



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

July 20, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

### 1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by Director Fred Peterson at 6:00 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Directors Rob Stewart, Larry Heiges, Pat Abercrombie, Fred Peterson and Scott Newman were present. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville, Administrative Manager Anneke Turbeville, and Treasurer Michael Pigoni were also present.
- d. Approval of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Heiges) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

### 2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: There was no public discussion.

### 3. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ZONE:

- a. Public Hearing: Chief Turbeville read the resolution to the audience. Property owners expressed concern about the future costs to property owners, the potential effect on insurance rates, which areas are included within the zone, and accountability. Several members of the public urged the District to hold more meetings and do more outreach.
- b. Resolution to form Service Zone 1- Comprehensive Vegetation Management Zone: Chief Turbeville explained the areas included within the proposed Service Zone 1 and the intent of the formation of a comprehensive vegetation management zone. He noted that it does not involve the collection of any fees and/or taxes from the people. Turbeville described current and past vegetation management projects of the District. After addressing the concerns of the public and answering questions, several members of the public encouraged the District to adopt the resolution. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Heiges) to adopt the Resolution of the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District Forming Service Zone 1, A Comprehensive Vegetation Management Zone. Roll Call Vote: Abercrombie-aye; Stewart- aye; Heiges- aye; Newman- aye; Peterson- aye. All ayes, motion passed.**

### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. City and Planning Unit Outreach Efforts Update: **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Heiges) to form an Ad Hoc Committee for city and planning unit outreach with Chief Turbeville and directors Peterson and Abercrombie. All ayes.**
- b. Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Update: Scott Newman reported that they are shifting from a consultant led process to a Board led process. Consultant Walter Kieser will continue to be involved in areas where he has specific knowledge. There will be a special meeting on August 9, 2023 at 1 PM to further discuss strategic planning.
- c. Fire Station Updates: Scott Newman said Station 2 is moving forward. There were no other station updates.
- d. Policies: The policies are not ready for adoption tonight.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

### 6. MINUTES: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Heiges) to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2023 Regular Meeting and the June 25, 2023 Special Meeting. All ayes.**

### 7. FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Stewart presented the current financial reports.



8. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Stewart) to approve the June/July warrants, along with two additional bills presented by Chief Turbeville that were not included in the Agenda Packet. All ayes.
9. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Turbeville reported that vegetation fires are still trending low. The Type 6 bids may be available for review next month. The Cooley Ranch VTP will be on next month's agenda. The Knights Valley board is considering a reconfiguration. The landscaping in front of Geyserville Fire Station is complete. Evan Bradish completed defensible space inspections on Fitch Mountain.
10. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Peterson said that as we move forward there will be more work for all of us.
11. **GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION (GVFA) REPORT:** The Wine Country to the Rescue event raised enough to purchase four LUCAS devices for CPR. October 29<sup>th</sup> is the pancake breakfast. Chief Turbeville hopes to hold a BBQ and fire extinguisher servicing event in Knights Valley sometime in November.
12. **NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE JPA COMMITTEE REPORT:** No report.
13. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Chief Turbeville noted that the State of California notified us that they have re-opened public comments for the new fire hazard severity zones. The approval process for the zones is moving along.
14. **FUTURE/POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no new items discussed here.
15. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Rob Stewart told Scott Newman that he is thinking of Scott's dad.
16. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Heiges) to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Newman/Abercrombie

Clerk of the Board: Anneke Turbeville Date: 8/17/2023

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