



**REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
May 12, 2022**

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1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Talso at 6:00 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Talso, Rugg, Tuso, Boyd, Strangio

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Robinson and Jessica Keizer, Clerk

#3 PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Audience member Gizmo gave an update about chain safety and announced that poster on the subject will be posted in key locations as a reminder.

#4 MINUTES

03/10/2022 Board meeting minutes, motion made to accept by Director Tuso and second by Director Rugg.

Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Rugg, Tuso, Boyd, Stangio

Motion Passed

03/22/2022 Special Board meeting minutes, motion made to accept by Director Strangio and second by Director Rugg.

Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Rugg, Tuso, Boyd, Stangio

Motion Passed

04/14/2022 No minutes meeting was canceled.

#5 BUDGET REVIEW

a. Budget Report. As of 03/30/2022, \$194,114.89 has been expended and \$139,722.05 in revenue has been billed. Net total for the month of March was -\$54,392.84. As of 04/30/2022, \$98,271.98 has been expended and \$19,376.74 in revenue has been billed. Net total for the month of April was -\$78,895.24.



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#6 CHIEFS REPORT

Chief Robinson presented a picture slide show highlighting some things going on at the department.

- For the month of April we had 47 calls with a very good response rate from our Volunteers YTD calls is 205.
- The Staff and Volunteers have been busy visiting local schools to help students learn important skills such as using a fire extinguisher, crawling beneath the smoke, meeting the firefighters and more. So far they have been to Deep Valley Christain School, Calpella, and Eagle Peak.
- Chief Robinson and Lt. Juszczak attended the benefit stair climb Fight for Air that benefits Lung Cancer.
- A few of the staff and volunteers got the opportunity to fly to Las Vegas to attend a pre-construction meeting for the build of our new type 6 engine that is being purchased with PGE funds.
- We had a large structure fire in Redwood Valley in the Tomki area. Response was great and we also had the help of other local agencies. It was a great teamwork effort.

#7 VOLUNTEERS REPORT

a. The Volunteers have moved into wildland training. They are in the process of going through all their gear in preparation for wildland season. Sorting and inspecting to make sure all gear is safe and usable. Twice a week they meet for conditioning classes, they are currently demoing a new training platform and making plans for the upcoming BBQ fundraiser.

b. Explorers are still on hold.

#8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy & Procedures Committee – Tuso, Strangio – Will be setting a date to meet

b. Budget Committee –Rugg, Boyd – Will be setting date to draft 22/23 Budget

d. Grant Committee- Talso, Rugg- Will set a date to meet

e. Siren Committee- Tuso, Strangio- Met with the Sheriff's Dept. they do not want the siren, looking into a company that might take it over possibly. Still no project manager. The Sheriff's Dept is in charge of evacuation notices; the siren would serve more as a warning not an evacuation notice.

f. Tax Measure- Will be meeting this coming Monday or Tuesday

#9 DIRECTORS REPORTS

None

#10 GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT

The construction of the Type 6 Brush truck is in the works and it looks like it may be completed hopefully by November.

The fire-safe education day at Calpella School went really well, the plan is for it to become a yearly thing.



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#11 OLD BUSINESS

None

#12 NEW BUSINESS

a. Acquisition of New Chief's Patrol-Chief Robinson

An RFP was sent out to local and non local dealers for the purchase of a new Chief's Patrol on March 21, 2022 with a response date of April 21, 2022. After reviewing bids we received, the one selected was Winner Chevrolet in the amount of \$56,074.08.

Motion was made by Director Tuso to purchase the new Chiefs Patrol using PGE Funds. Second Director Strangio

Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Rugg, Tuso, Boyd, Stangio

Motion Passed

b. Authorize the sale of vehicle 6271 / review contract.-Chief Robinson

Discussion about engine 6271 and its place in our Department. At the time we constructed it, it was suitable economically to meet the basic needs of this community. Over time it has become apparent that the 2wd along with other things presents challenges in our ever changing terrain. With the addition of the engines 6264 and 6265, engine 6271 no longer meets the needs of this department but is in really good shape and could be better used in another community, it is proposed that we sign a contract with the Brinlee Co to list our engine for sale.

Motion was made by Director Strangio to sign the contract and place 6271 up for sale. Second Director Rugg

Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Rugg, Tuso, Boyd, Stangio

Motion Passed

c. Request to purchase extractor using donated funds. - Chief Robinson

A community member generously donated funds to the Fire District. The staff is requesting that the funds be used to purchase an Extractor which is a washing machine that is especially made to wash and clean Bunker gear so as to remove toxins that occur during fire exposure. A quote for an extractor was received from Darley in the amount of \$4,875.00. The estimated cost to the District beyond the donated funds is about \$300.00. The Board has requested that the Staff and Volunteers make a list of necessary items that are needed so that they can evaluate how to use donated funds in the future.

A motion was made to purchase the extractor for the District by Director Boyd. Second Director Rugg.

Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Rugg, Tuso, Boyd, Stangio

Motion Passed



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- d. Proposal to reappropriate PGE Funds to purchase a parking structure and solar-Chief Robinson
The Chief is proposing building a parking structure that will allow for more parking space for the engines and also the addition of solar using PGE funds. Upon discussion there should be a height increase for the structure. The Board agreed this proposal could be presented to the grant committee to see about reappropriating PGE funds for this proposed project.
- e. Transfer of funds to the General fund from strike team revenue.
RVCFD received payment from the Windy Fire strike team in the amount of \$47,588.10. This money gets directly deposited into the District's bank account but must be moved into the general fund at the county. Board consent is requested to move the funds.

A motion was made to move the funds to the county by Director Boyd. Second Director Rugg.

Roll Call: Ayes: Talso, Rugg, Tuso, Boyd, Stangio

Motion Passed

Move to Closed Session 7:40

#13 CLOSED SESSION

- a. Legal Update-The Board approved the contract to the legal services of David Rapport.

#14 ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting will be June 9, 2022 at 6:00PM

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Linda Talso, Chair

Jessica Keizer Clerk