

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 12, 2021**

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MEETING: Meeting called to order at 14:02 hrs. Directors Cooper, Doss, Moretti, Atkin, Uboldi and Chief Bellach were present. Chief Bellach added the September 7th Special Meeting minutes to the agenda for approval. Non-action item GASB 75 report moved to the beginning of the meeting.

MINUTES: MSP Cooper/Doss to approve the minutes of September 15, 2021.

ROSTER REPORT: 19 Volunteers, 4 Part-Time & 5 Full-Time

Director Uboldi asked if we could have more information on the roster report; specifically, if long time members had left and who they were. Also, if we have people out on workers comp, having an update regarding their status. Chief Bellach reported he would update the Board. Currently we are covering open shifts with OT and have a current employee out on workmen's comp who should be returning sometime in January.

Director Cooper asked if we could have a projection on what the plan is moving forward with one full time employee out. Chief Bellach explained that he has moved a full-time Engineer to acting Captain to fill that missing spot and is back filling the Engineer spot with part-timers.

Director Doss asked if there was a penalty for us if a part-timer goes over the 1000 hrs. a year? Chief Bellach stated that the penalty from PERS would be that employee would become a PERSable employee.

CLAIMS: MSP to approve CR #21-22-04 for \$44,771.99 and payrolls 9/10/21 for \$25,060.80 and 9/24/21 for \$22,972.47.

OLD BUSINESS: MSP Doss/Uboldi to create an AD Hoc committee to prepare Reserve Study. Director Atkin explained the idea behind a reserve study. This would be to take a thoughtful approach to provide funds to replace major equipment and building needs that would create a large financial commitment. Without a study, we have no way to determine if our reserve fund is adequate. The study will determine what needs to be done and would reflect the costs and timeline of the repairs or replacements. Director Atkin and Captain Tony Ghisla will be part of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Engineer Molesworth asked about creating a Fire Impact Fee for any new construction in the District. Chief Bellach stated he brought this to the Board a few months ago and the Board agreed to wait until we pass our Measure. Chief Bellach stated he will look into the steps to move forward and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

MSP Atkin/Uboldi to approve the Video Conference option for Board meetings under AB361. This will allow Video Conferencing our Board Meetings if and when we need to have no in person meetings. This allows the Board to have meetings while not following the Brown Act rules as set forth by the State Governor.

MSP Doss/Moretti to approve KPF MOU Holiday adjustment. Per our KPF Employee MOU Article 12, 1.a: Every day appointed by the president of the United States or Governor of the State of California, which is observed by employees of the appointing authority. Cesar Chavez Day (March 31) and Juneteenth (June 19) are Federal Holidays that should be added to the MOU.

CHIEFS REPORT: GASB 75 Report 2021 – Zoom with Cathy Macleod, Principal & Consulting Actuary – Cathy MacLeod from MacLeod Watts our consulting actuary spoke via Zoom on our GASB/OPEB findings for ending FY 2021. The primary purpose of this report is to provide information required by GASB 75 (“Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension”) to be reported in the District’s financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The information included in this report reflects our understanding that the District will continue to contribute 100% or more of the Actuarially Determined Contribution each year for the foreseeable future.

In conclusion, Director Uboldi asked about Medicare costs for retired employees whose MOU stated that the District would cover 100% of health costs. Would and could these current costs be covered by the District? Chief Bellach stated we could have a special meeting to look at MOU’s and see if this is something we want to do.

Director Moretti and Chief Bellach, with council, met to review the County Agreement for stabilization funding. Some changes came up that the other stakeholders, as well as we, felt needed to be changed. We took out any verbage that mentioned Sonoma Valley Fire District, as we are not currently in any talks for consolidation. Also, if our Measure E passed in November, we would lose \$120,000.00 of funding. This was removed as well. These changes were sent to the County for comment. Director Atkin had a question in regards to the version of the contract that was passed out, as it was different then the first version. The first version that was emailed out was a clean unchanged contract. Director Uboldi asked where the funding would be coming from. Chief Bellach stated that most of the stabilization funding for Kenwood would be coming from the TOT tax. Director Atkin stated he felt that if we were to agree to this agreement, we would be committed to consolidation. This agreement has no tie to agree to consolidation. The District would still continue to consider consolidation. Director Atkin also stressed his concerns with the wording in the agreement that if and when Kenwood were to consolidate with another agency, funding would stop from the County. He felt that the funding should move forward with the consolidation. The entire Board agreed to this. Chief Bellach said he would advise council to

make this change in the agreement language. Director Atkin stated he was not in favor nor opposed to consolidate. He is worried that this agreement is suggesting that we agree to a step in relation to consolidation and that it should not commit us to that.

GOOD of the ORDER: Director Moretti stated that we have had a lot of fires over the last few month's County wide and they have not grown and have been extinguished very quickly. Chief Bellach explained this is due to the quick initial response, especially under Red Flag Warnings. We have up staffed Strike Teams and Task Forces in the County, as well as stations upstaffing equipment and personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:
