

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on March 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Director van Duinwyk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Dougherty. Chief Taylor and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

Absent: Director Powell

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. That the Board appoint David Neels as the Fire Chief and that the Board approve and authorize the Board President to execute the Fire Chief Employment Agreement between the Montecito Fire Protection District and David Neels. (Strategic Plan Goals 1-8)**

Motion to appoint David Neels as the Fire Chief and authorize the Board President to execute the Fire Chief Employment Agreement between the Montecito Fire Protection District and David Neels made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

- 3. Administer Oath of Office for new Fire Chief.**

Director van Duinwyk administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief David Neels. The Board took a break at 2:06 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

- 4. Recognition of Community Service: Harry Rabin.**

Director van Duinwyk presented a resolution of recognition to Harry Rabin for his outstanding community service.

- 5. Receive Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification Report from Fire Chief Neels. (Strategic Plan Goal 3)**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Neels.**

Chief Neels provided a power point presentation regarding the Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification Report.

6. Receive Strategic Plan Annual Progress Report from Fire Chief Taylor. (Strategic Plan Goal 3)

a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding the Strategic Plan Annual Progress Report on organization goals, objectives, and critical tasks.

7. Consider approval of Resolution 2023-03, adopting the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and the Montecito Fire Protection District Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex. (Strategic Plan Goal 2)

a. Staff report presented by Fire Marshal Briner.

Fire Marshal Briner provided a staff report regarding the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and the Montecito Fire Protection District Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-03, made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Dougherty, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee, S. Easton
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: J. A. Powell

8. That the Board of Directors authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Pueblo Construction, in the amount of \$185,089.93 for the fire repair and installation of flooring at Fire Station 92. (Strategic Plan Goal 5)

a. Staff report presented by Battalion Chief Chapman.

Chief Neels provided a staff report regarding the Fire Station 92 repair project. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Pueblo Construction, in the amount of \$185,089.93 for the fire repair and installation of flooring at Fire Station 92 made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Dougherty and unanimously passed.

9. Consider approval of Resolution 2023-02, that the Montecito Fire Protection District expressing the District's desire that the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors award the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, the County Ground Ambulance Contract. (Strategic Plan Goal 3)

a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding the support for County Fire provided ambulance service. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-02, made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Lee. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Dougherty, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee, S. Easton

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. A. Powell

10. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)

a. Consider recommendation to approve January and February 2023 financial statements.

Director Lee provided a report regarding the January and February 2023 financial statements. Motion made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Lee, and unanimously passed to approve the January and February 2023 financial statements.

b. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for January and February 2023.

Director Lee provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statement for January and February 2023.

11. Approval of Minutes of the February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 Regular meeting made by Director Dougherty, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

12. Fire Chief's report.

Fire Marshal Briner provided an update regarding Neighborhood Chipping Program. Chief Neels provided an update regarding recent storm events. He also provided an update regarding the San Ysidro round about and Hwy 101 projects. Chief Neels expressed his gratitude to Chief Taylor.

13. Board of Director's report.

Director van Duinwyk provided a presentation of appreciation to Chief Taylor on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Board members expressed their gratitude to Chief Taylor.

14. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the April 24, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Director Lee asked Chief Neels to provide an update on the rental property rebuild, as well as the status of the Caltrans agreement during the Chief's report at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary Sylvia Easton