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

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 22950 Broadway-Station #1

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

Director Ken Finn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Bob Kruljac, Ernie Loveless, Hal Stober, and Mindy Neves were present. A quorum was met. Also present were Chief Ray Mulas, District Account Stacie McCambridge, Clerk of the Board Robin Woods, Firefighters Chanton Em, Sean Witherell, Lincoln Reiter, Kevin Plume, Dave Volat, Johnny Velasquez, John Bragg and George Norton. Savanna Stone, Member of Sonoma Valley 4-H, was also in attendance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS AND CONSENT

The Board agreed to move the 4H Presentation to the top of the agenda.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of minutes from the February 7, 2024, Regular Meeting- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the February 7, 2024, minutes and opened the floor for questions, discussion, and public comments. No public comments were made. Director Stober made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024, meeting. Director Kruljac seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Minutes were approved by the following vote:
Ayes-5 Noes - 0 Absent- 0

b. Review of the March 2024 Accountant's Report- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the Accountant's Report and opened the floor to discussion and public comment. There were no public comments. Director Kruljac made the motion to accept the Financial Report for March 2024, as presented. Director Neves seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Financial Reports were approved by the following vote:
Ayes-5 Noes - 0 Absent-0



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5. CHIEFS' REPORT

Chief Mulas presented the following report to the Board:

1. Review the Election Results.
2. We had a float in one of the fire protection tanks break off and went unnoticed for a couple months. This amounted to about 400,000 gals of water dumped through the overflow. To prevent this from happening again we are making a weekly well meter check as part of the weekly checks.
3. Foothill fire protection systems tested our fire pump and said it failed to meet the state requirements, I am waiting to receive pricing on rebuilding the pump or replacing it. I've been told that some sprinkler heads in the system also need to be changed, I have not seen the report as to which heads need to be changed and the related cost. I will report more details at the next meeting.
4. We just had seven new volunteers complete the largest volunteer academy in the past twenty years. Some of the recruits are career bound while others just want to volunteer.
5. We are finally scheduled to travel back to Wisconsin for our Pre- construction meeting for our new Pierce Pumper. We will leave April 2 and Return on the 5th, Hopefully the truck will be delivered in October.

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

a. Reports:

i. Facilities Committee (Neves)

Nothing additional to report.

ii. Budget Committee (Kruljac)

Director Kruljac reviewed the Budget vs Actual Report with the Board

iii. Legislative Committee (Finn)

Nothing to report.

iv. Outreach Committee (Loveless)

1. Newsletter Update

Director Loveless advised the Newsletter is on target for June. He met last week and is meeting again next week with our consultant to review.



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7. NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUE UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. 4H Pancake Feed Event Request-**Discussion and Action**

Savanna Stone of the Sonoma Valley 4-H explained to the board that it was time for their annual pancake feed. They have used the station in previous years and asked if they could use the station to hold their event again this year on May 19th, 2024, from 7AM to 1PM. They would need the use of the kitchen, chairs and tables. The Board expressed their support and approved the use of the station. The 4-H members will work with Firefighters Sean Witherell and Johnny Valesquez to organize the event.

b. Measure H Results

Chief Mulas shared the results of Measure H. It passed with a vote of 61% yes and 38% no. The taxes will start being collected in October 2024 and available to the districts October/November 2025. The Priority for the funds is staffing, parity, and retention for firefighters.

c. Napa Contract Negotiation review- **Possible Action**

Stacie McCambridge advised the Board that the contract is signed and is ready to return to Napa. She will deliver it.

d. Solar Update Station 1 Status- **Review**

Director Kruljac advised that the project is underway and could possibly be completed in July. There is a timeline they are following. They will need space to put a storage container during the project.

e. Cell Tower-

1. Update on Station 2

Director Kruljac said it is still in the process.

2. Update Tower at Station 1

Director Kruljac advised the Board that On Air paid the district \$3000 to extend the contract another year.

f. Insurance Coverage for 3 Chief Officers. **Discussion and Action**

Director Loveless provided the Board with the information regarding providing insurance coverage to the 3 Chief Officers. The floor was opened for discussion. Director Kruljac made the motion to provide Health Insurance to



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the 3 Chief Officers as defined under the current Firefighter MOU. Medical, dental, and vision coverage for the Chief Officer is 100% covered by the district. Family and dependents will pay 30% of the all-monthly premiums and the district will pay 70% of the monthly premium (Medical, Dental, Vision). The base plan is Blue Shield Basic. If the Chief Officer chooses a different plan and is more expensive than the Blue Shield Basic, the Chief Officer will pay the difference. The floor was opened to public comments and discussion. There was none. Director Loveless seconded the motion. Director Finn called for a vote, and the motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes-5 Noes-0 Absent-0

g. MOU Negotiation Update

Director Loveless advised the Board that the MOU is under negotiation.

h. Strategic Planning-**Continuing Discussion**

1. Review Near Term Goals and Action Plan

Director updated the Board on his goal that the Newsletter is in progress.

i. Fire Services Working Group Update-**Continuing Discussion**

The Board complimented Chief Mulas on all of the work he has put into the project and that he has done a great job.

j. Tax Measure Ordinance Updates

Firefighter Kevin Plume advised the Board that he has given parcel updates to Assistant Chief Mulas. The Board will set the date for the public meeting a future Board meeting.

k. Calendar Review (Robin)

Clerk Robin Woods reviewed the calendar with the Board.

January -Determine the Preliminary Tax Rate

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

March-Notice of Public Hearing

April/May-Conduct Public Hearing

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

June-Approval of the District Preliminary Budget

July-Approval of the Distract Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit

July/August- At the end of the Fiscal year, The District Board of Directors will be presented the *Fiscal Year-End Report* 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)

August/September-Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit Resolution sent to the County.



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-Calendar Review General Business

April-Set up Budget Committee meeting to prepare preliminary budget for June meeting.

June-Preliminary Budget review and approval.

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

(2024- Ken Finn, Ernie Loveless, and Hal Stober term end 12/2024)

August-Budget Committee meet to prepare final budget for Board approval in September.

September-Final Budget review and approval.

Nov-Nomination of Officers of the Board (Every 2 years. Next election 2025)

Dec-Election of Officers of the Board for January 1 start date. (Every 2 Years. Next election 2025)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD of the ORDER

Nothing to report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Director Kruljac made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:05 . Director Stober seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is April 3, 2024.

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