



FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

131 Kirby Street, Felton CA 95018 831 335-4422

Regular Meeting Minutes

Of The Board of Directors

March 07, 2022

Location: ZOOM meeting link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82625215728?pwd=VUIBdDhBWC9IKzNkeTB5Wk4vU2NZQT09>

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 826 2521 5728

Passcode: 921890

1.0 Convene Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cyndi Foreman at 6:03 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call: Directors C. Foreman, R. Gelini, J. Anderson, N. Crandell, D. Ladd

Staff: Chief Gray, L. Dennis

Absent: none

Guests: none

1.4 Approve meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 07, 2022.

Regular meeting minutes approved as written on motion by Director Ladd and second by Director Anderson and passed.

Ayes: Directors Anderson, Gelini, Ladd and Crandell

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

1.5 Considerations of Additions to the Agenda: None

2.0 Public Comment: none

3.0 Public Hearing: None

4.0 Directors Reports: Director Crandell stated he'd like to share, for transparency's sake, that he had a conversation with former Chief Rickabaugh whom he ran into at his workplace. He mainly listened.

Director Anderson stated he is on an Ad Hoc committee for LAFCO. He and Joe Serrano have met twice with the Scotts Valley and Branciforte boards to discuss consolidation.

LAFCO has submitted some paperwork and is waiting for their boards to meet and review. They are considering costs to keep Branciforte running. LAFCO has retained Don Jarvis to assist in evaluating and recommendations related to the fire districts. Director Gelini asked who the interim Chief would be after next week. Some discussion followed regarding potential interim Chief solutions.

5.0 Staff Report: Chief Gray reviewed highlights of the Chief's Report he emailed to the board members today.

- The BFFA seems to be back on track and going much better.
- Five firefighters have completed their classroom room for Driver/ Operator, and now will be working on getting their licenses.
- Staffing remains a challenge, especially related to scheduling people that can drive.
- Continuing to work on policy. He is working with Chief Walters for standardization, and has completed 16 updates. He would like to see all of the San Lorenzo Valley departments similar. Director Foreman asked if he utilized Lexipol. He stated not currently, but that Zayante does. It's very expensive.
- Interviews were completed for 2 EMT candidates. Undetermined if hiring one or both at this time.
- Replacement of records management still in progress. Looking into Image Trend for response/ NFIRS tracking as well as our current use for medicals. Director Foreman mentioned that their dispatch has grant funding that pays for Image Trend. She really likes the software for multi-use.
- Prevention and Education- Meeting with CalFire, Scotts Valley, Felton and Supervisor McPherson and had a good discussion regarding fuel reduction in the Mount Hermon area habitat.
- Still planning a direct mailing to District properties some time in May regarding fire safety and preparedness.
- Have talked with Zayante regarding possibility of some type of brush chipper program. We have other priorities right now.

6.0 Unfinished Business:

6.1 LAFCO sphere of influence annexation- Gray / Anderson- update

Director Anderson led some discussion regarding initial costs. The benefit will be on the public service side, not financial. Some discussion followed regarding exploring a fee structure for non-resident rescue / medical services provided.

6.2 PERS CEPPT pension prefunding trust VS buy out- discussion and possible action

Laurie stated that a Zoom meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, March 15th with Colleen from CEPPT/ CalPERS, Director Anderson and Director Crandell. Some discussion followed; Director Anderson stated he is now unavailable on the 15th. Laurie will try to reschedule the Zoom meeting as Director Anderson is a key participant in this project. Some additional discussion followed regarding investments and fees. Director Anderson reminded the others of the 7% rate we pay PERS presently on our unfunded liability balance.

6.3 Strategic planning process update- Gray/ Crandell- discussion/ update

Chief Gray stated that there was no update. This will be tabled and remain on the agenda.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Type 6 fire apparatus spec pricing. Discussion and action

Chief Gray described his trip to the QTAC factory. Impressed by the facility and he feels it's a good product. He received a quote of approximately \$300,000 for the Type 6 we are interested in. Director Foreman stated the last one Sonoma County purchased was about \$278,000 so that amount would seem reasonable.

He shared the spec and pricing for 3 different but comparable models – all with plan to carry 300 gallons of water and space to carry stokes inside.

Skeeter / \$295,000+ / 24 months for delivery

Cascade Fire / \$184,000+ / 18 months for delivery as of their last quote

QTAC / \$251,000+ / 10 months for delivery. They have already been competitive bid through the State process by Butte County/ CalFire.

His recommendation would be to go with QTAC. Director Foreman stated she was receptive and impressed by the product. Director Crandell asked about the material (polypropylene) that it's made of, some discussion followed and Chief's comments. Director Ladd questioned the need for "pump and roll" and asked about the tires. Chief stated the pumping comes with it and he's looked at all terrain tires for this Type 6. Some discussion regarding this type of vehicles longevity as questioned by Director Gelini. Chief Gray stated they are built to last now, much better than older versions as in the past. Director Anderson agreed that this type of unit could relieve stress on some of our heavier equipment and serve a better utility use. Director Crandell asked about usability on a fire, to which Chief replied they can be refilled from a hydrant or tender and would also carry some foam.

Chief asked that the board take action and recommended the agreement with QTAC to build the apparatus as in the spec for us. There would be a prepayment of \$70,000 for the chassis. Director Foreman asked if he thought there would be a second Type 6 in our future to which the Chief replied no. More discussion followed. Director Foreman asked for a motion.

Director Anderson made a motion to move forward on the purchase of the QTAC Type 6. Director Crandell seconded.

Ayes: Directors Anderson, Gelini, Ladd and Crandell

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

7.2 Adopt Resolution 3-2022 to continue supporting AB 361- Conducting virtual board meetings during a declared state of emergency- Gray- discussion and action

Director Anderson made a motion to adopt the resolution to continue virtual meetings and Director Crandell seconded.

Ayes: Directors Anderson, Gelini, Ladd and Crandell

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding this being on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss returning to in person meetings pending lifting of restrictions.

8.0 Approve paid vendor claims for the month of February 2022: Board members reviewed the vendor claims in the amount of \$55,041.87. Director Foreman commented on the cost of Class A Foam we had purchased. Some discussion followed regarding looking into buying in bulk and sharing amongst the valley departments Chief will explore and talk to the other Chiefs. Claims were approved as presented on motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Gelini.

Ayes: Directors Anderson, Gelini, Ladd and Crandell

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried.

9.0 Closed Session: None

10.0 Set date for the next meeting: The next Regular Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.** The meeting will be remotely via Zoom.

11.0 Adjourn: Director Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Cyndi Foreman

Cyndi Foreman, Chairman

Laurie Dennis

Attest: Laurie Dennis, Secretary