

WEST POINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING, WED. DECEMBER 2, 2020
MINUTES

6:00 P.M. West Point Station

Chairman Steve Schoenthaler called the meeting to order. Directors Schoenthaler, Bryce Randall, John Hesketh and Julia Marsili were present with Director Greg Pryor in attendance via zoom calling. Also present were Chief Bill Fullerton (via zoom calling), Asst. Chief Terry Miller, Chaplain Carolyn Oliver, CERT Reps Sam and Kathy Hernandez, Association Liaison Tim Adams and Clerk Jill Jenkins.

THE MINUTES of the last meeting held on 11/4/20 were reviewed. Steve made the motion to adopt the minutes as written. Bryce seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted with 5 votes.

CORRESPONDENCE for the month was reviewed as well as the Bank of Stockton account statement. There was no action necessary.

BOARD MATTERS- Steve stated county counsel requested slight revisions to Resolution 2020-06 regarding the May 4, 2021 special tax measure. He said he made the revisions, which were very minor and provided better clarity. He said the argument in favor of the measure would only be printed if someone were to oppose the measure. Steve will make sure the county gets the revised resolution. Julia presented a Face book Announcement which she will post regarding the need to hold the May 4, 2021 ballot measure election. Steve stated he and Julia will be working together on the tasks to be completed. Steve presented information that he has researched regarding the COVID 19 current data and projections.

THE CERT REPORT was presented in written format and is attached to these minutes. Sam and Kathy gave information on CERT fundraising through Amazon Smile.

THE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT was presented by Tim Adams. He reported they are still receiving donations resulting from the community mailing and their ending bank account balance is \$18,187.

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT was presented by Carolyn Oliver who stated she is presently working alone as Bruce Forrest is away on a family emergency. Carolyn said Bruce responded on 1 call in November and also cooked a meal. She said she monitors and checks on the responders when they come in from a call.

THE WEBSITE REPORT- Sam said the website has received approximately 14,000 hits since it started. He said July, August and September were months that a lot of people checked the website. He said he's working on updating the website with pictures of our newer staff members. Julia stated she'll have the Frequently Asked Questions ready to post to the website in January.

THE DISTRICT'S PAYABLES were presented in 2 transmittals: The regular monthly bills totaling \$3479.02 and the Cal Card purchases totaling \$1761.75. Jill

presented 4 checks (refund of overpayments, Butte Fire Settlement and a Cal Fire payment for the Mason Fire) totaling \$34,862.96. Bryce made the motion to pay both transmittals and to deposit \$34,862.96 to our fund held at the county auditor's office. John seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 votes.

NEW BUSINESS- Sam presented a donation and thank you card sent to both the WPPFD and CERT. He said he'll deposit the check and the split the donation with WPPFD.

OLD BUSINESS- none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-none.

THE CHIEF'S REPORT- Bill reported that Firefighter Julie Derby had a health scare and won't be with us for a couple of months. He said George Manos will not be responding regularly but will stay on the roster. He said Tyler Chavez and Justin Colman will be filling in for us while they are off work from Cal Fire. Bill said he has several interviews scheduled for new responders. He reported that it appears the COVID 19 vaccination will be offered to WPPFD in mid-December. He said the Calaveras Fire Chiefs JPA is looking into a public safety sales tax of approximately ½ cent which would calculate to approximately \$275,000.00/year to be split within the county. He said they're trying to get it on the ballot in August, 2021. Bill informed about a grant opportunity through the California Fire Foundation for approximately \$80,000.00 toward a newer vehicle to replace Unit 316. He said we could possibly take possession of the vehicle next week. He said it will basically be a chassis that will need to be built with revenue from the sale of Unit 316. He said this will be a Type 6 engine and will give flexibility for strike team responses.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS- Greg stated how fortunate our district is to have the leadership of Chief Fullerton and Asst. Chief Miller. He said they are the most quality leaders he's seen in his 38 years of service. He report that he's been in talks with the California Insurance Commissioner, State Senators and Fire Representatives regarding a solution to non-renewal of insurance throughout the sierra foothills. He informed the Directors about a meeting to be held on 12/10/20. He stated he will ask for a list of compliancy issues to make a home safer for insurance coverage. Greg asked the Directors for input before the meeting. Jill reported the Elections Dept. has informed that John will be appointed by the County Supervisors for another term. Bryce asked if there would be any conflict of interest if his son joined the WPPFD. Terry stated there would not be a conflict of interest. Carolyn asked about the status of the 2020 awards dinner. Chief Fullerton thought it would be best to hold any plans for now and possibly look at a later date.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Jenkins, Clerk