

Minutes of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Commissioners

March 08, 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: Chief Dan Garrison

Secretary: Sydney Cunningham

Association Members:

Jesse Capitanio

Ed Walters

Guest: None

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Motion to approve the February 2021 regular meeting minutes:

Motion: Mark Burns

Second: Wyatt Cline

Approved: YES

Old Business:

1. Continue discussion on Proposition 172 funding / 5 Year Plan for Proposition 172 funding

Board Members Wyatt Cline and Mark Burns sat in on the meeting. The Prop 172 Committee reviewed the report and talked on the fact that they need to make some changes for long term sustainability. If funds become available for distribution, the committee has asked that each district submit a plan on where and how the funds would be used. Given that if funds are received, the funds must be spent, most districts are looking to get a full time paid person. This districts goals are long term stainability and continued support and empowerment of the volunteer fire fighters. To that end, if the district receives Prop 172 Funds, the 5 year plan time line could be accelerated. So the district will look at reviewing our current 5 year plan to include goals over 5 & 10 years and specify areas of the plan where Prop 172 funds could be used.

This board will continue to visit this item at the next CVFPD Board meeting to look at any new developments.

2. Continue Discussion on 2020 Co. Rd #41 Capay Valley Exit Route

This issue is still in the works of some kind of resolution.

Board Chair Judith Redmond did hear back from the County Board of Supervisors who were very receptive on this issue and the staff report sees value in getting the road reopened and maintained. A couple options were proposed.

Option A) would have County Road 41 follow the creek. This is a cheaper quicker more doable option.

Option B) would take the road further from the creek and is a better option but is expected to cost much more.

Public Works had no cost figures to offer and funding still needs to be found. So no decisions have been made at this time.

This board will continue to visit this item at the next meeting to discuss updates if any.

3. Continue Discussion on the Vault Toilet

Board Member Wyatt Cline reported back in regards to this. This issue is still up in the air. This is in limbo and we need to submit our demands to the county. Wyatt spoke on this again and will go back to the county with a proposal.

*Motion was made to donate land only for the Vault Toilet with the understanding that the county is to bare all costs to install the toilet to compliance standards, maintain the toilet (Pumping, Cleaning & Supplies, Repairs) and any and all costs to do so into perpetuity.

Motion: Wyatt Cline

Second: Mark Burns

Motion Passes: 3-1

This board will visit this again at the next meeting to discuss updates if any.

4. Continue Discussion of a Paid Administrative/ Maintenance Volunteer position:

The Board requested an update on how this new arrangement of time is working out. Jesse Capitanio stated that things are working better with the added time.

This board will review this again at the next meeting.

5. Update on Design and Purchase of a Security System for Station #22

Board member Mark Burns and Chief Garrison will be getting the Security Cameras up next week. Mark and Chief Garrison will report on the progress made at next meeting.

6. Yolo County Department of Finance Billing Process Changes for Submitting Claims

The district secretary reached out to the YCDF Representative for our district to find out why the county cannot pay claims timely.

YCFD responded that they are short staffed and with the annual Board Authorization Form filed with YCDF by our district last fiscal year in July, shows that the District Secretary has permission to pay claims. The YCDF would prefer that the District Secretary submit claims weekly, and submit a Summary of Paid claims to the board each month to sign off on rather than submit a monthly claims summary for approval to pay claims.

This board is fine with this process if it gets the bills paid timely.

New Business

1. AFG Grant

The paperwork for this grant has been submitted and we should know by the end of October if we got the grant or not.

Fire Chiefs Report:

1. Engine 22 goes to Sacramento on 03/25/2021 for annual maintenance.
2. By next week we should have specs on the new Water Tender.
3. Tim Sullivan has submitted a bid for the Concrete Apron and replacement of the concrete slab in the truck bay. Tim will work with the county to meet compliance standards.
4. John & Matt Gwerder will work with the county for compliance to put in a new header to raise the height of the bay doors so fully automatic doors can be installed.
5. There were a few calls this month. A bad wreck a Co Rd 78A , a search and rescue, a couple medical calls and even though the vegetation is still green, a grass fire already.

Other Items: None

Firefighters Association Report: Craig Hollis & Jesse Capitanio

Craig Hollis has been working with Moira Fitzgerald on suggestions on leadership for The Capay Valley Emergency Response Auxiliary looking into other similar programs to determine operating guidelines. Board Chair Judith Redmond will go to the next meeting as well.

There are 3 models that overlap a bit.

1. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): a nationally certified program whose members would wear green helmets and vests to be identifiable when assisting in an emergency event.
2. The National Fire Core – Non Firefighter individuals helping out as needed
3. Fire Safe Council - state budget funds are available for education on preventing fires.

The Winters group is up and running and really has taken off. They are backed by the USDA and funds may be available for Western Yolo County.

The association will report back with an update on this next month.

Other Agenda Items:

Closed Session:

Motion to Pay March 2021 Claims:

Motion: Mike McDonald

Second: Wyatt Cline

Approved: Yes

Motion to Close the Meeting:

Motion: Mike McDonald

Second: Wyatt Cline

Approved: Yes

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 PM

Judith Redmond, Chairman _____

Sydney Cunningham, Secretary _____