

Minutes of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Commissioners

Monday 10 April 2023

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: Wyatt Cline, Dawnmarie Eason, Mark Burns, Caleb Sehnert, Judith Redmond

Absent:

Others Present: Michael McDonald

Chief/Dist. Secretary: Jesse Capitanio

Association Members:

Motion to approve the September regular meeting minutes:

Motion: Mark Burns

Second: Caleb Sehnert

Ayes: Wyatt, Dawnmarie, Caleb, Judith, Mark

Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved: Yes

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

1. Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) Update

- a. Personnel Policies: Preliminary review of draft personnel policies identifying fiscal impacts to CVFPD presented by adoption of joint policies with Esparto FPD. The Board will fully review the policy draft and develop a list of items to be clarified.
- b. 3/30/23 2x2 report: Esparto Commissioners Burns and Lucero were present, CVFPD Commissioners Eason and Redmond were present, as were Chiefs Lawrence and Capitanio. Discussion included personnel policies and methodology/strategy for 218 outreach
- c. Shared Firefighter: FF McGregor will be rehired by Cal Fire effective 4/17, Chief Lawrence is in process to hire an additional employee with the intention of contracting to Capay Valley for 3 days a week, 8 hours a day.

2. Benefit Assessment Tax Process

Wyatt reports that Supervisor Barajas understands the need for clarity on County funding prior to FPD's proceeding with 218 assessments, and will bring the issue before the Board of Supervisors.

3. Financial Sustainability/Prop 172

- a. One-time funding agreement: Based on discussions with County staff about the terms of the agreement, Jesse feels that our past and current efforts toward sustainability qualify us for funding through this contract. A motion was made to sign the agreement with Yolo County for reimbursement funds.

Motion to sign the grant funding agreement:

Motion: Mark Burns

Second: Dawnmarie Eason

Ayes: Wyatt, Dawnmarie, Caleb, Judith, Mark

Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved: Yes

4. Update on Co. Rd #41 Capay Valley Exit Route

The land acquisition process seems to be on hold at the moment, and the grant funding for this project was denied, however some prep work is going ahead.

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

5. CVERA update

Judith reports that Team Rubicon is coming to perform some fuel abatement in the Valley, expected to arrive 4/19. CVERA is training on radio use. Captain Hollis was awarded honorable mention by the National Volunteer Fire Council, nominated by CVERA – Moira to put an article in the Valley Voice. Moira also to reach out to Team Rubicon regarding training policies for use of small tools – could be used as a template for CVERA.

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

6. Septic Project

Still no timeline.

7. Grant funding update: DWR/Cal Fire

DWR grant is finalized, funds are available. Jesse to reach out to Jess Knolle for fresh estimate on electrical work.

New Business:

Fire Chief's Report:

Radio installation is being completed, but trucks are being shuffled into Woodland for the work. W22 is at the shop for warranty work and will stop in Woodland on the way home for radio work. A couple recent calls were requests from SO for medical standby – this will likely become more frequent.

Had one large SAR call involving 9 agencies up on the Blue Ridge for an ORV accident, patient was successfully located and transported by air ambulance.

Swiftwater Rescue training coming up Memorial Day weekend, likely to be multi-agency over the course of 3 days.

Blair and Jesse did their chainsaw training down in Manteca and will be bringing the skills back to the department.

Firefighters' Association Report:

Scholarships coming up at the end of the school year.

Other Agenda Items:

Discuss budget and review claims:

Jesse submitted the current claims and they were reviewed by the Board

Motion to Pay Submitted Claims

Motion: Mark Burns

Second: Dawnmarie Eason

Ayes: Dawnmarie, Caleb, Wyatt, Mark, Judith

Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved: Yes

Motion to Close the Meeting:

TIME: 8:15 PM

Motion: Wyatt Cline

Second: Dawnmarie Eason

Ayes: Mark, Wyatt, Dawnmarie, Caleb, Judith


Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved: Yes

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 PM

Judith Redmond, Chairman



Jesse Capitano, Secretary

