

WEST POINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING, WED. NOVEMBER 4, 2020
MINUTES

6:00 P.M. West Point Station

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

THE MINUTES of the last regular meeting held on 10/7/20 were reviewed. Steve made the motion to adopt the minutes as written. John seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted with 3 votes.

CORRESPONDENCE for the month was presented. The Bank of Stockton account statement was reviewed.

Steve welcomed and introduced Tim Adams as the liaison between the Board of Directors and the Association.

BOARD MATTERS- Steve gave an update on the new special tax measure which will go to election on 5/4/21. Jill requested a copy of the adopted resolution for the file. Steve said he'd email the resolution to Jill. He then informed everyone that we have earned a profit of approximately \$230,000.00 from strike team responses so far this year.

CERT REPORT was presented in written format and is attached to these minutes.

THE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT- Carolyn said the Association is still receiving donations resulting from the community letter sent in April. She said a total of \$18,890.00 in donations has been received. She said the Association's bank balance today is \$17,826.31.

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT- Carolyn said she and Bruce Forrest are working together. Bruce will be going out on calls and her focus will be with the firefighters. She said they also cook dinners for the firefighters.

THE WEBSITE REPORT- Sam stated everything is running fine and he will update the site with Julia's and Tim's contact information. He said he's working on updates for new software.

THE DISTRICT'S PAYABLES were presented in 4 transmittals: \$1051.30 for the August Cal Card purchases, \$4383.88 for the September Cal Card purchases, \$4362.62 for the regular monthly bills, \$1509.54 to be paid once a new vendor is set up. Jill explained that there are \$480.33 Cal Card receipts that are missing and will not be paid by the county. Bill confirmed these are indeed missing and must

be paid from the Bank of Stockton account. Steve made the motion to pay all of the transmittals as presented as well as the missing receipts through the Bank of Stockton account. Julia seconded the motion. The bills were paid with 4 votes. Jill presented several incoming checks totaling \$14,076.06: \$256.65 for refund of a camper shell for the new Chief's rig, \$10,274.41 from Cal Fire for the SALT fire, \$5.00 records request payment. She was instructed to deposit these into the county fund.

NEW BUSINESS- Steve stated the next ballot measure is scheduled for the 5/4/21 ballot totaling \$180.00 per parcel. Bill said we need to explain the reason for the need of this special tax in addition to our regular income. He said minimum wage was about \$8.00/hour at the time the original tax passed. It has now gone to \$12.00/hour and going up to \$15.00/hour. He said our operating costs are going up also. Bill said he projects we will make it to the end of our fiscal year, 6/30/21, with the strike team revenue of approximately \$230,000.00. But if we have a fire year like 2019 again, he said we won't make it without the special tax. Steve asked Bill to write this information into a summary. Bill explained the Cal Fire rotational schedule for our county districts. Jill confirmed there will not be any special meeting to post. Julia asked Bill if they could together work on a synopsis to present to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Carolyn said she's happy to see Julia and Tim joining the group.

THE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT- Bill reported the district has had 428 calls for the period of January – October this year. He said George Manos and Mike Mitchell have both passed their EMT classes. He said he has inquired about a new California Fire Foundation grant for vehicles. He said he's hoping to use the grant to improve the vehicle at the Wilseyville station. He said we may need to spend about \$6500.00 and he's hoping to know about the grant by the first of 2021. He informed the Directors that he has recently taken the position of interim Chief at Murphys Fire District while the Chief is on medical leave. He said this new position shouldn't change anything here at West Point.

BOARD COMMENTS- Bryce reported the Lumberjack Day Committee is thinking about holding the annual crab feed in January. He said he'll know more next month. John said he is happy to have Julia and Tim here also.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Jenkins, Clerk

