

The Regular meeting of the North County Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on **January 19, 2010** 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 10:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were received.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Vice President Balesteri, seconded by Secretary Tansey to approve the December 15th, 2009 regular board meeting minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

1. Motion made by Vice President Balesteri, seconded by Director Simon to propose that the Board continue with its current slate until the next election in 2012. There were no new nominations and no oppositions on the election of officers. Motion carried, 5-0.

- President Elect: Don Chapin
- Vice President: Frank Balesteri
- Secretary Steve Tansey
- Director Don Champion
- Director Jacqueline C. Simon
- Clerk to the Board/Recorder: Kim Overman

2. The Board discussed the continuation of its committees and the Board voted unanimously to approve its subcommittees.

Negotiations Committee:

- President Don Chapin
- Vice President Frank Balesteri

Audit Committee:

- President Don Chapin
- Director Jacqueline C. Simon

Secretary Tansey is unable to continue on the audit committee due to time constraints. President Chapin appointed himself due to the absence of any other nominations.

Economic Strategy Committee:

- President Don Chapin
- Secretary Steve Tansey
- Fire Chief Chris Orman
- Division Chief Humberto Arista
- Local 3058 President Tim Hudson (newly elected as the Local 3058's president)
- Lieutenant Don Harvey, Local 3058
- Reserve Firefighter Ken Husby, North County Firefighters Association

3. The Board voted unanimously to hold its regular meetings on the 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 A.M. at the library conference room at 11160 Speegle St., Castroville.

- Tuesday, January 19th, 2010
- Tuesday, February 16, 2010
- Tuesday, March 16th, 2010

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- Tuesday, April 20th, 2010
- Tuesday, May 18th, 2010
- Tuesday, June 15th, 2010
- Tuesday, July 20th, 2010
- Tuesday, August 17th, 2010
- Tuesday, September 21st, 2010
- Tuesday, October 19th, 2010
- Tuesday, November 16th, 2010
- Tuesday, December 21st, 2010

WARRANTS/PURCHASING CONSENT:

Motion made by Secretary Tansey, seconded by Vice President Balesteri to approve the Consent Calendar and the supplemental warrants #27690 through #27841 for a total of \$138,739.90. Motion carried, 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Board received correspondence (Item 7-A) from Chief Orman to Joe Rosa, General Manager of the Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District.
2. The Board received correspondence (Item 7-B) from Chief Orman to Chief George Haines in appreciation for CALFIRE (The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) for their detailed analysis and assistance.
3. The Board accepted a thank you card (Item 7-C) from the City of Canada Flintridge in appreciation of the Strike Team response during the Station Fire in Southern California.
4. The Board received correspondence (Item 7-D) from Mr. Jeffrey L. Adkins, member of the public who expressed his opinion on a consolidation of Monterey County Fire Agencies.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

1. Chief Orman presented his report (Item 8-A) to the Board. The Board accepted the Fire Chief's report. The Chief provided a verbal update on the Monterey County Local Agencies Insurance Authority's (MCLAIA) audit and financial summary. The Board accepted his report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Economic Strategy Committee (ESC) updated the Board on progress from the committee's meetings held recently. The ESC met twice in the past month and established that the only viable place where a substantial amount of money could be saved is in personnel costs. The Committee recommended that the Board pursue an enhancement of the existing EMS levy. The ESC reported that a request for an actuarial study has been made to Cal PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) for the purpose of establishing a 2nd tier for retirement benefits for new hires. The Chief will develop a comprehensive S.W.O.T. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis and needs assessment prior to next year's Budget discussions. No formal action was taken. The Board accepted the report from the ESC.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Secretary Tansey, seconded by Director Simon to adopt the accrual method of accounting as the official accounting policy of the District as recommended by the auditor. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Motion made by Secretary Tansey, seconded by Vice President Balesteri to approve the post-retirement actuarial by Rael & Letson in accordance with GASB Statement 45 and to appropriate a total of \$4,500.00 from Account# 5186: Professional Services for the actuarial fees. Roll Call Vote: Chapin- aye, Balesteri- aye, Tansey- aye, Champion- aye, Simon-aye. Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Director Champion, seconded by Vice President Balesteri to direct the Chief to research a ballot measure to establish an increased EMS (Emergency Medical Services) 218 Parcel Tax initiative and to initiate the process to select a consultant to conduct the parcel benefit study as a requisite to a Proposition 218 parcel tax request. Motion carried, 5-0.

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ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION: 10:54 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION: 10:58 A.M.

1. The Board and the Chief discussed ongoing litigation. No action was taken.
2. There was no closed session held on personnel issues.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA: Tuesday, February 16th, 2010 at 11160 Speegle St., Castroville

1. Acceptance of the Audit FY 2008/09.
2. Communications Expenses Analysis.
3. Presentation to A & S Metals.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:59 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Overman, Recorder

Don Chapin, President

Frank Balesteri, Vice President