



Schell Vista Fire Protection District

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

Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 22950 Broadway-Station#1

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

Director Finn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Joe Petersen, Bob Kruljac, Hal Stober and Ernie Loveless were present. A quorum was met. Also present were Chief Ray Mulas, Captain John Bragg, District Account Stacie McCambridge and Clerk of the Board Robin Woods

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS AND CONSENT

There were no adjustments. The Board consented to the agenda as prepared.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of minutes from the October 5, 2021, meeting- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn opened the floor to public comments and discussion. There were no public comments made. Director Kruljac made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021, meeting. Director Stober seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Minutes were approved by a vote of Ayes- 5 Noes - 0 Absent -0

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

The Accountant's report was reviewed with the Board. Director Finn opened the floor to public comments and discussion.

Director Kruljac made a motion to accept the Financial Report for October 2021 as presented. Director Petersen seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Financial Reports were approved by a vote of Ayes- 5 Noes - 0 Absent -0

5. CHIEFS' REPORT

Chief Mulas presented the following report to the Board.



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1. I attended the County Fire Chiefs Meeting in Occidental on October 13th. Redcom informed us that watch duty will not be receiving a Data Feed because of some potential secured information leaked while units were still working the incident. SWAG update: We will be running a poll in January, and we need to score in the high 60's to move forward with the ballot measure on the June 2022 ballot. The measure if passed will generate an estimated 52 million dollars, the current ask from all agencies is 78 million. If the measure doesn't pass there are two others waiting to get on the next available ballot.

The fire service is currently experiencing a competition for firefighter/paramedics with so many job openings available. Request from candidates have ranged from signing bonuses to dropping part of the background checks. It was brought to everyone's attention that four agencies in the county are competing for the same candidates and running background checks on the same individuals. Likewise, we are competing with bay area departments salaries. We are going to work on some kind of hiring information pool to prevent spending money on the same individuals.

2. We are holding a group discussion on the future planning outlook of the Schell Vista Fire Protection District. we will use this discussion to provide feedback on the Staff's opinion of the District's future. We have asked Chairman Finn to approve two board members to sit in on these discussions. I believe the District should hold a strategic planning session in the near future.

During the recent storms we had to evacuate Station One and relocate the Duty crew to Station 2 this lasted for about five or more hours. During the storms, crews made numerous rescues in front of the station and other areas of the district. One of the rescues was several duck hunters at the end of Millerick road. All were done without damage or injuries to equipment or personnel.

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

a. Facilities Committee (Petersen)

Director Petersen advised the Board that there was nothing to report at the current time. There will be a residence walkthrough scheduled to check for any needed maintenance.

b. Budget Committee (Kruljac)

Director Kruljac reviewed the Financials and Budget with the Board.

c. Legislative Committee (Stober)

There is nothing to report at this time.

d. Outreach Committee (Loveless)



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Director Loveless advised the Board that he will wait until spring to schedule another informational handout for the public.

7. NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUE UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Computer and administrative workstation upgrades.

Chief Mulas advised the Board that the workstation is being redesigned. Tabled until the December meeting.

b. Update District FYE 2021 Audit,

No update available at this time.

c. Nominations of officers of the Board for December election.

-Director Finn nominated Ernie Loveless for Chair of the Board. Director Kruljac seconded the nomination.

-Director Loveless nominated Hal Stober for Vice Chair of the Board. Director Kruljac seconded the nomination.

-Director Finn nominated Bob Kruljac for Treasurer of the Board. Director Stober seconded the nomination.

Election of the officers will be held on December 8, 2021 at the December Board meeting.

d. Calendar Review (Robin)

-Review SVFPD Ordinance No 2018/2019-01 Tax Measure Steps for 2021/2022 tax year.

January -Determine the Preliminary Tax Rate

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

March-Notice of Public Hearing

April-Conduct Public Hearing

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

June-Approval of the District Preliminary Budget

June/July- At the end of the Fiscal year, The District "shall cause a report to be prepared and filed with the Board of Directors 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)

July-Approval of the District Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit

August-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.



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June-Preliminary Budget review and approval.

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

September-Final Budget review and approval.

Nov-Nomination of Officers of the Board

Dec-Election of Officers of the Board for January 1 start date.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD of the ORDER

10. ADJOURNMENT

Director Stober made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM. Director Kruljac seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is December 8, 2021

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