

Clarksburg Fire Protection District
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Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
June 3, 2021, 4:30 p.m. (via In-Person and *Zoom*)
Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pruner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present:

Joe Gomes, Nancy Kirchhoff, Mark Pruner, Steve Pylman, and Bob Webber
Richard Bagby, Commission Secretary

Fire personnel present:

Chief Craig Hamblin, Assistant Chief Richard Bagby, Captain Peter Hunn and Firefighter Joe Gomes

Public Present:

Mr. Dominic DiMare, District Advocate

Agenda approval:

It was moved by Commissioner Pylman and seconded by Commissioner Webber to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Additional Funding for Yolo County Fire Districts:

Chairman Pruner opened discussion by polling all present as to the most recent information received from Yolo County and the Fire Chief's Association on this topic. Chief Hamblin reported receiving an email from Marcus Klinkhammer, President of the Yolo County Fire Chief's Association, containing a memo of understanding (MOU) for approval of the Board and a suggested press release for release to social media and press as the recipient saw fit. The Chief reported that he received the email approximately one hour prior to this meeting. Chairman Pruner distributed a copy of the email to those present and emailed the material to those participating in this meeting via *Zoom*. Following the review of both documents, the Chairman asked Mr. DiMare for comments. Mr. DiMare expressed the view that, all considered, the documents were somewhat aggressive, potentially inflammatory, and lacked a tone of mutual cooperation between the fire districts and the Board of Supervisors. Mr. DiMare went on to state that, according to his research, statewide, special districts paid approximately 7% into the total Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF), with some special districts paying nothing. It was Mr. DiMare's concern that the Fire Chief's Association is asking the County for an allocation beginning at 13% of the available Public Safety Augmentation Funds (PSAF), also known as Proposition 172 funds. With respect to presenting a rational argument, Mr. DiMare found this discrepancy to be "cognitively dissonant" with the Fire Chief's Association demands. Mr. DiMare reviewed a number of other concerns that he has regarding the current situation.

Additional Funding for Yolo County Fire Districts (continued):

Those concerns included, but were not limited to, the aggressive nature of the MOU and press release, the District's relationship with the Board of Supervisors, the diverse needs of Yolo County fire districts, political considerations, and support for additional taxation. Mr. DiMare reported talking informally with Supervisor Villegas earlier today. The conversation with the Supervisor Villegas was reported as cordial with the Supervisor expressing confidence in the Clarksburg Fire District's ability to manage the mission of the District both financially and operationally. Based on the aforementioned considerations, Mr. DiMare recommended that the Board not sign the MOU as presented, always speak from the District's strong position, be diplomatic with all the stakeholders, and differentiate between one-time allocation and ongoing allocations of funding. Chairman Pruner thanked Mr. DiMare for his counsel and recommendations. Chairman Pruner asked Commissioners Gomes and Pylman to review the aforementioned MOU in an effort to develop changes that would be acceptable to this Board. There was an extended discussion on this topic. The discussion included, but was not limited to, the short notice of the MOU and press release, the aforementioned characteristics of the MOU, and public perception of the proposed sales tax increase. Following the lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the District not sign the MOU in its current form.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2021:

Following a review of the draft minutes of the May 6, 2021 Regular Meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Pylman and seconded by Commissioner Gomes to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2021 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 31, 2021:

Following a review of the draft minutes of the May 31, 2021 Special Meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Webber and seconded by Commissioner Pylman to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 31, 2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Approval of the Expenditures of April 2021 in the amount of \$3,706.97:

Following a brief discussion and a number of questions, it was moved by Commissioner Gomes and seconded by Commissioner Webber to approve the expenditures for the month of April 2021 in the amount of \$3,706.97. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Public Comment:

Captain Hunn expressed his confidence that he will hear from Yocha Dehe Giving regarding our grant application for the re-chassis of Water 40. The Captain further reported that his committee is in the process of preparing a similar project with respect to the re-chassis of Water 240. Captain Hunn reported that Gregory Merwin will be the Grand Marshall for this year's 4th of July Parade.

Reports from Commissioners:

Chairman Pruner renewed his suggestion that the District take positive action in the area of fire prevention by communicating with our residents the need for heightened attention to safety during this year's fire season. The Chairman circulated a number of prevention documents supplied by Cal Fire. The Chairman further suggested that the District find a venue to distribute the material to the community. It was the consensus of those present to investigate how to implement and budget this proposed project.

Closed Session:

A Closed Session was not held.

Security Fencing and Access:

There was a short discussion of the proposed security fence proposed by Valdez Painting Inc. (VPI) as discussed at the previous Regular Meeting. It was the consensus of the Board the Chief Hamblin continues to be the District representative in discussions with VPI on the specific location of the fence.

Equipment Acquisition and Finance:

Commissioner Pylman distributed the updated apparatus replacement spreadsheet and discussed the variables contained therein. Commissioner Pylman answered a number of questions from the Board. Commissioner Pylman added that he has secured a letter of commitment from the Bank of Stockton for the finance of apparatus if financing is required. Individual Commissioners and staff noted the level of advanced planning contained in this document and thanked Commissioner Pylman for his efforts.

Review of District Code of Rules and Regulations:

Chairman Pruner presented a "red line" version of our Code of Rules and Regulations wherein a number of changes were proposed. Proposed changes related to budget adoption, public notice, and District powers. This item will be on the agenda of the next meeting of this Board.

2021-2022 Preliminary Budget:

Secretary Bagby presented a draft copy of the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget. There was a brief discussion regarding budget categories and amounts that may need to be added or modified prior to final approval.

Community Water Delivery System:

Chairman Pruner reported that, last month, he attended the online workshop regarding the single tunnel project and the proposed Community benefit program administered by the Delta Conveyance Construction Authority (DCA). The chairman stated that, in addition to monitoring the activities of the DCA, he has endeavored to present this idea at other community organization meetings. There was a discussion regarding how this proposal (community water delivery system) should be pursued with the DCA and the possibility of involving other Delta communities in a common effort to secure potable water systems in all communities along the river. There was a discussion of the specific needs for community water systems in Courtland and Walnut Grove. Chief Hamblin suggested that, based on his knowledge and experience, this idea has merit.

Resolution 21-01, A Resolution Authorizing the participation in the Employment Risk Management Authority (ERMA):

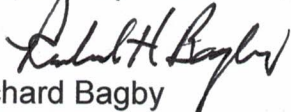
Secretary Bagby presented this Resolution and his recommendation that it be approved. The Secretary delineated that this Resolution is for the purpose of approving a new joint powers authority to cover our excess employment liability insurance. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Webber and seconded by Commissioner Pylman to approve Resolution 21-01. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Chief's Report:

Chief Hamblin reported that the training of the 4 new volunteers is going well. The Chief reported that the training officers are working with a highly motivated group who will be ready to respond to calls within the next 30 days. The Chief finished his report by reminding all present and online of 4th of July Parade. The Chief noted that, participating in the parade will be Gregory Merwin as Grand Marshall, Senator Bill Dodd, and a group of enthusiastic Clarksburg Firefighters.

With no further business before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Gomes and seconded by Commissioner Pylman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Bagby
Secretary to the Commission