



Schell Vista Fire Protection District

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MEETING MINUTES Schell-Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 22950 Broadway-Station #1

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Director Ken Finn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Bob Kruljac, Ernie Loveless, Hal Stober, and Mindy Neves were present. A quorum was met. Also present were Assistant Chief Mike Mulas, District Account Stacie McCambridge, Clerk of the Board Robin Woods, firefighters Chanton Em, Lincoln Reiter, Mickey Breem, Matt Garner, Humberto Botello, George Norton, Mike Medeiros, and Johnny Valesquez. Chief Ray Mulas was absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS AND CONSENT

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of minutes from the March 6, 2024, Regular Meeting- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the March 6, 2024, minutes and opened the floor for questions, discussion, and public comments. No public comments were made.

Director Kruljac made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2024, meeting.

Director Stober seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes- 5 Noes - 0 Absent-0

b. Review of the April 2024 Accountant's Report- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the Accountant's Report and opened the floor to discussion and public comment. There were no public comments. Director Neves made the motion to accept the Financial Report for April 2024, as presented. Director Kruljac seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Financial Reports were approved by the following vote:

Ayes- 5 Noes - 0 Absent- 0



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5. CHIEFS' REPORT

In Chief Ray Mulas absence, Assistant Chief Mike Mulas presented the following District activities report to the Board:

- ❖ Crews will be starting address validation on business starting in May starting on 8th street. This is the start of us doing inspections. We need to gather the basic information first.
- ❖ In April will be having a drill at the raceway involving an MCI for the two major events.
- ❖ This year's race dates are June 7-9 for NASCAR and July 26th -28th for NHRA.
- ❖ If any board members would like a tour of the raceway let me know
- ❖ This is the time of year that the main engines go in for service.
- ❖ Polenta Feed is on the 25th. A donation was made by Elite for \$2500. The BBQ is July 13th. a Saturday this year with music.
- ❖ Grants have been submitted by Jim, Matt & Kevin. Fire public safety for \$5000, AFG grant for PPE for \$150,000, Water grant for pallets of water, Safer grant for 1.3 million and the Volunteer Wildland grant for PPE.
- ❖ With the suggestion from Captain Garner, I will be putting together a list of old radios to get a quote on for sale.
- ❖ Call volume is up by about 10 percent.

Assistant Chief Mulas also presented the Board with a handout of information about the Fire Services Sales Tax.

Chief Mulas called in to update the Board on the status of the District's Insurance. He explained the new policy and rates. The new policy goes into effect April 1, 2024.

Chief Mulas gave the Board an update on the new engine. The projected date of delivery will be January 2025.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS (Directors to report on Committee activities)

a. Reports:

1. Facilities Committee (Neves)

Director Neves and Captain Garner updated the Board on the repair of the fire pump. Foothill Fire is troubleshooting the issue and submitting a quote.

Landscaping has started as planned for the second quarter.

Steve Lanning has the materials for station 2 upgrades. Installation will be forthcoming.

2. Budget Committee (Kruljac)

Director Kruljac advised the Board that the actual expenses are in line with the Budget. Nothing else to report.



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3. Legislative Committee (Finn)

Direct Finn had nothing to report.

4. Outreach Committee (Loveless)

1. Newsletter Update

Director Loveless advised the board that the newsletter is in progress. He received a quote for development and postage. The final estimate is \$7,500 for 4,420 mailings. He expects the final in May to be reviewed and the newsletters to be mailed in May.

7. NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUE UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Solar Update Station 1 Status- **Review**

Director Kruljac advised the Board that he reviewed the insurance requirements with our agent, and we have the proper insurance. He let SolarCraft know that they can proceed.

b. Cell Tower-

1. Update on Station 2

On Air is in the final discussion with Verizon negotiation.

2. Update Tower at Station 1

On Air is in discussion with Verizon and they may be possibly ready to start building the tower this summer.

c. Fire Services Working Group Update-**Continuing Discussion**

No updates at this time.

d. Tax Measure Ordinance Updates

Discussed possible dates for public meeting. July Board meeting is the proposed date.

e. Calendar Review (Robin)

January -Determine the Preliminary Tax Rate

February-Request the Parcel Report from the county using the preliminary rate

March-Notice of Public Hearing

April/May-Conduct Public Hearing

May/June-Allow time for property owner appeals of the tax levy.

June-Approval of the District Preliminary Budget

July-Approval of the Distract Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit



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July/August- At the end of the Fiscal year, The District Board of Directors will be presented the *Fiscal Year-End Report* containing information regarding the amount of special tax revenue collected and expended as well as the status of projects funded with proceeds of the special tax. (Ord. Section VII)

August/September-Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit Resolution sent to the County.

-Calendar Review General Business

April-Set up Budget Committee meeting to prepare preliminary budget for June meeting.

June-Preliminary Budget review and approval.

July 15-August 9 Board Members file for re-election with the Registrar of Voters.

(2024- Ken Finn, Ernie Loveless, and Hal Stober term end 12/2024)

August-Budget Committee meet to prepare final budget for Board approval in September.

September-Final Budget review and approval.

Nov-Nomination of Officers of the Board (Every 2 years. Next election 2025)

Dec-Election of Officers of the Board for January 1 start date. (Every 2 Years. Next election 2025)

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD of the ORDER

Assistant Chief Mike Mulas updated the Board on the Highway 37 closures, 12th-16th west, and the 19th -22nd East.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Board Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Robert Kruljac and Ernie Loveless regarding Represented Employees: IAFF Local 1401, Sonoma County Professional Firefighters

Director Finn Called for a closed meeting at 7:45PM.

Director Finn resumed the open meeting at 8:30PM.

Director Finn stated there was nothing to report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Director Kruljac made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Director Loveless seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is May 1, 2024.

If applicable, Board meeting documents are available to review at the SVFPD, Station 1, 22950 Broadway, Sonoma Ca. 95476. Please call (707) 938-2633 for an appointment