

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 31, 2020**

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MEETING: Meeting called to order at 16:00 hrs. Cooper, Kempers, McIntosh, Doss, Moretti and Chief Bellach were present by phone. Attorney Bill Adams and Assistant Chief Uboldi were also present by phone.

OLD BUSINESS: MSP Cooper/McIntosh to not move forward with the August measure and wait until November. Attorney Bill Adams stated this would be a good time to talk with the Kenwood Press to advise them of the decision and the reasons.

The August 4th deadline and timeline was addressed. Question was, does the Board want to move forward given the world's current situation with COVID-19? Attorney Adams spoke in regards to the draft Resolution and does the Board want to push forward with the August ballot or wait until a later time? Director Doss asked if we had enough funds budgeted for overtime if any of our personnel were diagnosed with the virus? Chief Bellach reported that he believed we would have enough funds for the overtime and stated we currently budget \$70,000.00 for overtime and year to date have only spent approximately 36.5% of those funds. Chief Bellach did not see an issue if we had to extend a ballot measure for another fiscal year. Director Doss asked if we went forward for a measure in August, when would those funds become available. Attorney Adams replied, the funds would be available for the FY2020-2021 and if we waited for the November elections those funds would not be available until FY2021-2022. Attorney Adams noted that once a tax bill has been passed, in a crisis, a District could borrow funds from the County up to the maximum amount of the tax. He warned that this would cause the district to be behind in revenue every year until it was paid off. Director Moretti asked if we were at risk of any additional costs with the virus? Chief Bellach stated that with our current level of funding for overtime, we would be OK and if any additional costs were created due to the virus, we could apply for federal funding to recoup those costs. Currently, the County has a shelter in place location set up for First Responders if they do become infected, with meals and care provided. Director Kempers stated it is not the best time for funding due to the current situation. Director Cooper agreed and thought the November ballot would be a better decision. Director McIntosh also agreed waiting until November. Chief Bellach spoke with the County Assessor's Office and got information on how to obtain the use codes and square

footage to have more time and work with the County to fine tune the use codes and commercial square footage. The cost would be \$115.00 to get the report.

Respectfully submitted,



Attest:

Dan Ballard for Daymon Doss