

## **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 January 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Director van Duinwyk called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**Present:** Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Powell, Director Dougherty. Chief Taylor and District Counsel Cameron Goodman were also present.

- 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 of Directors authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Resolute Associates. (Strategic Plan Goal 2)**

Chief Taylor provided a report regarding an agreement for professional services with Resolute Associates. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Resolute Associates made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Lee and motion carried. Director Dougherty voted nay.

- 3. Annual Review of the Financial Policy Updates of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

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

District Accountant Nahas provided a report regarding the Annual Review of the Financial Policies.

- 4. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Consider recommendation to approve November and December 2022 financial statements.**

Director Lee provided a report regarding the November and December 2022 financial statements. Motion made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Powell, and unanimously passed to approve the November and December 2022 financial statements.

**b. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for November 2022.**

Director Lee provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statement for November 2022.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Special Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 Special meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Powell, and unanimously passed.

**6. Fire Chief's report.**

Chief Taylor stated that because of staff's heavy workload during the previous two weeks, items were deferred to the February agenda and will include: Annual Report, Strategic Plan Progress Update, Operations Division Annual Report, Prevention Division Annual Report, ISO Public Protection Classification Report, Fair Market Value Assessment of the rental properties and potentially the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Chief Taylor provided a report regarding the January 9 storm event. Division Chief Neels highlighted the recent wind event. He also provided an overview regarding the Department's upstaffing as well as the County Incident Management Team's response during the recent events.

**7. Board of Director's report.**

There were no items to report at this meeting.

**8. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the February 27, 2023 Regular Board meeting.**

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

**9. CLOSED SESSION:**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:  
(One potential case)**

The Board reported out of closed session at 3:10 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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President Peter van Duinwyk

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Secretary Sylvia Easton