

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

6:00 p.m. West Point Station and Zoom Call In

Chairman Stephen Schoenthaler called the meeting to order. Directors Schoenthaler, John Hesketh and Bryce Randall were present and Directors Julia Marsili and Greg Pryor were present via Zoom call in. Also present were Chief Terry Miller, CERT Reps Sam and Kathy Hernandez, Clerk Jill Jenkins. Assoc. Liaison Tim Adams attended via Zoom.

THE MINUTES of the last meeting held on Oct. 6, 2021 were reviewed. John made the motion to adopt the minutes as written. Steve seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted with 5 votes.

CORRESPONDENCE for the month was presented. There was no action necessary.

BOARD MATTERS- Discussion took place regarding the special tax measure applied to parcels adjacent to residences. The exemption for such parcels were applied on the first special tax measure once the taxpayer requested. The Directors stated they want the same exemption offered for the new special tax measure. Terry said the new tax bills had already been prepared and sent showing the billing for the new tax measure. Bryce asked how many parcels are affected by the county billing. Terry estimated the cost to District would be approximately \$1080.00 to exempt those requested already. Bryce made the motion to reimburse those taxpayers who contact the district with their adjacent parcels being taxed at \$180.00 each parcel once they show proof of the contiguous parcel to their residence. Steve seconded the motion. The requested exemption to contiguous parcels to residences passed with 5 votes.

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

THE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT was presented by Tim Adams. He said they made a net profit of \$1914.00 from their Lumberjack Day fundraiser. Tim asked if the Association should reach out on their Face book page to inform taxpayers about the exemption process for adjacent parcels. Julia stated she'd like to spend some time putting together a statement to the community. The Directors agreed to have Julia create a statement to be posted through Face book.

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT- none.

THE WEBSITE REPORT- Sam said the domain has been transferred. He said he'll post the minutes of 10/6/21 that were approved this evening. He said he'd set up another mail group for the entire general mailing list titled westpointfpd and the Board will continue to use the existing mailing group.

THE DISTRICT'S PAYABLES were presented in 2 transmittals; \$18,458.00 for the regular monthly payables and \$2699.96 for Cal card purchases. Jill presented a \$218.00 refund check from our insurance company. Steve made the motion to pay the bills as presented and to deposit the insurance refund to the Bank of Stockton account. John seconded the motion. The bills were paid with 5 votes.

NEW BUSINESS- none.

OLD BUSINESS- Greg reported California legislation has passed bill AB9 regarding fuel reduction. He said they allocated \$50 million to the project. He reported on an upcoming meeting to be held 11/10 for fire agencies and the insurance industry to resolve issues and offer choices for coverage. Julia reported there's a program for prescribed burns within the Motherlode area and asked the Directors to let her know of any areas of concern. Julia said a citizen had requested reflective address signs for their property identification. Terry informed that there are a few at the station but our staff cannot place them on the properties.

THE CHIEF'S REPORT- Terry gave year to date statistics and stated this year's calls are almost doubled over last year's calls. Terry said he'd like to set up a Finance Committee with 2 Directors and himself. Steve and Bryce volunteered. He informed the Directors that he and Jill met with staff from Cathy Castillo's office today. They requested the completed questionnaires from the Directors. Terry said the staff has been receiving hourly wages since July 1. He said we have 4 employees coming on staff; 1 returning from medical leave and 3 returning from Cal Fire as the season ends. He reported we have at least 3-0 staffing and usually 4-0 staffing. Terry reported the strike team responses should net a profit of \$209,538.98 in revenue to the district. Terry then presented a bid to build the new engine using the existing box off the old unit 316. The bid from West Mark totaled \$31,318.33. Terry said we still have approximately \$35,000.00 in PG&E funds, which can be used to pay the building of the new unit 316. Greg made the motion to hire West Mark to build the new unit 316 according to their estimate. John seconded the motion. The building of the new unit 316 through West Mark was approved with 5 votes.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS and COMMENTS- Jill thanked the firefighters for their help at her Main Street property during the recent October flood. Terry thanked Jim Carroll for filling in as interim Chief while he was away on strike team responses.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Jenkins, Clerk

Response:

Events:

Completed:

Scheduled:

Personnel:

5 Active Members; (2 EMR)

3 Trainees

Training:

Completed: Medical: Poisons

Scheduled: PG&E Elect Hazzard, CERT Basic Units 1, 2, 3 & 4, Backing Training

Equipment:

LED Flares for Traffic control & Air Med landings

Misc. Info:

CERT SOG updates completed.

CERT Meetings:

Training – Nov 17; @ 1800

Training – Dec 15; @ 1800

Business Meeting – Jan 19; @ 1800

