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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES April 15, 2021

Regular Meeting held virtually at

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Meeting ID: 868 2680 4095

NCCFD DIRECTORS

Present: Grueneberg (President), Carrington, Dorland, Hanson, Slade-Troutman

STAFF:

Present: Fire Chief Turner, Deputy Chief Funk, Fire Marshal McMahan, Deputy Fire Marshal Mason, Finance Manager Van Groningen, Operations Support Long

STANDING ORDERS:

President Grueneberg called the meeting to order after some technical difficulties at 7:14 pm and took roll call, noting that Director Garrett and Director Nelson were absent. President Grueneberg led in the pledge of allegiance.

*PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Per CA Government Code 54954.3

Captain Robin Serna, Local 3800 Shop Steward, reported that the Union does not want to dwell on the past on regarding negotiations that did not go well. He feels that there were experiences learned from the past and highlighted that he cares a great deal about the District. Captain Serna is open to suggestions from the Board and would like to know about any issues so they can be fixed. If direct contact with the Board can be made, it may take out any miscommunication and feels this would be a step in the right direction.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Acceptance of Minutes – March 18, 2021
2. Fund Balances, Check History Report and Credit Card History Report – March 2021

Director Hanson motioned to accept the consent calendar. Director Slade-Troutman seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously following a roll call vote with Director Carrington, Director Garrett and Director Nelson being absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/BUDGET: Dorland, Slade-Troutman

PERSONNEL: Carrington, Hanson, Nelson

AD HOC COMMITTEES

BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES: Grueneberg

LOCAL AGENCY ASSIGNMENTS

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (JPA): Garrett, Turner

Finance – No report

Personnel – No report

Board Policy & Procedures – No report

JPA – No report

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Discussion and possible action, Resolution 21-07, Amending the 20/21 Fiscal Year Budget.**

After some discussion regarding the need for an adopted Resolution for a small change in the overall budget. Finance Manager Van Groningen reported that the change in the overall budget was approximately \$35,000.00 but changes within different accounts for items that were not approved in the final budget. This is also a transparency item for the public and auditors. Director Hanson motioned to adopt Resolution 21-07, Amending the 20/21 Fiscal Year Budget. Director Dorland seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously following a roll call vote, with Director Garrett and Director Nelson being absent.

4. **Discussion and possible action, Resolution 21-08, Cell Phone Tower Contract Agreement and Lease located at 14400 Golden Star Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949 (Station 88).**

Chief Turner reviewed his staff report with the history of the leasing of property at Station 88 with AT&T and Verizon. The District receives \$25,000.00 a year for the current lease. Aloha Towers contacted the District and has been in negotiations utilizing BBK Legal. Director Hanson reported that he has met with the Chief on this matter and this is a good contract, but would like to postpone and hire an expert to review. After a brief discussion the item was tabled with the direction Staff would work with Director Hanson to hire an expert to review.

5. **Discussion and possible action, Assigning an Ad Hoc Committee for Succession Planning.**

President Grueneberg reported that we have some retirements this year and succession planning is necessary. Director Nelson reached out to President Grueneberg prior to the meeting and requested to be on the succession planning committee. Director Carrington and Director Hanson also showed interest. After a brief discussion, the Board approved assigning Director Carrington, Director Hanson and Director Nelson to the Ad Hoc Committee for Succession Planning.

6. **Discussion and possible action, selecting a negotiator to negotiate on behalf of the District for labor negotiations with the Local Firefighters Union 3800 representing the Non-Management Safety Employees.**

President Grueneberg discussed that Gage Dungy is well versed with our District and if available would like to utilize him as the Districts negotiator. Chief Turner reported the Mr. Dungy is available and the Board has already approved a contract with Boutin Jones, Inc. Director Carrington motioned to select Gage Dungy as the negotiator for the District. Director Hanson seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously, following a roll call vote with Director Garrett and Director Nelson being absent.

7. **Correspondence.**

President Grueneberg that the District received a very nice thank you card for an incident response from the Mathews family.

CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Deputy Chief Funk reported that the call volume was average, with the increase in response time due to snow. Fire activity has been busy, including a 9-acre fire from an escaped debris burn. Staff attended the normal

monthly meetings and had firefighter testing and several promotional tests take place.

The groundwork for the generator at Station 84 was completed and passed inspection. The invitation to bid for the Station 84 deck was sent out.

Fire Marshal McMahan reported that he has been busy with meetings. Nevada County should be proud of the number of Fire Wise communities in the area, as it is one of the top Counties.

***BOARD DISCUSSION**

No Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

President Grueneberg adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Attest:

Nicole Long

Nicole Long
Board Secretary

Approved by:

Keith Grueneberg

Keith M. Grueneberg (Aug 13, 2021 10:46 PDT)

Keith Grueneberg
President of the Board

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