

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

Due to COVID-19 precautions, Board Meetings will be open to the public. Anyone attending will have their temperature taken before entry into the facility. Masks must be worn and social distancing of 6 feet will be observed. Limit to (10) public participants will be allowed in the facility. Agendas and Board Packets are available at our website: kenwoodfire.com

MEETING: Meeting called to order at 16:00 hrs. Cooper, Kempers, McIntosh, Doss, Moretti and Chief Bellach were present.

MINUTES: MSP Kempers/Moretti to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020.

ROSTER: 14 Volunteers, 5 Full-Time and 5 Part-Time.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: MSP Cooper/Kempers to approve CR#20-21-03 for \$27,372.82 and payrolls 8/14/20 for \$20,679.59 and 8/28/20 for \$33,414.64.

Director Cooper asked how old Chief Bellach's truck was in regards to annual services. He also asked about the charge for Chief Bellach's umbrella policy. Chief Bellach stated that, per the Boards request, he has been taking out a 2 Million dollar policy for the past 5 years.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Director Moretti stated that he wanted to thank all the firefighters for their responses to the current fires and up staffing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Director Doss reported that the Financial Ad Hoc Committee met and approved the current budgets for FY 20-21. Chief Bellach reported that there were no changes to the Preliminary CAP and OPS budgets other than a small revenue increase due to the Benefit Assessment. MSP Cooper/Kempers to approve FY 20-21 Final Operations Budget. MSP Cooper/Kempers to approve FY 20-21 Final Capital Budget.
- Director Doss stated that the Sonoma County Fire Districts presented a letter of endorsement to keep Henry One. It was asked for all Fire Districts to send an endorsement letter to Supervisor Gorin and Sheriff Essick in favor of keeping the helicopter. MSP Cooper/Moretti in favor of keeping Henry One. Director Cooper asked if the Sheriff was to defund Henry One, could they try to charge the Fire Districts for this

service. Chief Bellach stated that when Prop. 172 was passed, almost no funding was given to the Fire Service. Chief Bellach stated that he felt if we were asked to fund Henry One, the Fire Districts would fight it and most likely it would not happen due to loss of funding from Prop. 172.

- Director Doss reported from the SCFDA on the election of a new Vice President. The 2 candidates are Bob Norton and Fred Peterson. MSP Kempers/Cooper to cast a vote for Fred Peterson. 4 AYE, 1 Abstain

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Bellach gave a report on the current COVID-19 County update.
- Chief Bellach reported on the completion of our GASB-75 Actuarial Report. The report is trending that our unfunded liability is improving. Board would like to meet the Actuary for a full report.
- An increase of \$480.00 will be realized from our Benefit Assessment for FY 20-21 over last year's total of \$45,580.00.
- Director Doss reported for the Personnel Ad Hoc Committee. Chief Bullard from Graton Fire Department had written a report on the transition from a volunteer agency to paid staff. The group will be getting more information to share with the board. The vast majority of fire agencies are still volunteer. Locally, this is not the case. The Committee is looking at the challenges for the District. Chief Bellach suggested the Committee create a department wide survey to really get a clear picture on what our issues might be.
- Chief Bellach gave an update on the LNU Lightning Complex Fire and reported that we had 2 series of lightning strikes come through the County. Engine 3160 was on an in County strike team with-in 12 hours which was then reassigned to the River Fire in Monterey County. They have returned after a 14 day deployment. The District up staffed the station with additional personnel to up staff equipment. COVID-19 precautions were taken by all crews on the strike team and the District put our crews in hotels.
- Chief Bellach stated that the District will have one new out of district volunteer firefighter starting and will be doing in house training. We also have three new part-time firefighters starting in October.
- Chief Bellach reported that we will not have a Board Member election this year, due to no one running against the current members. Our Prop. 4 Limit override will be on the Ballot as Measure Z. Director Doss asked if we could have the Kenwood Press do some

articles in regards to Measure Z before October 1st. Chief Bellach reported a Ballot Box will be put outside the station for voters.

- There is a possible sale of Engine 3182 (old) to Alteras Fire Department for \$20,000.00.

GOOD of the ORDER:

- Director Cooper asked if the Kenwood Water Company was still cooperating and/or have made any changes that we should be aware of. Chief Bellach stated he had nothing to report.
- Chief Bellach stated that our Auditor would be attending the next Board Meeting to give a report on the Audit. The new Officers for the Board will be sworn in at the next meeting. Captain John Bragg has been offered a conditional position as Captain with Schell Vista Fire District. The District has put out a promotional exam to our full-time Engineers to fill that position and will be offering a full-time Engineer spot. Looking to fill the position sometime in the middle of October.

Respectfully submitted,



Attest:

