

## Minutes of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Commissioners

July 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners was opened and called to order at 6:35 PM by: Board Chair, Judith Redmond

**Board Members Present:** Judith Redmond, Mike McDonald, Mark Burns, Wyatt Cline,

**Absent: Open Seat**

**Others Present:**

**Chief:**

**Secretary:** Sydney Cunningham

**Association Members:**

Jesse Capitanio

Craig Hollis

**Guest: None**

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:** YCPARMIA

**Motion to approve the June 2021 regular meeting minutes:**

**Motion:** Mike McDonald

**Second:** Mark Burns

**Approved:** YES

**Old Business:**

### 1. Update on Proposition 172 funding

The Yolo County Volunteer Chiefs are still pushing hard with legal representation to get something going on the Prop 172 Funds. The County is looking at the recommendations from LAFCO and still looking into consolidation of some of the volunteer districts. Yolo County 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Barajas is still pushing for general funding for this year, but permanent funding is still not clear.

To ensure that the community has the services in place that it needs, Capay Valley, Esparto, & Madison are putting together a Master Joint Operations Agreement (JOA) where the parties seek to establish a foundation for greater cooperation with each other in the provision of fire protection and emergency medical services. Through each party's participation in the JOA, the agreement will allow for significant improvements in training, safety and supervision, standardization of equipment, where feasible, and overall greater efficiency in the delivery of fire protection to the citizens, businesses and visitors within the communities.

A consultant has been hired to look at the Prop 218 Ballot issue to see if the funding gained from it would be worth the costs associated with the funding.

The Board will keep up their efforts on getting the word out to the community to organize support for viable solutions to make sure the continuation of the volunteer fire districts and the services they provide to the local residents of the districts they serve is preserved.

This board will continue to visit this item at the next CVFPD Board meeting to look at any new developments that may have occurred since the last update presented to this board.

## **2. Update on 2020 Co. Rd #41 Capay Valley Exit Route**

There were no new updates on this Item.

However the board did receive an invitation to the ground breaking for the County Road 40 replacement of the Low Water Bridge across Cache Creek with a new three span reinforced concrete slab bridge. This Bridge will be great to have back in service for the future.

This board will continue to visit this County Road #41 Exit Route item at the next meeting to discuss updates, if any.

## **3. Updates on the formation of the Capay Valley Emergency Response Auxiliary (CVERA)**

Craig Hollis spoke to the board on how this is developing.

The Group had a planning drill on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. Kurt from the County Office of Emergency Services toned out an alert to the members to mobilize them into action. Radios are coming thanks to a donation from the Firefighters Association as this new group is still relying heavily on donations to keep things going for now, as no grants have come through yet.

Insurance is still an issue and the group is still working to resolve it. The group still needs to get certified and will be pursuing a sponsorship and liability coverage. By the next meeting the hope is to have something in place.

Last Saturday the Guinda Station was opened as a cooling station, but better signage still needs to happen to get the word out. Posting an easel board in front of the Guinda Station so folks know when it is available as a cooling station would be great. Judith will follow up with Tommy Bright to get the signage done.

The board will keep this Item on the agenda for updates at the next meeting.

## **4. Discussion on Reserve Program**

Esparto was taking the lead on this program, but is in a holding pattern on trying to move this forward as all the districts have personnel issues. With much of the state on fire and a very small pool of qualified personnel available, soon as a station gets personnel, they are called away. The program is a challenge to keep going.

The board will keep this Item on the agenda for updates at the next meeting.

## **5. 20-21 Fiscal Year Closing Docs & 21-22 Authorization Forms**

The Board Reviewed the listing of the 20-21 Board members and other contacts for the 20-21 Fiscal Year end closing.

## **6. Update on YCPARMIA: ERMA Resolution**

YCPARMIA did not switch carriers for the Excess Umbrella due to the fact that the insurance ended up being more costly with less coverage. In the best interests of the stakeholders involved,

YCPARMIA will stay with the current provider. Since YCPARMIA requested that all who participate create and pass a Resolution in order to make the change to the new provider, they are now requesting that this board rescind the prior Resolution for clarity moving forward

**\*A Motion was made to rescind the prior June 2021 Resolution to switch carriers for the Excess Umbrella Coverage as requested by YCPARMIA.**

**First: Mark Burns  
Second: Wyatt Cline  
Motion Passed**

**New Business: None**

**Fire Chiefs Report:** Presented by Jesse Capitano in Chief Garrison's absence:

Capay Valley and Esparto went together on type 3 strike teams. We sent 4 personnel with B-222 to fight the Salt Fire and it worked out well. Chief Lawrence would like to see this continue. Prop. 172 Funds could be used for more personnel to help support this effort.

Call Log shows a few medical calls, propane gas leak, a vehicle accident at Hwy 16 & Hwy 20, & a vehicle fire in Brooks.

AFG Grant Update: Still not word back on this grant that we will use for new radios. The Grant recipients will begin to be notified starting in July and running through November.

We will request 50% of the new water tender cost from the Tribal Grant.

This District is still trying to get ARP funds or Biden Administration One Time COVID -19 Funds given to the County. 1 time funds from the county, to upgrade the electrical to 220 to increase the pumping capacity at the Guinda Station and upgrade the II/Vac for Guinda Station.

Brush 21 will go to the shop for repairs.

**Other Items:** No

**Firefighters Association Report:**

The fourth of July Parade was another success for the valley community. All went well.

**Other Agenda Items:**

**Closed Session:**

**Motion to Pay Submitted Claims:**

**Motion:** Mike McDonald  
**Second:** Wyatt Cline  
**Approved:** Yes

**Motion to Close the Meeting:**

**Motion:** Mike McDonald  
**Second:** Mark Burns  
**Approved:** Yes

**Meeting adjourned: 8:40 PM**

Judith Redmond, Chairman

Sydney Cunningham, Secretary