



NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 17, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

Pursuant to California Assembly Bill 361, the District is authorized to hold public meetings remotely and to make those meetings accessible to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the Board by remote means. This meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Paul Bernier at 7:03 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Directors Rob Stewart, Fred Peterson, Paul Bernier and Scott Newman attended the meeting in person. Larry Heiges attended the meeting via Zoom. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville, and Administrative Manager Anneke Turbeville were also present. District Treasurer Michael Pigoni attended via Zoom.
- d. Approval of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

2. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Matthew Dakin presented the Board with a letter from the Knights Valley Volunteer Fire Department Board.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fire Station Updates and Discussion:
 - Firehouse Design: Rob Stewart announced his intent to meet with the Chalk Hill triangle property owner and to discuss the closure of the spur road with CAL Trans. Marshall Turbeville explained the need for a station with sleeping quarters and a kitchen in Knights Valley.
 - Alexander Valley Fire Station: MAC is providing funding for the Alexander Valley Fire Station. It is hoped there will be a total cost by the next meeting.
- b. Consolidation and Annexation: The LAFCO application is turned in.
- c. Special Tax Zone Billing: Gene Schnair and Larry Heiges provided an update on the payments received from the special tax billing. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to send out a second mailing before the end of the month; associated costs will be taken from collected payments. 4 ayes and 1 abstain (Heiges). Motion passed.**
- d. "New" Fire District: Larry Heiges offered to put together a slide show about the District.
- e. Resolution 21/22-0217-01: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Peterson) to adopt Resolution 21/22-0317-01, proclaiming a state of emergency exists due to COVID-19 and authorizing remote teleconference (Zoom) meetings of the District for the next 30 days pursuant to California Assembly Bill 361. All ayes.**

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 2021/2022-0317-02: Bob Neale, Stewardship Manager of Sonoma Land Trust, explained the resolution in relation to the CEQA process. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Peterson) to approve Resolution 2021/2022-0317-02 Adopting CEQA project-specific analysis/addendum for Sonoma Land Trust Preserves vegetation treatment project, making**

CEQA findings, approving project, and approving related actions. Roll Call Vote: Bernier- aye; Peterson- aye; Stewart- aye; Heiges- aye; Newman- abstain. Motion Passed.

- b. **LAFCO Election: A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Peterson) to vote for William Norton for the Alternate Special District Representative. All ayes.**
5. **MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Peterson) to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2022 Regular Meeting. 4 ayes, 1 abstain (Stewart). Motion Passed.**
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Scott Newman asked numerous questions about the presentation of the financial material. He will meet with Anneke Turbeville prior to the next meeting to discuss the financials.
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR: A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to approve the warrants. All ayes.**
8. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** Fire Chief presented an update on grants, calls and vegetation management. He will be out of town Sunday through Wednesday at the wildland fire conference.
9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Paul Bernier said it was nice to see the unity at the Knights Valley community meeting.
10. **GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Fred Peterson announced the emergency preparedness fair in Cloverdale on May 1st. The GVFA is hosting a small blood drive on May 20th. The GVFA is funding a trailer for the masticator and a new pickup. May Day will be held this year but there are no details yet.
11. **NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE JPA COMMITTEE REPORT:** Fred Peterson announced that the two boards need a shared vision. He asked for a five- and ten-year strategic plan. A discussion followed on the current obligations of the district and the need to focus on the existing areas. Rob Stewart will take Fred Peterson's place on the committee, which meets via zoom on the second Tuesday of each month.
12. **CORRESPONDENCE:** There is reading material from the CSDA.
13. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Wine Country to the Rescue is scheduled for July 16th. Rob Stewart's parents were married 78 years ago today. The situation in Ukraine is breaking Rob Stewart's heart. We are hosting a dinner in June.
14. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Newman) to adjourn at 9:30 PM. All ayes.**

*approved Newman/Stewart on 4/26/22
Anneke Turbeville*

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