

WEST POINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 3, 2021
MINUTES

6:00 P.M. via Zoom call in

Chairman Stephen Schoenthaler called the meeting to order. Directors Schoenthaler, John Hesketh, Julia Marsili and Bryce Randall were present. Director Greg Pryor was absent. Also present were Chief Bill Fullerton, Asst. Chief Terry Miller, CERT Reps Sam and Kathy Hernandez, Assoc. Liaison Tim Adams, Justin Colman, Ken Bender and Clerk Jill Jenkins.

THE MINUTES of the prior meeting held on 2/3/21 were reviewed. Steve made the motion to adopt the minutes as written. John seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted with 4 votes.

CORRESPONDENCE for the month was reviewed. Jill presented the Bank of Stockton account balance.

BOARD MATTERS- Discussion took place regarding the upcoming May 4, 2021 ballot measure. Steve said the ballots will be mailed to voters on April 5. He said that he and Ken Bender have put together 17 questions and answers that may help the voters. Steve asked Julia to look over. Discussion took place about mailing a flyer to registered voters right away. Steve said he had emailed the county to inquire about getting a mailing list for registered voters in our district. The Board set a date of 3/16/21 to hold a special community meeting at the station with the doors open or on zoom call in. Julia stated she'd have the information flyer ready on March 4 to hand out and mail to voters.

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

THE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT was given by Tim Adams who stated during the last month they have received \$500.00 in donations and have paid expenses of \$195.00. He said their account balance is now \$18,986.83.

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT- none.

THE WEBSITE REPORT- Sam Hernandez stated he's posted the minutes from the meeting on 2/3/21.

THE MONTHLY PAYABLES were presented in 1 transmittal totaling \$50,044.02. Bryce made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Steve seconded the motion. The bills were paid with 4 votes.

NEW BUSINESS- none.

OLD BUSINESS- none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Ken Bender expressed concern that the ballots will sit in the homes of the district's voters for a month. He stated he'd like the flyers out in the community from now until the date of the vote, May 4. He suggested that

the flyer show the territory that WPFPD covers. Bill agreed that the public needs to know our territory covers 110 miles. Justin said the map of our territory is on the website. Ken asked about someone putting a "Please help" ad into the local paper. He said he really appreciates the volunteers, CERT and the Directors. Steve assured him that he and Julia would review the 17 questions and answers. Bill stated the public should know that the upgrades to the station and pavement, and new engine have basically come from grants.

THE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT- Bill said that the surplus engines have been listed in the newspapers. He said we have 2 people in the Academy now. He and Terry are attending Chief's and Officers classes which will continue for the next 2 months. He stated Cal Fire is starting to staff again here at the WP station. He said we will be losing our seasonal help and Mark Welsh is starting with the US Forrest Service. He informed that Cal Fire is actively burning a fuel break which will be from Tiger Creek to Dorington. Discussion took place regarding salaries for firefighters and the competition that West Point Fire has to keep staff. Bill said the pay for firefighters starting in the Central Valley area is \$55,000 to \$70,000 per year. Steve questioned how many firefighters our district has lost over the years. Bill guessed maybe 30 or so. Terry thought it might be higher as folks have left for various reasons.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Jenkins, Clerk