

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 August 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Present: Director van Duinwyk, 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.)**

Joseph Pannino and Cliff Ghersen introduced themselves as candidates in the upcoming election for the Montecito Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

- 2. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Consider recommendation for approval of Financial Summary Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.**

Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding the Financial Summary Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Directors Lee and van Duinwyk highlighted items within the Financial Summary Report. Motion to approve the Financial Summary Report for FY 2023-24 made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

- b. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for April, May, June 2024.**

Accountant Nahas and Director Lee provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statement for April, May, and June 2024.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of the July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.**

Director Dougherty noted that the motion for agenda item 3, regarding the Professional Service Agreement with Keith Turcot, 5 Bar Engineering, LLC, should include "amount not to exceed \$45,000.00". Motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024 Regular meeting made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

4. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Neels provided an update regarding the ambulance permit process. Chief Neels stated the Fire Station Location Committee received word that the onsite geological review is complete. Chief Neels provided an update regarding the Regional Fire Communications Center. He also highlighted the Dispatcher Academy graduation. Chief Neels provided an update regarding various grant opportunities and funding. The Chief provided an update regarding redundant emergency communication. Chief Neels mentioned the upcoming 9/11 ceremony.

5. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

6. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the September 23, 2024 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

**7. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (d) (4): (One potential case)**

The Board reported out of closed session at 3:35 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary Sylvia Easton