

**REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
March 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, Volunteer Battalion Chief Ebert, Captain Rojas, Volunteer Firefighter Mello, Volunteer Firefighter Gaska, and Karyn Abshire, Clerk

#3 PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Discussion regarding the PG&E settlement that the County has received. Great disappointment was voiced that the County hasn't stated use of any part of the \$22 million settlement be used to help Redwood Valley in its recovery from the devastating Fire Storm that hit in 2017. Director Boyd thinks that we may have some say in how it is used. Volunteer BC Ebert suggested that RVCFD host a community meeting at the firehouse. Director Talso announced that she had received an invitation from Patricia Cabran from the Grange to attend a Zoom meeting on March 18.

#4 MINUTES

The minutes of the February 11, 2021 were approved as written

#5 BUDGET REVIEW

a. Budget Report. As of 02/28/21, \$ 942,837.61 has been expended and \$ 880,225.94 in revenue has been received. General Fund balance as of 02/28/21 is \$ 365,038.31. The Equipment Trust Fund Balance as of 02/28/21 is \$ 109,820.52.

#6 CHIEFS REPORT

a. Monthly Report.

Report given by Chief Dale verbally

Chief Dale reported that February was a light month for fire calls. He has no further information regarding a Cal Fire type III engine. He reported on the County Fire Chiefs Assn. meeting – discussion regarding the allocation for Prop 172 funds, ToT funds, and Cannabis tax funds along with changes to the Cal Fire Mendocino Unit payment rates. He is working on the ISO survey, it is about 90% complete. The siren has been ordered and installation is scheduled in about 60 days. Work will have to be done at the station – remove old siren, install new siren foundation, etc. Capt. Robinson went to HazMat training. Volunteer Firefighere Mello has been hired by Cal Fire. WT6290 is in the repair shop and is almost ready for service. The problem with the hydraulic pumping system has been figured out and is being fixed. WT6270 will be going in next for replacement of piping.

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#7 VOLUNTEERS REPORT

- a. Report given by Volunteer Battalion Chief Ebert. They had a stress management/mental health presentation by Tony Howard. It was well done and well received. Wildland fire training will be starting soon. He presented a Volunteer “wish list”
- 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

Director Rugg. The Strategic Planning Committee has met a couple of times. He handed out a budget projection for the next 5 years and explained the reasons for the amounts he used. The Snyder property next door may be for available to purchase – discussion. The next meeting of the committee was scheduled.

#9 GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer BC Ebert announced that he was able to obtain 6 boxes of Narcan for the fire department. Chief Dale showed slides of the siren testing.

#10 OLD BUSINESS

a. Ordinance 2021-01 – Establishing Fees for Service – Discussion/Action

Motion made by Director Tuso waive the second reading of the proposed ordinance. Seconded by Director Strangio. Vote on Roll Call: Ayes: Boyd, Rugg, Strangio, Talso; Tuso; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion passed

Motion made by Director Tuso to adopt Ordinance 2021-01. Seconded by Director Strangio. Vote on Roll Call: Ayes: Boyd, Rugg, Strangio, Talso; Tuso; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Ordinance adopted.

#11 NEW BUSINESS

a. Authorize Chief Dale to Execute an Agreement with Fire Recovery USA to Collect Fees for Services Related to Incident Reponses in the District – Discussion/Action

Motion made by Director Rugg to authorize Chief Dale to execute the agreement. Seconded by Director Tuso . Vote on Roll Call: Ayes: Boyd, Rugg, Strangio, Talso; Tuso; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion passed

Director Boyd excused at 8:37pm

#12 CLOSED SESSION

a. Personnel – Discussion/Action

Adjourned to closed session at 8:37pm

Reconvened in open session at 9:20pm.

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 9:21pm.