

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

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MEETING: Meeting called to order at 16:02 hrs. Directors Cooper, Doss, Moretti, Atkin, Uboldi and Chief Bellach were present.

MINUTES: MSP Doss/Cooper to approve the regular minutes of October 12, 2021 and the special minutes of October 25, 2021.

ROSTER: 19 Volunteers, 4 Part-Time and 5 Full-Time.

CLAIMS: MSP Atkin/Moretti to approve CR #21-22-05 for \$39,344.25 and payrolls 10/08/21 for \$24,141.35 and 10/22/21 for \$30,569.48.

Director Moretti asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the claims. Chief Bellach stated the only major change was the purchase of all new tires for 3197, a \$6,000.00 charge for 10 tires. Tires are only good for 7 years on emergency vehicles. The current tires were almost 11 years old, with damage to one of them. Director Doss asked where we purchase the tires from. Chief Bellach stated the tires were purchased from GCR Tires which was previously TDS tire. The tires were purchased at the GSA pricing. Director Cooper asked if the date was the purchase date or the manufactures date. The date is the manufacture date.

Director Cooper also asked how we were on the budget for the Association Room upgrades. Chief Bellach reported that the room is almost done and we are under budget for the project.

Director Moretti again, thanked all of our Firefighters and County Wide Firefighters for being able to quickly respond and contain the numerous fires we had this season.

OLD BUSINESS: MSP Moretti/Cooper to approve the video conference option under AB 361.

KFA has approached the District with funding of \$59,300.00 to purchase a utility vehicle. This is a GSA Government price. With an additional \$15,000 to add the code 3 lights, stickers and striping and radios. Currently, the District does not have a utility vehicle for personnel to use to take to trainings/classes, to pick-up supplies in town as needed, used to bring equipment to and from an incident scene, used for an overhead position on Strike Teams/Task Forces as well as a

command vehicle for our own major incidents. Director Doss asked if KFA was going to pay for all of the outfitting or partial. It had not been determined if KFA would pay for all of the outfitting, but was still open for discussion from KFA. Director Cooper stated that the District would have to pay for the insurance and maintenance for (2) vehicles now, (The utility and the Chiefs vehicle). Chief Bellach said yes, but this new utility would not be a Chiefs vehicle and only used as a vehicle to support the District needs. Director Cooper stated that he is not convinced of the need for a utility. Director Doss asked where the funds were coming from. The funds are from donations that KFA has been collecting over the years. Motion was made by Director Doss to approve the purchase of a utility vehicle donated by KFA, no 2nd. Motion died due to no 2nd. Director Cooper asked if this would be used any differently than 3141. Yes, this would keep 3141 having to be put out of service when being used as a utility and not have our rope rescue equipment not available. Director Uboldi felt concerned about how the community would conceive a purchase after we just passed Measure E. We would have to put an article in the paper stating where these funds came from and that KFA made this purchase and donated it to the District. Director Atkin stated due to him being so new on the Board he could not determine the actual need of a utility. He also was concerned about what could be the alternative uses of this funding and maybe take a look at what else this funding could support. Director Moretti stated that the continuous support from KFA is an important aspect of what we do. They have been very consistent in supporting the needs of the District. He believes we can craft a message that says this is in continued support of KFA and does not undercut the message that we need continued support to meet our operating budget. He suggested that the Board may need more time to think about this. Chief Bellach reminded the Board if they are to think about it, that they think about it financially and not operationally.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Bellach reported that our Measure E passed at almost 84% in favor. We had a huge backing from the community. Everyone on the department did a great job getting the message out and educating the public, working with the consultant and the press. Director Moretti asked about the timing now that the measure passed. Coming into the next tax year we will have a public hearing where we will determine what we want to set the actual rate at. Changes will be made on the assessment rates with the County. Chief Uboldi suggested that we start looking at the parcels and see what the total charges will be so we can determine the set rate. Chief Bellach said he would start to work on this and if needed will purchase a new version of the parcel APN list. This list is approx. \$350.00. Director Doss stated that we already have those rough figures based on the information received from the County and was approx. \$300,000.00 that we chose to lower to accommodate the Ag community.

No update on the County draft Agreement, as we are still waiting to hear from the County in response to our contract agreement changes.

Director Atkin reported that he and Captain Ghisla have met a number of times and have created an inventory list of all the major equipment and building components that will require replacement at some point in time. They are in the process now gathering the information on replacement costs and useful lives. He thinks the results can be presented in January. The goal would be to have it to the Board a few days or even a week before the January Board Meeting. Director Moretti added

that this report will be important to us in terms of assessing our operating budget and assessing the needed amount of tax to be collected from Measure E.

GOOD of the ORDER: Chief Bellach asked the Board if he should put the purchase of a new utility as an action item for next month's meeting. Director Moretti asked to have it on the agenda and to consider to look at it in more depth. Director Cooper stated that he was worried about the public perception in regards to the purchase of a new utility and does the public even know the difference between the District and KFA. Director Cooper also asked what is the percentage of employees that are COVID vaccinated. Chief Bellach reported we have all but one that are vaccinated. Director Moretti asked if the one employee will have to get vaccinated. Chief Bellach stated no, the employee needs to provide a negative COVID test every 7 days and when at the station must be masked at all times. Director Cooper asked if that employee were to get COVID while working, would the district have to pay them while they recover. Yes, regardless if you are vaccinated or not. Employees per law would have to be paid. Director Doss asked that we thank the Friends of Kenwood Fire for all the support for Measure E. Jay Gamel suggested that we do a letter to the editor. Director Uboldi asked what is the timeline for the LED sign to be installed. Chief Bellach stated he has determined the location and the next step is getting power and permits to start the project. Also, we need to figure out what exactly we need to build around the sign to protect it from vehicles driving through the location.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:
