

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Held via teleconference connection as permitted under the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020 due to concerns of COVID-19 ("Executive Order").

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

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

Absent: Director Easton

- 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. Presentation regarding the results of the Montecito Fire Protection District Community Survey. (Strategic Plan Goal 4)**
 - a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.**

Chief Taylor provided a report regarding the results of the Montecito Fire Protection District Community Survey. Motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian to receive and file the Montecito Fire Protection District Community Survey. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: J.A. Powell, P. van Duinwyk, J. Ishkanian, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: S. Easton

- 3. Receive 2020 Operations Report from Division Chief Neels. (Strategic Plan Goal 2)**

Division Chief Neels presented the 2020 Operations Report.

- 4. That the Board of Directors approve and authorize the President to execute Side Letter Agreement amending Sections 1, 28 and 31 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Montecito Firefighter's Association and the Montecito Fire Protection District deleting the Communications Coordinator position.**

(Strategic Plan Goal 7)

a. Staff report present by Fire Chief Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding the Side Letter Agreement amending Sections 1, 28 and 31 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Montecito Firefighter's Association and the Montecito Fire Protection District deleting the Communications Coordinator position. Motion to approve and authorize the President to execute the Side Letter Agreement made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, J. A. Powell, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: S. Easton

5. That the Board of Directors approve and authorize the President to execute Side Letter Agreement amending Sections 1, 12.1 and 29 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Members of Staff and the Montecito Fire Protection District adding the Public Information Officer position. (Strategic Plan Goal 7)

a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding the Side Letter Agreement amending Sections 1, 12.1 and 29 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Members of Staff and the Montecito Fire Protection District adding the Public Information Officer position. Motion to approve and authorize the President to execute the Side Letter Agreement made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Ishkanian. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, J. A. Powell, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: S. Easton

6. Presentation regarding Long Term Financial Outlook by Accountant Nahas. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)

a. Staff report presented by Accountant Nahas.

Accountant Nahas provided a presentation regarding the District's Long-Term Financial Outlook. Motion made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van

Duinwyk to receive and file the Long-Term Financial Outlook. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: P. van Duinwyk, J. Ishkanian, J. A. Powell, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: S. Easton

7. Consider recommendation to authorize two Board members to attend the 2021 SDRMA Virtual Spring Education Day. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)

a. Staff report presented by Accountant Nahas.

Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding the 2021 SDRMA Virtual Spring Education Day. Motion to approve attendance and compensation for up to four Board members for attendance of the two webinars and Spring Education Day made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: P. van Duinwyk, J. Ishkanian, J. A. Powell, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: S. Easton

8. Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Regular meeting made by Director Ishkanian, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ayes: P. van Duinwyk, J. Ishkanian, J.A. Powell, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: S. Easton

9. Fire Chief's report.

Division Chief Neels highlighted significant calls for the month of January. He provided an update regarding the rental property rebuilds and stated that 1259 E. Valley Rd. should be available to rent on June 1st. He stated the Station 1 Flooring project will begin on March 1st. He also provided an update regarding the Solar project. Chief Taylor provided an update regarding the Neighborhood Chipping project. The Chief provided an update regarding the RFP for the Evacuation Analysis Study. Chief Taylor stated that information regarding the Home Hardening Grant Program will go live on the District's website this week. He mentioned that Fire Danger rating signs are in the process of being refreshed.

He stated the organization remains in phase 2 of the Continuity of Operations Plan, and the County remains in the purple tier. Chief Taylor stated the Information Officer, Christina Favuzzi, will start on April 1st. Chief Taylor highlighted upcoming meetings: Fire Station Location Committee meeting, February 25 at 2 p.m., Finance Committee meeting, March 15 at 2 p.m., Special Joint Board meeting with Carpinteria-Summerland, March 16 at 1 p.m., Regular Board meeting, March 22 at 2 p.m. Chief Taylor stated that the Randall Road debris basin is out to bid. Chief Taylor provided an update from the Fire Chiefs Association Task Force.

10. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

11. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the March 22, 2021 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

President Michael Lee

Secretary Judith Ishkanian