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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES August 17, 2023

Regular Meeting held at
11329 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949

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REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

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WEBINAR ID: [August 17, 2023 Meeting Zoom Link](#)

PASSCODE: 08172023

NCCFD DIRECTORS

Present: Grueneberg (President), Hall, Carrington, Nelson, Slade-Troutman, Garrett, Dorland

STAFF:

Present: Fire Chief Robitaille, Fire Marshal Mason, Administrative Services Long, and Board President of Penn Valley Fire Bruce Stephenson.

STANDING ORDERS:

President Grueneberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and took roll call, noting all Directors were present. President Grueneberg led in the pledge of allegiance.

*PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Per CA Government Code 54954.3

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Acceptance of Minutes – July 20, 2023
2. Fund Balances, Check History Report and Credit Card History Report
3. 2012 Special Tax Report for Fiscal Year 2022/2023
4. Annual AB1600 Report for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Director Carrington motioned to accept the consent calendar. Director Dorland seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/BUDGET: Hall, Slade-Troutman
PERSONNEL: Carrington, Nelson

AD HOC COMMITTEES

BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES: Grueneberg
CONSOLIDATION: Grueneberg, Dorland, Carrington

LOCAL AGENCY ASSIGNMENTS

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (JPA): Garrett, Robitaille

Finance – None

Personnel – None

Board Policy & Procedures – None

Consolidation – President Grueneberg stated there was a meeting on August 16 in which the by-laws were re-written. The Nevada County Auditor estimates the new income of the district to be approx. \$13 million. The districts are utilizing Trident for financial analysis to sift anything out and the payment will be divided amongst the three agencies.

JPA – None

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion and Possible Action, Senate Bill 1205 Annual Inspection Compliance Report

Fire Marshal Mason reported to the Board his series of inspections of large assemblies, schools, hotels, organized camps and churches. All but one large assembly was inspected. Director Nelson motioned to accept the Senate Bill 1205 Annual Inspection Report with the correction that 4 out of 5 large assemblies were inspected, instead of a mistype of 9. Director Hall seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

6. Public Hearing, With Discussion and Possible Action, for the 1st Reading of Ordinance OR23-01, Nexus Study Impact

President Grueneberg opened the public hearing at 7:40 pm. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:41pm.

Carlos Villarreal with Wildan Financial explained the Nexus Study Impact and Development Impact Fees, which are one-time fees imposed at building permit stage on all development projects within a general location. This study takes into account existing development and future growth, facility standards, facility needs & costs, allocate cost share to accommodate growth and several other components. These projections were done through 2045 utilizing the current CPI. Director Dorland requested Wildan utilize the CA Construction Index and see what the projections are with that index due to it being more concise. Director Nelson motioned to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance OR23-01, Nexus Study Impact and follow the advice of Wildan Financial. Director Hall Seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

7. Discussion and Possible Action, Resolution 23-22, Transfer \$57,084.00 from Fund 734 to Fund 722

Administrative Services Long advised this resolution is the June allocation of the Special Tax. We receive this revenue three times a year. Director Carrington motioned to adopt R23-22, Transfer \$57,084.00 from Fund 734 to Fund 722. Director Slade-Troutman seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

8. Discussion and Possible Action, Resolution 23-23. Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7GF23316 for Services from the Date of this Last Signatory on Page 1 of the Agreement to June 30, 2024 Under the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

Chief Robitaille briefed the Board on a grant that Division Chief Sullivan applied for. Essentially, it is a 50% off coupon for PPE in which CDF pays half of the costs. The resolution must be passed to order the equipment. Director Nelson motioned to adopt Resolution 23-23, Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7GF23316 for Services from the Date of the Last Signatory on Page 1 of the Agreement to June 30, 2024 Under the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. The total project amount is \$19,834.96, this is a matching grant, District responsibility is \$9,917.84. Director Dorland seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

9. Resolution 23-24 of the Board of Directors of the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District in Opposition of the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act- Initiative Number 21-0042A1

Chief Robitaille advised that the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act would amend the California Constitution with provisions that limit voters' authority and input, adopting new and stricter

rules for raising taxes and fees, and make it more difficult to impose fines and penalties for violation of state and local laws. This measure puts billions of local government tax and revenue fees at risk at risk statewide with related core public service impacts. Director Nelson motioned to adopt Resolution 23-24, Opposing the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act- Initiative Number 21-0042A1. Director Garrett seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

CHIEFS MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Robitaille advised he met with Cascade Shores Board of Directors and that the district was awarded several grants this month (Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund, CALFire and NCLEFPC). He attended several meetings such as the Nevada County Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, Economic Resource Council, Outdoor Visitors Safety Meeting Round 2, LAFCO and NID. He and Division Chief Sullivan attended the Nevada County Chiefs Meeting, Joint leadership Meeting with PVFD, R&R and NCC Fire, and the District Battalion Chiefs Meeting. Division Chief Sullivan went to the Law Enforcement Fire Council Meeting, Nevada County Sheriff AC Heart Chris Kiley Meeting, Yuba River Cohorts and Ice Cream with a Cop (NCPD). He reported there was 340 calls for service, 12 calls on average per day. Highlights are 4 vehicle accidents with 1 extrication, 4 river rescues, 10 fires (3 structure, 7 vegetation) 2 strike team out of county responses and 1 overhead assignment with BC Smith as a Division Supervisor.

Fire Marshal Mason briefly reviewed his report, stating he and FPO Tellam attended the Sierra Sacramento Arson task Force hosted at Woodland Fire. He also met with Nevada County OES Defensible Space Lead Inspector to discuss a 5 year plan. He stated FPO Tellam responded to the Old Pond Fire and investigated the cause. FPO Tellam is also currently investigating a vehicle fire in the Brewer Road area. He reported Station 84 hosted Little Friends Daycare, Rescue 84 was on display at a Kids Camp at Deer Creek School and E88 assisted Nevada County Transit Service with their annual training.

***BOARD DISCUSSION**

President Grueneberg stated that PVFD and Truckee are the only two agencies in Nevada County with Advanced Life Support. He said PVFD is very family and community oriented- they have a scholarship program for Paramedics all donated by the community.

ADJOURNMENT

President Grueneberg adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Attest:

Tricia Bush

Tricia Bush
Board Secretary

Approved by:

Keith M. Grueneberg

[Keith M. Grueneberg \(Sep 26, 2023 09:37 PDT\)](#)

Keith Grueneberg
President of the Board










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Final Audit Report

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