

**REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
February 11, 2021**

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1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Talso at 6:30 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Rugg, Strangio, Talso, Tuso –
Boyd by Zoom

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Dale, Captain Robinson; Captain Rojas, Volunteer Battalion Chief Ebert, Volunteer Firefighter Mello, District Counsel Chandler, and Karyn Abshire, Clerk

#3 PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

#4 MINUTES

The minutes of the January 14, 2021 were approved as written

#5 BUDGET REVIEW

a. Budget Report. As of 01/31/21, \$ 793,528.68 has been expended and \$ 494,815.31 in revenue has been received. General Fund balance as of 01/31/21 is \$ 128,936.61. The Equipment Trust Fund Balance as of 01/31/21 is \$ 109,470.52.

#6 CHIEFS REPORT

a. Monthly Report.

Report given by Chief Dale verbally

Chief Dale reported that during the recent snow storm, there were many calls for service, so many in fact that a system was set up with Howard Forest that we would dispatch our own calls after notification from Howard Forest that there was a need for us to respond. The volunteers were very responsive and handled many calls. He has been working on grants, but was not able to submit an OTS grant.

#10 OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Siren – Discussion/Action

Chief Dale reported that a siren has been selected and should be installed sometime in March. The first will be located at the firehouse..

b. Update on SCI Funding Measure Project – Discussion/Action

Chief Dale reported that the project has been put on hold. Gathering the necessary information to justify an increase in special tax assessment has turned out to be a process that will take in-depth time and effort. He is suggesting that it be continued until next year and to aim for the November 2023 election.

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#7 VOLUNTEERS REPORT

- a. Report given by Battalion Chief Ebert. They have 1 volunteer on month 4 of his probation and 1 more has just applied. They have been training on HazMat, rope systems. They built a training prop and have used it. They have also done helicopter training. They are thinking about another “drive-thru” BBQ this year.
- b. Explorers – The Explorers are still in limbo due to the covid-19 restrictions, some of them are training with the Volunteers at the discretion of their parents.

#8 Directors Report

None

#9 GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Volunteers have purchased an “Active 911” paging system which includes screens in the fire station showing who is responding and from where.
Director Boyd requested that the agenda be more descriptive of the items.

#11 NEW BUSINESS

a. Public Hearing – Introduction and First reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01 Fee Schedulet – Discussion/Action

The public hearing was opened at 7:16pm.

Motion made by Director Tusso to wave the reading of the Ordinance. Seconded by Director Rugg. Motion carried.

No one from the public spoke to the Ordinance.

Director Boyd had some questions about the fees.

Public hearing closed at 7:25pm

Motion made by Director Strangio to accept the Ordinance as presented and set the adoption for the March Board meeting. Seconded by Director Rugg. Vote on Roll Call: Ayes: Boyd, Rugg, Strangio, Talso; Tusso; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion passed

b. Mendocino County Fire Safe Council Wood Chipper Agreement – Discussion/Action

Questions of the Chief. Motion made by Director Boyd to approve the agreement with the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council to house a wood chipper at the firehouse and provide maintenance. Seconded by Director Rugg. Vote on Roll Call: Ayes: Boyd, Rugg, Strangio, Talso; Tusso. Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion passed,

#12 CLOSED SESSION

a. Personnel – Discussion/Action

Adjourned to closed session at 7:35pm

Reconvened in open session at 8:15pm.

Chair Talso reported that no action was taken in closed session

#13 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.