

## **Minutes of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Commissioners**

**Monday 08 November**

**The regular meeting of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners was opened and called to order at 6:30 PM by: Board Chair, Judith Redmond**

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

**Absent:** Dawnmarie Eason

**Others Present:**

**Chief:** Dan Garrison

**Secretary:** Jesse Capitanio

**Association Members:** Craig Hollis, Jesse Capitanio

**Guest:** Brian Boyce - Rumsey Ditch

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Motion to approve the October 11 2021 regular meeting minutes:**

**Motion:** Mark Burns

**Second:** Mike McDonald

**Ayes:** Judith, Mike, Mark, Wyatt

**Nays:** None

**Approved:** YES

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Update on Proposition 172 funding / Neighboring JOA Document**

No updates on 172 funding - group is working with the interim CFO who wants to help. The county is accepting applications for one-time funding, but this is not coming out of 172 funds.

Regarding the JOA:

Madison opted not to join the JOA,

Jesse reports that we have not yet begun joint trainings with Esparto, though there are plans moving forward to begin. We have a schedule of quarterly trainings involving Stations 25, 22, 19, and hopefully 17; Curtis indicates that the Esparto regular trainings may move to Thursday night in which case we will begin to trade off - the goal is to work together once a month. Additional training opportunities may be available during the work week with either Cal Fire or St. 25 but this is not expected to pick up until the beginning of the new year.

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**

No decision was made at the last BOS meeting, no real updates available. Wyatt suggests that Todd Riddiough from the public works division might have information regarding timeline for implementation of this project.

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

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

Craig Hollis reports that CVERA will be holding a CPR/1<sup>st</sup> aid training on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> with 12 attendees already confirmed and active recruitment of more members taking place. Additionally, CVERA has a project in the works to create and install reflective address signs for valley residents, The goal is to have this project funded by grant money.

There will be a CVERA training held in January (date TBD) surrounding flood scenarios with information on managing drainage ditches and sandbagging in the event of an emergency.

Judith reports that a survey has been developed for the community to determine who might need additional assistance during an emergency. Damen Snow of Yocha Dehe suggested that a flyer or mailer would be a good form of outreach. Judith wonders if the FD would support this effort by distributing flyers or otherwise promoting the project? Jesse agreed to help promote, Wyatt suggested the Corner Store, the Post Office, and the Rustic BBQ billboards/windows as good spots to advertise. He also mentioned that Tommy Bright is a local sign maker who does good work. Mike suggested that the FD could contribute information to the survey as we already know many people with medical issues from our calls. Danny suggested that CVERA reach out to PG&E as they have funding to supply generators to people with medical needs. Mark volunteered to offer technical assistance with the survey if needed.

CVERA will be putting an ad in the Valley Voice to tell people about the organization and promote the survey.

The board will keep this item on the agenda for review and updates at the next meeting.

## **3. Discussion on Reserve Program**

Tabled for now

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

## **4. Motion to add officer nominations as New Business for today's meeting**

**Motion: Add officer nominations as new business:**

**Motion:** Mike McDonald

**Second:** Wyatt Cline

**Ayes:** Judith, Mike, Mark, Wyatt

**Nays:** None

**Approved:** YES

## **New Business**

### **1. Officer Nominations for Board of Commissioners**

Mike brought up the upcoming expiration of terms for Board Officers and it was agreed that elections are needed. Mike nominated Judith Redmond to remain as Chair of the Board, and Wyatt agreed, moving to keep the status quo in terms of Board Officers. This would mean a nomination of Judith as Chair and Mike as Vice Chair

Vote will be held during December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting

### **2. Proposal to create a shared Firefighter position between Esparto FPD and Capay Valley FPD**

Danny updated the Board that this position has not yet been created as it is still in discussions, and the schedule of 3 days in Capay Valley and 2 in Esparto is flexible if needs be, though Wyatt was of the opinion that we should try to get staffing for 3 days a week. Danny explained that the County has offered us one-time-funding from a cannabis tax-revenue source and a limited timeline to apply for this funding, so without committing ourselves to the creation of this position, we want to apply jointly with Esparto to cover the first 6 months of implementation of this program should the Board approve it.

Discussion ensued as to the costs and benefits of such a program and how it could be funded.

Danny identified tribal impact mitigation funds as a potential source of sustainable funding for salaries and noted that this money is set to increase due to the Casino expansion. Mark pointed out that additional staffing could improve our ability to send trucks out of county, which generates significant revenue for the department. Mike was wary of giving up sustainable funding to our equipment replacement reserve and added that strike team assignments reduce staffing within our district. Wyatt pointed to the JOA and discussions on a shared reserve program as opportunities to back fill staffing during out of county assignments.

Judith had questions about the salary schedule created by Chief Lawrence, and Jesse explained the different pay grades included in the document, the shares from Capay Valley and Esparto, and the salary rate associated with the funding request. It was noted that cannabis money is currently one-time only and it is not known if/how it will be allocated to our district in the future.

It was agreed to move this conversation to old business for the December meeting.

### **3. Rumsey Ditch Variance**

Brian Boyce brought the Water Board Diversion Curtailment to our attention whereby the County shut down water flowing through the Rumsey ditch due to drought conditions. The Rumsey Improvement Association filed for a health and human safety exemption to keep water flowing for use in fire protection/suppression with the intention being to maintain a green barrier along the ditch line as well as a strategic water source for drafting/pumping operations during an incident. They have received interim approval and can provide a copy of the application for review if requested. He is hoping for a letter of support from the fire district.

Danny stated that we should help them – this water wouldn't be available to the users for irrigation, but the green barriers would be good, and though we don't typically pump from the ditch it is an option and could also be used by homeowners for property protection. Wyatt agreed that we should support this.

Mike requested a copy of the application be brought to the next meeting, and Judith requested a draft letter of support – Brian will bring these to the 12/13/21 meeting.

This item will be moved to old business for the December meeting.

**Fire Chief's Report:**

New roll up doors are installed in Station 22, and Brush 222 has been moved to the main building. There is still some minor electrical cleanup necessary, but everything is functional.

We have submitted a grant application to Department of Water Resources (DWR) for funding to upgrade the booster pump at our filling station - timeline for award is not known.

Jesse is writing a regional AFG grant application again - this time for up to 7 local departments to install diesel exhaust filtration systems in the app bays. Up front money will come from county funds set aside for the fire districts.

A representative will be needed on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> to accept a check from the Tribal Council. Event will be from 12-1 and it would be good to send the Board Chair. Judith and Mike unavailable, Mark will go.

Applications for Fire Chief are in - to be discussed in closed session.

**Other Items: None**

**Firefighters' Association Report:**

Holiday party on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Grange Hall, beginning at 5 pm. With dinner to follow. Almond festival is coming up, we are expecting the event to go forward this year.

**Other Agenda Items: None**

**Closed Session:**

**Motion to Pay Submitted Claims:**

**Motion:** Michael McDonald

**Second:** Mark Burns

**Ayes:** Judith, Mike, Mark, Wyatt

**Nays:** None

**Approved:** Yes

**Motion to Close the Meeting:**

**Motion:** Mike McDonald


**Second:** Mark Burns

**Ayes:** Judith, Mike, Mark, Wyatt

**Nays:** None

**Approved:** Yes

**Meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM**

Judith Redmond, Chairman 

Jesse Capitanio, Secretary 