

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on June 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Director van Duiwyk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director van Duiwyk, Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Dougherty, Director Powell. Chief Neels and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)**

Community member John Watson encouraged the Department to consider a Fall Weed Abatement review of the streambeds, which would require access on private property.

- 2. Consider recommendation to approve Resolution 2023-06, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-24. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Staff report presented by Accountant Nahas.**

Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2023-06, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-24. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-06, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-24 made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Powell. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, S. Dougherty, M. Lee, P. van Duiwyk, J. A. Powell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 3. Election of the Special District Risk Management Authority Governing Board of Directors Positions.**

Motion to select Robert Swan and Acquanetta Warren as the Special District Risk Management Authority Governing Board of Directors made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Powell. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, S. Dougherty, M. Lee, P. van Duiwyk, J. A. Powell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Approval of Minutes of the May 22, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

5. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Neels stated that Station 90 is open, and Engine 691 is in service on the south area of the District below Hwy 101. The Chief extended his thanks to Ty Warner for his assistance in making the lot available for the Department. He also thanked the Firefighters Association for staffing the apparatus as it is beyond the normal station coverage. The Chief stated the Department received the final inspection for the East Valley Road rebuild on June 20. He noted that a selection panel will meet this week to review six applications submitted from members within the Department. Chief Neels stated the final walk through for the Station 92 repairs should happen by July 19. The Chief provided an update regarding the Ambulance Service process. The Chief stated the Fire Station Location Committee meeting is scheduled this Wednesday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. The Chief noted the Wildfire Preparedness Community meeting will be held at El Montecito Church on June 28 at 6:00 p.m. Chief Neels stated the 4th of July pancake breakfast will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

6. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

7. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the July 24, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Director Dougherty suggested that staff address Mr. Watson's concerns expressed during public comment today.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary Sylvia Easton