

WEST POINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 8, 2023
MINUTES

6:00 PM West Point Station

Vice Chairperson, Julia Marsili called the meeting to order. Directors Marsili and John Hesketh were present. Directors Tim Adams, Greg Pryor were present via zoom call and Director Steve Schoenthaler zoomed in later. Also present were Chief Terry Miller, CERT Reps Sam and Kathy Hernandez, Chaplains Carolyn Oliver and Bruce Forrest and Clerk Jill Jenkins.

THE MINUTES of the last meetings held on 2/8 and 2/23 were reviewed. John made the motion to adopt the minutes as written. Greg seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted with 4 votes.

CORRESPONDENCE for the month was reviewed. The Bank of Stockton account statement was presented. Julia signed the renewal for the general insurance policy. Jill read a letter regarding the JPA name change for the workers compensation insurance carrier. The approval for the change must be submitted by June. The matter will be reviewed at the Board's April meeting. Julia reminded all Directors they must file the Form 700 with the county by April 1.

BOARD MATTERS- Terry presented scenarios and costs to start the Public Agencies Retirement Services (PARS). Discussion took place regarding taxable contributions or nontaxable contributions such as ROTH plans vs. deferred compensation plans. Terry stated there are currently 5 employees who are eligible at the time. The matter was tabled for further discussion to the April meeting.

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

THE WEBSITE REPORT- Sam said there have been no issues with the website. He's updating photos. He will post the adopted minutes.

THE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT- Tim reported the bank balance is \$34,390.17. He said they are trying to recruit new members. Everyone thanked the Association for the recent Awards dinner.

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT- Carolyn reported the Firefighters seem to be taking care of business at the response scene and not calling the Chaplains for assistance. Carolyn stated their title might need to change from Chaplain to something less denominational like Trauma Responder or Crisis Responder.

THE DISTRICT'S MONTHLY PAYABLES were reviewed in 2 transmittals: Regular bills (including the WestAmerica loan payment) totaling \$33,352.46 and \$7114.43 for the Cal Card purchases. Terry stated the Association will reimburse the district \$4742.20 for the awards. He stated there is a request for a refund of the special tax on a contiguous parcel totaling \$258.50 which is paid from the Bank of

Stockton account. John made the motion to make all of the payments as presented. Greg seconded the motion. The bills were paid with 5 votes. Jill presented a rebate from the Cal Card totaling \$98.55 and she was instructed to deposit it to the Bank of Stockton.

THE CHIEF'S REPORT- Terry stated there were 50 calls in February. He said the committees have not met recently due to weather conditions. He informed that the Transient Occupancy Tax will be approximately \$50,000.00 this year and the Prop. 172 revenues will be approximately \$30,000.00. He said the awards dinner was a success. He covered the last 3 years because the awards dinners had been suspended due to Covid restrictions. Terry said a new Task Force for the upcoming winter storms and flooding will begin at 8:00 tomorrow, 3/9. He said the State will be paying the same as they do for Strike Teams. Terry informed that he recently taught a class and he's donating the payment to the district. He said there is a SCBA confidence class coming up soon.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS and COMMENTS- John asked about the county sales tax initiative. Terry stated it's been rewritten and is going to the County Counsel for approval. He said the campaign will organize a town hall meeting in each district. Greg gave an update regarding new legislation in the state which will require insurance companies to be transparent to property owners so they can make modifications to their properties and keep their coverage. He said they're working on getting re-evaluation for those properties that had their insurance coverage dropped. He said he's been working on this matter for 4 years and feels they're finally getting answers. Terry said he's been asked to inspect 3 properties recently and write evaluation letters for the homeowners who are hoping to get back with their insurance carriers. Carolyn informed she was able to keep her insurance carrier but is paying a higher rate.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Jenkins, Clerk

Response:

MVA:

LZ:

Events:

Completed:

Scheduled: Ham Cram @ Copper fire (Mar 18);

FF Academy – SCBA Confidence course

Ham Cram @ West Point (Apr 15)

Personnel:

5 Active Members; (2 EMR)

Training:

Completed: CPR Recertification

Scheduled: Emergency Communications for CERT – PT2

Medical Training 4th Tue of the month

Equipment:

Return Radio Antenna, due to they did not meet frequency requirements.

Looking for replacement.

Misc. Info:

Monthly Calaveras County OES Operational Area Monthly Briefing Call;

Creating policy for loaning CERT equipment to members

Cleared Snow from Station's Driveway

Cleared Snow from Associated Office LZ

CERT Meetings:

Training – Mar 15; @ 1800

Business Meeting – Apr 19; @ 1800

Training – May 17; @ 1800

