



**REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES  
March 10, 2022**

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**# 1 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Talso at 6:10 p.m.

**# 2 ROLL CALL**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Talso, Tuso, Rugg,

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Boyd, Strangio

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Robinson and Jessica Keizer, Clerk

**#3 PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

Audience member Gizmo spoke about the Hwy 20 project and voiced concerns for safety.

**#4 MINUTES**

02/10/2022 Special Board meeting minutes, motion made to accept by Director Rugg and second by Director Tuso.

Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Tuso, Rugg, Absent: Boyd, Stangio

**Motion Passed**

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Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Tuso, Rugg, Absent: Boyd, Stangio

**Motion Passed**

**#5 BUDGET REVIEW**

a. Budget Report. As of 02/28/2022, \$63,301.25 has been expended and \$7,398.00 in revenue has been billed. Net total for the month of February was -\$55,903.25. We have received some of our income from our strike teams to date



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#6 CHIEFS REPORT

- For the month of February we had 32 calls with a very good response rate from our Volunteers.
- We have 4 from our Department attending a driver operation course in Ukiah to further their driving skills.
- Battalion Chief Phillips and Lt. Juszczak attended a Hazmat IC class in Ukiah.
- Lt. Juszczak and Captain Rojas are currently enrolled in the EMT class as well as probationary firefighter Angel Davies.
- The Dept. has been working with SCI to develop the flier for our upcoming tax assessment to better represent our needs and fit our community.
- At the Chiefs meeting it was decided that the Fire Warden is on hold at the moment as CSA3 is a main concern.
- We had a pre-construction meeting for our Type 1 engine and are working on a change order for the adjustments.
- Engine 6264 is going to be getting a transmission installed this week so it should be up and running soon thanks to Sam's Diesel.

#7 VOLUNTEERS REPORT

- a. The Volunteers have started weekly workout training sessions to help get a jump on fitness preparation for the upcoming fire season. They train at the station on Tuesdays and Thursdays to increase agility and physical fitness abilities. During one of the monthly training sessions a Palmer Dollhouse was constructed and burned in order to learn more about smoke behaviors. In April there will be a rope class on the Coast that is available to attend. We have seen an overall increase in Volunteer responses to calls recently and we are happy to announce that one of our former Volunteers has returned. Welcome back Lucas Boek! March st will be our corned beef and cabbage dinner at the station.
- b. Explorers are still on hold.

#8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy & Procedures Committee – Rugg, Strangio – Did not meet
- b. Strategic Planning Committee – Talso, Rugg – Did not meet
- c. Budget Committee –Talso, Boyd – Did not meet
- d. Grant Committee- Talso, Rugg- Did not meet
- e. Siren Committee- Tuso, Strangio- No Meeting. Awaiting information from the County. They are currently looking to hire a Project Manager for the Siren installation.
- f. Tax Measure- Did not meet

#9 DIRECTORS REPORTS

None



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**#10 GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT**

We received our new computers and they are up and running.

We will be going to Deep Valley Christain School to meet with the kids and go over fire safety. We are waiting on confirmation to schedule a date with Calpella School as well.

**#11 OLD BUSINESS**

a. Form 700-  
Last call to get your Form 700 turned into the county as required for all Board members. Jessica will take them to the County if you drop them off at the station.

b. Public  
Information/Town Hall meetings- Review of information fact sheet. Notation of corrections, typos and corrections. Would like to review the necessity of the annual contract with SCI. We would like to consider the cost of making the flier color.

**#12 NEW BUSINESS**

a. Acquisition of Type 6 Brush Truck-Chief Robinson

Through cooperative purchasing we have received a satisfactory contract from Frie Trucks Unlimited for the purchase of our Type 6 Brush Truck using our PG&E funds held by the County. They are located in Nevada which will allow us to travel to due a pre construction meeting in person for the specifications we are looking for.

Due to this item not being listed as an Action item on the agenda it was listed as Discussion only by mistake a Motion was made by Director Tuso to amend the agenda to list this contract as an Action item as was intended by the District. Director Rugg made a second.

Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Tuso, Rugg, Absent: Boyd, Stangio

**Motion Passed**

Motion was made to approve the contract as written for the Type 6 Brush Truck to purchased from Fire Trucks Unlimited in the amount of \$209,683.95 by Director Tuso, Second Director Rugg

Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Tuso, Rugg, Absent: Boyd, Stangio

**Motion Passed**

b. Review Committee assignments- In order to streamline the committee assignments and even the load amongst the Board Members Chairperson Talso combined the Strategic Planning Committee and the Grant Committee into one committee. Additionally, Director Talso assigned Director Tuso to be on the Policies and Procedures committee in place of herself. The Policies and Procedures will now be Director Strangio and Director Tuso.



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**Move to Closed Session 7:11**

**#13 CLOSED SESSION**

a. Personnel Evaluation- Evaluation for Chief Robinson

Due to absent Board members it was decided to hold a Special Meeting for his evaluation on March 22,2022 at 3:00PM

a. Legal Counsel

Still reviewing options for legal counsel

**#14 ADJOURNMENT**

There will be special Board Meeting March 22, 2022 at 3:00PM

Next Board Meeting will be April 14, 2022 at 6:00PM

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

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Linda Talso, Chair

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Jessica Keizer Clerk