

WEST POINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING, WED. SEPTEMBER 2, 2020  
MINUTES

5:00 P.M. West Point Station and Zoom call in

Director Stephen Schoenthaler called the meeting to order. Directors Schoenthaler, Kirk Smith, John Hesketh, Bryce Randall were present. Director Greg Pryor was present via Zoom call in. Also present were Chief Bill Fullerton, Asst. Chief Terry Miller, Supervisor Jack Garamendi, Chaplain Carolyn Oliver, CERT Reps. Sam and Kathy Hernandez and Clerk Jill Jenkins. There were approximately 12 Zoom callers according to Chief Fullerton and approximately 20-30 community members present at the station.

Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a recap of the recent ballot measure. He stated that we currently have strike teams out on fires and as a result, the district will not immediately have to shut down. He said the district will have to deal with the short fall of revenue and will probably need to go back to the voters for another tax measure. He said there are approximately 1400 registered voters in our district who received ballots. He said property owners that are not registered in our county could not receive ballots. Members of the community were given the opportunity to ask questions and give comments. Those who spoke included Cheryl McKeon Harper, Arlene Vanek, Rose Kester, Susan McMorris, Sarah Dukes, Michael Wilhite, Julia Marcelli, Marsha Hesketh, Tori (zoom caller), Ken Bender, Michelle Allen, John (zoom caller), Dick Roth. The meeting went to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting after a brief recess.

7:05 P.M.

THE MINUTES of the last meeting held on 8/5/20 were reviewed. Bryce made the motion to adopt the minutes as written. John seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted with 5 votes.

CORRESPONDENCE for the month was presented. Jill read a letter from William and Lynn Voreyer. The Directors reviewed the Bank of Stockton account statement. Information regarding a nomination ballot for the Calaveras LAFCO was presented and Kirk stated he'd like to be a representative. He took the paperwork to complete and return to the county.

BOARD MATTERS- Jill reported John Hesketh was unable to go to the county to complete his reappointment paperwork so his Director's position will be open as of 12/3/20. She said he can go at that time to complete his reappointment paperwork, but the district will also need to post the vacant position for 15 days. Discussion then took place regarding the fiscal year 2020/2021 final budget. Kirk stated the revenue for strike team responses may need to be adjusted. Kirk then made the motion to adopt the preliminary budget as the final for now. Steve seconded the motion. The final budget was adopted with 5 votes.

THE CERT REPORT was presented in written format and is attached to these minutes.

THE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT- Bill reported the mailed donation request letter has raised approximately \$17,000.00.

THE WEB SITE REPORT- Sam stated he is changing software. He also stated there had been a request from someone at the public forum for the district's minutes to be posted on the web site. The Directors agreed to have Sam post the adopted minutes. Sam said he'd also post information for people to make donations if they'd like.

THE DISTRICT'S PAYABLES were reviewed in 3 transmittals: regular payables totaling \$3707.77, the Cal card payment of \$1543.82 and a PG&E settlement payment for the completion of the garage doors of \$11,242.50. She said there will be another PG&E settlement of \$11,190.74 for the completion of the new Chief's truck. Bryce made the motion to pay all of the district's bills. Steve seconded the motion. The bills were paid with 4 votes (Greg was not available to sign).

NEW BUSINESS- Kirk said he ran some figures using the current strike team income. He said he figures we can make it to January 2021.

OLD BUSINESS-none.

THE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT- Bill said we've had 2 engines out on strike teams and he's been manning the station along with Mike Mitchell. He said these strike teams should really help the district's revenue. He said Mike Mitchell is now an EMT making a total of 9 EMTs in the department. He said the command vehicle is now completed and that the district has spent most of the PG&E settlement funds. Discussion took place regarding a request during the public forum to activate the siren in the event of a fire. Terry stated he's talked with the President of Lynn Park Acres, Tony Lucero, and explained that it was the responsibility of the Sheriff's Dept. to notify the community of an evacuation process. He said the President understood.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS- Steve said we need a plan for another ballot measure going to the community. He said he'd like to get together with Steve Wilensky, who was very instrumental in the passing of the existing measure. Discussion took place regarding the use of face book and our web site to get information out to the public.

THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION- there was no action taken.

ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Jenkins, Clerk

**Response:**

Structure Fire – Aug 23; Diverted  
Landing Zone – Aug 23; Cancelled

**Events:**

**Completed:**

**Scheduled:** “Ham Cram” – Oct 10, 2020: At Veteran’s Building following all Covid-19 protocols

**All other events are on Hold.**

**Personnel:**

6 Active Members; (2 EMR)

Looking for volunteers, 20 hours of training to be held locally, (TBD)

**Training:**

**Completed:** None due to Covid-19

**Scheduled:** Units 1 & 2 of new course, Sept 16

EMR Medical Continuing Education as needed

**Equipment:**

All orders on Hold

**CERT Meetings:**

**Training** – Sep 16; @ 1800

**Business Meeting** – Oct 21; @ 1800

**Training** – Nov 18; @ 1800

