



BOARD MINUTES March 11, 2021

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Larry Alexander, Chair
James C. Roseman, Vice Chair
Kathleen Williams
Kevin Hullquist
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Summarized **MINUTES** from a regular Board of Commissioners meeting of Scott Valley Fire Protection District, Greenview, California. The meeting was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 and was opened at 5:00p.m. by Chair Larry Alexander. Present were Vice Chair James C. Roseman and board members Kathleen Williams, Scott Frick and Kevin Hullquist, plus Chief Paul Buchter, Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci, Assistant Chief Steve Poling, and Captain Josh Frick. Also present were Greg Lindholm, Veronica Rasmussen, and former Chief Ben Austin.

Public Report Period:

- **Veronica Rasmussen: QVIR-SVFPD Memorandum of Understanding**—Ms. Rasmussen opened the discussion saying that the Tribal Council including the Chair, Vice Chair, and Board Members are supportive of the tribe entering into a MOU with SVFPD. They are presently working on a budget. A question to be decided is who handles the payroll: the tribe or SVFPD under a contract? A committee was formed with board member Scott Frick, Chief Buchter, Assistant Chief Poling, and Administrative Officer Salucci. Motion Roseman/2nd Williams, all ayes, approved. The committee will meet next week. The committee-approved MOU will then go to QVIR, to the SVFPD board, then County Counsel for review.

- **Greg Lindholm: Training facility permitting process**—Mr. Lindholm proposed that he and Chief Buchter meet with Siskiyou County Community Development with numerous questions about permitting and merging the two lots on the Greenview Station property.

- **Lloyd and Karen Pearson: Ramifications of closing Scott River Station**—The Pearson's were unable to attend. Both Salucci and Chief Buchter spoke of the Pearson's concern about closure of the Scott River Station and perceived insurance increases due to the closure. Historical perspective: SVFPD no longer has sufficient volunteer staffing for what historically included seven stations. Eastside and Scott River stations were vacated at the requests of the property owners; Masterson Road was closed due to lack of staffing. Chief Buchter explained that we "can better serve the public by shrinking our footprint right now. We currently do not have sufficient staff, but we are willing to expand in the future. Scott Valley's population needs to support SVFPD by volunteering. We are looking at options including consolidation of SVFPD, Fort Jones FD, and Etna FD, and collaborating with personnel and equipment at QVIR." The board is supportive of Chief Buchter's current strategy. Chair Alexander explained that there are contributions to insurance rate increases other than SVFPD's ISO rating.

Chief Buchter

Approval of "Request for Assistance" contract for community service endeavors. Salucci contacted County Counsel for input but has not yet received a response.

New firefighter applications, deletions from roster No deletions. One application received.

Training/Safety/Injury and Illness Prevention Program monthly report Safety topics included footing the ladder, three points of contact, proper PPE and SCBA use and fitting, and SCBA failure in a IDLHA atmosphere."

Continuing/New business Nothing to report

Administrative Officer Salucci

Monthly revenue deposits, transfers, approval and payment of bills:

Deposits: \$146.44 rebate from US Bank Cal Card account.

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Larry Alexander, Chair (Public Information Officer, Grant Procurement, Fire Safe Council Liaison)

Approval of minutes Motion to approve the minutes for February 2021 Williams/2nd Hullquist, four ayes, Frick abstained, passed.

Oral communication; correspondence; continuing/new business Cal Fire Forest Health Prevention Grants are now open. Proposals due May 19th. Fire season report: California’s current water content status is better than it was at this time in 2020. A high activity fire season is expected.

James C. Roseman (Vice Chair, Personnel Liaison)

Offering a recruitment stipend to our members Vice Chair Roseman proposed that SVFPD offer a recruitment stipend to our members who recruit new volunteer firefighters who pass the personnel vetting. Salucci will inquire with the County Auditor about setting up a Recruitment and Retention Fund. Discussed were offering a \$100 dinner for two at a local restaurant or a \$100 gift certificate at a local business.

Salary Schedule Committee In reviewing the CSDA Salary Survey, Vice Chair Roseman said there is no position equal to the job description of SVFPD’s Administrative Officer. He recommended adhering to a progression of salary increases and that the committee be disbanded.

Continuing/New business Nothing to report.

Kathy Williams (Sunshine Committee, Dalmatians Liaison)

Dalmatians Report Tina Kemp and Kim Ritola have agreed to become new officers in the Dalmatians. The new Dalmatians address is P O Box 11, Greenview, CA 96037. They intend to start a new Facebook page and website. Leah Kraus suggested they have a public Recruitment Day. Also suggested are an enhanced presence and beverage offerings at the Etna Rodeo, garage sales, and more public events focused on recruitment with monies earned from events going to the District to further our recruitment goals.

The board again acknowledged all the years and efforts put in by Lloyd and Karen Pearson and Wendy Campbell to raise funds for equipment for SVFPD and agreed they should receive gift certificates for their years of dedication.

Edward Jones \$26,315.91 as of 2/26/21 and Banner Bank \$9261.21.

Continuing/New business Nothing to report.

Kevin Hullquist (New training facility coordinator)

New/Continuing business The Lions Club conducted a prescribed burn at the Oro Fino Cemetery under the watchful eyes of SVFPD Captain Josh Frick and Jim Martin. “It was a bad time to burn—too wet. But a \$250 donation is on its way,” said Commissioner Hullquist.

Scott Frick

Continuing/New business Commissioner Frick inquired if SVFPD may invest the funds that are in our Appropriations for Contingencies account or if those funds must remain under the County Auditor’s control. Salucci will inquire about our options.

Motion to Adjourn Roseman/ 2nd Hullquist. All ayes, passed.

Date _____

Chair

Administrative Officer