

The Regular meeting of the North County Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on **December 15, 2009** at 11160 Speegle Street, Castroville, CA

ROLL CALL: Don Chapin, President
Frank Balesteri, Vice President
Steve Tansey, Secretary
Don Champion, Director
Jacqueline C. Simon, Director

Administrative Staff: Fire Chief Chris Orman
Division Chief Joe Pastore
Division Chief Humberto Arista
Division Chief Doug McCoun

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. By Don Harvey, President of Local 3058: Local 3058 President Harvey announced that Captain Tim Hudson will be assuming his position as Local 3058's president. Due to the change in leadership, Captain Hudson was appointed by Local 3058 to assume former Local 3058's President Harvey's position on the economic strategy committee (ESC).
2. By Ken Husby: Reserve Firefighter Husby was designated to serve on the ESC as a replacement for Reserve Firefighter Adam Henderson.

MINUTES: Motion made by Secretary Tansey, seconded by Vice President Balesteri to approve the November 17th, 2009 regular board meeting minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

WARRANTS/PURCHASING CONSENT: Motion made by Vice President Balesteri, seconded by Secretary Tansey to approve the Consent Calendar and the Supplemental warrants #27481 through #27550 for a total of \$455,836.63 and the December 5th, 2009 warrants #27551 through #27689 subtotaling \$239,611.00. Motion carried, 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. The November 2009 Revenue Reports (Item 6-A) were reviewed and accepted.
2. The November 2009 Expenditure Reports (Item 6-B) were reviewed and accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Board received a newspaper article (Item 7-A) on the recent auto extrication training exercise held at A&S Metals.
2. The Board received correspondence (Item 7-B) from the Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

1. Chief Orman presented his report (Item -8A) to the Board. The Board accepted the Fire Chief's report. The Board directed staff to provide a token of appreciation to A & S Metals and present it to the business owners of A & S Metals in open session at a future meeting date.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Division Chief McCoun provided the Board with an update after working with AT&T on the telephone and long distance conversion plan to CALNET 2 billing which will reduce the District's communication expenses. The projected plan with AT&T is to consolidate all accounts onto one phone bill summary effective February 2010. The District will be credited back retroactive to August 17th, 2009. To date, we have received a total of \$1,088.55 in credits applied to our account. The Board requested an update in February.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Economic Strategy Committee (ESC) updated the Board on progress being made so far. The Board came to consensus to place a tentative hold on the CAL-FIRE option at this time, but it may request a proposal for CAL-FIRE services at a future date. Chief Orman discussed a possible way to generate revenue with an EMS levy tax which will require fees to hire a consultant to complete a comprehensive study necessary for the process.

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The ESC also recommended that the Board review the 72-hour shift option as recommended by CAL-FIRE. The ESC set up two additional meetings in the next two weeks, and the committee will provide another report with its recommendations for the next regular Board meeting. The Board accepted the update from the ESC. No action was taken.

2. The Board held a discussion regarding the public hearing notice from the Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District to review proposed water rate increases. This rate increase will only affect the District's water expenses at Station 2. The Board reached consensus that it would direct staff to provide a message that the North County Fire Protection District is supportive of a strong water system for the entire community and to respond accordingly without taking a stance on the issue of the proposed increases.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Director Champion, seconded by Director Simon to approve the agreement for the Joint Exercise of Powers to Operate a Regional Incident Support Vehicle (RISV), a mobile breathing support unit. The Board of Directors approved the agreement and authorized the Chair to sign on behalf of the District. This agreement will supersede the previous agreement dated July 1, 1998. The District's share of the RISV assessment is \$454.00 as part of the agreement for repairs and maintenance, and the agreement allows the District to utilize a new vehicle. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Motion made by Vice President Balesteri, seconded by Director Simon to support the Monterey County Wildfire Protection Plan and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the document on behalf of North County Fire Protection District. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. Motion made by Director Champion, seconded by Director Simon to take action to authorize the District to conduct up to five actuarial studies performed by Cal PERS (California Public Employment Retirement System) for a maximum cost of \$1,000.00 to determine the cost and viability of an additional retirement system tier for all new hires due to rising Cal PERS rates. Motion carried, 5-0.
4. Motion made by Secretary Tansey, seconded by Vice President Balesteri to set the date and time for the annual organizational meeting to take place on Tuesday, January 19th, 2010 to elect the officers of the Board and to establish or approve the continuation of its subcommittees. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. Motion made by Secretary Tansey, seconded by Director Champion to approve and authorize the Board of Directors to sign the signature card and file the original signature card with the Monterey County Auditor-Controller's office. Motion carried, 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION: There was no update and no closed session held.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA: Tuesday, January 19th, 2010 at 11160 Speegle St., Castroville

1. Annual Organizational Meeting
2. Economic Strategy Committee update
3. Acceptance of the Audit

ADJOURNMENT: 11:12 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Overman, Recorder

Don Chapin, President

Frank Balesteri, Vice President