



ZAYANTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Board of Directors

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

April 19, 2022

1.0: CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Tarbet called the regular meeting of the Zayante Fire Protection Board of Directors to order at 7:08 PM.

2.0: FLAG SALUTE:

3.0: DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE:

Directors Present: Clark, Fleming, Herceg, Maxwell and Tarbet
Fire Department: Chief Walters

Absent:

4.0: PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Upon motion from Director Maxwell and duly seconded by Director Fleming minutes from the March 22, 2022 regular meeting were approved by a unanimous vote with Director Herceg abstaining due to his absence at that meeting.

5.0: ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Additions to the agenda may be added as a discussion item. The Board will not take action on any added items at this meeting. The Board may elect to add the item to a future meeting for action. none

6.0: PUBLIC RESPONSE: (State name, address and subject. Time limit of five minutes subject to Board discretion)

7.0: CORRESPONDENCE:

- California Air Resources Board letter from March 14, 2022 stating that 2009 model year and older vehicles no longer are compliant with California emission standards. None of our vehicles are compliant with these standards. Which means that when we surplus a vehicle it must be sold out of state and/or country. There will have to be a broker to make this happen. At this point we are not required to register our vehicles annually, so we are able to continue using them. We are exempt from this but only as long as our vehicles are drivable.

8.0: COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1: Chiefs Report:

- Calls: 23 calls:
- Right now, vehicle expenses and fuel expenses are a huge issue facing the Department. Our fuel bills have doubled, from around \$1400 a month up to \$2700 for

this last month. If this continues to hold for the next year it will have a \$20,000 impact on next years budget.

- E2410 is OOS due to a fuel pump issue. It had to be towed in for repairs.
- WT2450 needs exhaust repairs and a new speedo to pass annual inspections.
- E2436 needed new tires.
- We will exceed our budgeted amount on apparatus repairs and fuel.
- The significant event of the month was a vehicle into the creek which resulted in a fatality. We were given the wrong address as was ambulance and sheriff. Crews located the incident at the bridge on Quail Hollow Rd. at which time they jumped in the water and pulled the victim out of the water and started CPR.
- There was also a significant injury to one of our firefighters this month and we will discuss it in a closed session. The employee is off duty until recovered.
- The 2022-23 budget is still being worked on. There is lots to be evaluated with some of the things being, repairs to the parking lot, fuel pricing, vehicle maintenance, P25 radios, the purchase of a type 3 engine from Central Fire which will replace 2410, and the purchase of a new type 1 engine. Still waiting to find out the numbers for our liability insurance and workers comp premiums.
- The new accounting software for the County has been put in place. It seems to be much slower at processing the bills and that has a big impact on us.
- We are still waiting for the rest of the fence parts to arrive.
- The Knox Box project is moving forward.
- NFIRS software selection is in its final stages. We have banded together with the Valley departments as well as Scotts Valley and CalFire for a significant price break.
- Tablet Command deployment is moving to the second-tier apparatus now that the primary response rigs are equipped. This will make mutual aid response better and faster.
- Public use is returning to the Fire house We have the Boy Scouts and a private party event booked.

8.2: SLV District Council:

- Met last week and mostly focused on the Knox Box and NFIRS.
- Meeting with MBARD to discuss burn regulations and permitting issues.
- Looking into having a Valley wide recruitment, testing and training arrangement. Next year's academy is going back to full FF1 certification.

8.3: County Chiefs/EMSIA/SCCFAIG:

- COUNTY CHIEFS: Radio grants, County wide Radio study, fire investigation, Zonehaven evacuation program are just a few of the things being worked on.
- A new law proposed at the state level to make PTSD a presumed injury could be significant. It has a way to go.
- SCCFAIG: Renewed Kennen and Assoc. contracts for JPA oversight. It is a 3-year contract.
- Waiting on numbers for Workers Comp premiums. Some new training in sleep problems coming.
- EMSIA: Working on changing some calls that AMR responds to and or no longer responding to. Doing away with call stacking. Will see what impact that has on R2466.
- Our unit shouldn't be canceled by AMR only. The officer on scene should make that call. From now on we will contact the officer on scene and see if they still want us to respond.

8.4: Operations Section:

- No meeting

8.5: Training Section:

- Some changes are coming to signing people off on STL and task books.
- BFFA going to full 600 hours next year.
- Joint training is going well with Felton and on a valley level the chiefs want to do a once a month Valley wide training.
- This year we are ramping up our wildland certifications. It will be wildland for a full month not just 3 weeks.
- April-June will be wildland training. All Valley departments will be incorporated into this. Wildfire is the biggest danger to our Firefighters.
- In May there are 3 Captains attending Command and Control training. We are hosting the training here at Zayante.

9.0: OLD BUSINESS:

9.1: Emergency Egress/Emergency notification/Cellular Systems:

- Nothing new from the county to report on the egress issue. Will be meeting with Larid, Panetta and McPhearson on Thursday to inquire about it and to stress that we are waiting for the County to handle the egress concerns.
- Looking at the budget for a new siren at station #2. Cost looks to be \$15,000 plus \$3,000 for installation for a total of \$18,000.

9.2: STATION 1 SOLAR:

- All three of the controllers are out and need to be replaced. The PGE bill went up \$2,000 for this month. Bids are being sought for the repairs. Captain Ellis is heading this up.

10.0: NEW BUSINESS:

10.1: As reported earlier a new security system is needed at Station #1. Testing has been done and Verkada has been chosen. The work will be completed over the next couple of weeks.

11.0: POLICY AND PLANNING: (As necessary for the District to perform its function as required by law.)

12.0: OTHER BUSINESS:

13.0: BUDGET AND BILLS:

13.1: Approval of Bills:

- Upon motion by Director Herceg and duly seconded by Director Clark, bills in the amount of \$12,686.95 were approved for payment by a unanimous vote.
- Payroll: Pay period 7 and 8 were approved.

14.0: PERSONNEL:

14.1:

15.0: CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Closed 8:46
- Worker's Compensation Employee injury update.

16.0: OPEN SESSION: Report actions taken in closed session

- No reportable action taken.

17.0: Adjournment: 9:05

NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2022