

**REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
December 10, 2020**

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1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tuso at 6:30 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Rugg, Strangio, Talso, Tuso – Boyd by Zoom

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

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

#3 ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Director Rugg nominated Director Tuso for Chair and Director Talso for Vice Chair. Seconded by Director Strangio. After discussion Director Rugg amended his nominations to Director Talso as Chair and Director Tuso as Vice Chair. Seconded by Director Boyd. Vote on roll call: Ayes: Boyd, Rugg, Strangio, Talso Tuso; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None.

Director Talso assumed the position of Chair. Chair Talso will appoint committee members at the January meeting.

#4 PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Director Boyd conveyed the concern of a constituent regarding the air quality with all the burning in the valley.

#5 MINUTES

The minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting were approved as written

#6 BUDGET REVIEW

a. Budget Report. As of 11/30/20, \$ 636,362.39 has been expended and \$ 137,061.02 in revenue has been received. General Fund balance as of 11/30/20 is \$ -71,822.26. The Equipment Trust Fund Balance as of 11/30/20 is \$ 64,622.19.

#7 CHIEFS REPORT

a. Monthly Report.

Report given by Chief Dale verbally

Chief Dale reported that the Cal Fire has new requirements for billings for responses in the SRA and all billings that have been submitted previously have been redone.

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#8 VOLUNTEERS REPORT

- a. Report given by Battalion Chief Robinson and Volunteer Battalion Chief Ebert. The Christmas Trees sold out very quickly and they made approximately \$16,000 net. They sold 372 trees and 20 wreaths. They are training on structure fires.

- 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.

#9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy & Procedures Committee – No meeting

- b. Strategic Planning Committee - No meeting.

- c. Budget Committee –No meeting

#10 DIRECTOR REPORTS

- a. Mendocino County Fire Districts Association - no meeting

- b. Other Reports
None

#11 GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT

None

#12 OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Siren Project – Discussion/Action

Chief Dale reported that compiling of the data is being finished. The project will start with one siren on School Way and then additional sirens will be added as the funding is available.

b. Update on SCI Funding Measure – Discussion/Action

A meeting is schedule next week to begin gathering the necessary data to analyze the need and ascertain district residents acceptance of a special tax increase.

#13 New Business

a. Update Signatures on Savings Bank of Mendocino County Check Account – Discussion/Action

Motion made by Director Tusso to remove Leo Bleier and Keith Graydon as signatories on the account and add Christine Boyd and John Strangio. Seconded by Director Rugg. Motion passed.

#14 CLOSED SESSION

a. Consider Litigation Regarding Adoption of District Fire Code and Notification of Construction in District – Discussion/Action

b. Personnel Matters – Discussion/Action

Adjourned to closed session at 7:25pm

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Reconvened in open session at 8:15pm.

Chair Talso requested a resolution of the District adopting the 2019 California Fire Code with no changes or amendments be placed on the January, 2021 agenda. District Counsel Chandler will prepare a letter to communicate to the County the State Fire Code and Health and Safety Sections as they apply to the District and the things that the District desires/needs to receive from the County regarding building permits and project applications and any other things that are happening in the District as they relate to District authority. District Counsel will provide the letter to Chair Talso for approval before submission to the County.

No action was taken on the personnel matters.

.#14 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Linda Talso, Chair

Karyn Abshire, Clerk