote. Directors Anderson, Walters and Ladd voted for C Forman, Director Gelini voted for J Block. Cyndi Foreman was appointed to fill the vacant board seat. Laurie was asked to notify both of the candidates of the outcome.

Director Ladd asked for contact information for Cyndi Foreman to be sent to each board member.

6.2 PERS retirement and healthcare benefits contract review

Director Ladd stated this should be tabled until the next meeting. Laurie reported that the revised letter from the actuarial is still pending and she will follow up again. Chief Gray suggested we have a set direction for communications moving forward so that multiple people aren't contacting our attorney and asking duplicate questions. There was a short discussion regarding communications and the possibility of need for special meetings to move forward if necessary. Chief Gray reiterated that information from the attorney will go to Director Ladd first for direction.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Resolution 2-2020, Accept Unanticipated income for sale of WT2350.

Chief Gray stated we received the balance payment of \$36,000 for the Water Tender for the total sale price of \$40,000.

Director Anderson moved to accept the income, the motion was seconded by Director Gelini and passed unanimously. The funds will be deposited.

7.2 Grand Jury Response – Felton Fire Protection District Board of Directors – “Fire and Safety Inspections in Santa Cruz County”, due by September 23, 2020.

Chief Gray briefly explained the effects of the Ghost Ship housing incident and the resulting impact it has had on this inspection issue. All of the items noted in the report we are currently working on. He is unsure if they will all be completed by the

end of the year, but are well on their way. Discussion followed. Board members were in agreement that Chief should continue with answering the findings documented, forward to them for review, then Director Ladd will submit the response to the Grand Jury.

7.3 Resolution 3-2020, Consolidation of Election in November 2020.

Director Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution to have the County consolidate our November 2020 election. Director Walters seconded the motion and it passed.

7.4 Grand Jury Response – “Ready? Aim? Fire! Discussion. Due by October 1, 2020.

Chief Gray suggested tabling this response until the next board meeting. This was received by all Fire Districts requiring all of them to submit a response. Many of the items our CalFire responsibility. The Chiefs and Fire Prevention will be discussing this also. There was some discussion and board members were agreeable to table.

8.0 Approve paid vendor claims for the month of June 2020: Board members reviewed the vendor claims in the amount of \$19,292.26. Chief Gray stated that he would have Director Gelini approve the invoice from KME for the water tender in the amount of \$341,294.26. Until KME receives payment they won't provide any of the documents we need to register the vehicle. Claims were approved as presented on motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Walters and passed.

The regular meeting was closed at 8:18 p.m. and the board and Chief Gray went into closed session.

9.0 Closed Session: Secretary current salary evaluation

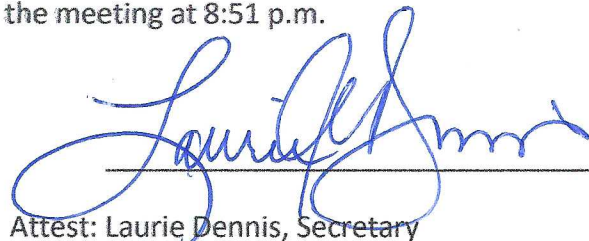
Chairman Ladd opened the closed session to discuss retirement and health care benefits at 8:15 p.m.

10.0 Reconvene Meeting: At 8:50 p.m. the board reconvened to Open Session. Chairman Ladd reported the board members directed Chief Gray to review and update the District Secretary job description and gather more information regarding what other Districts have in place for a pay scale.

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

12.0 Adjourn: Chairman Ladd adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Dave Ladd, Chairman



Attest: Laurie Dennis, Secretary