

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 9, 2022**

MINUTES

MEETING: Meeting called to order at 16:00 hrs. Directors Cooper, Moretti, Atkin, Uboldi and Chief Bellach were present. Director Doss was absent. Chief Bellach stated we have a PERS presentation starting at 4:15 pm, so at that time we would jump to item 6.b on the agenda - CalPERS Prefunding Programs Trust Information.

ROSTER: 12 Volunteers, 5 Part-Time and 5 Full-Time. Chief Bellach reported we have lost a few volunteers, due to moving away and lack of participation. One volunteer, Trevor Pappas has now become a Part-Timer. One Full-Time Captain will be retired out on disability. We also have the potential of losing 1 Captain and 1 Engineer to another agency in the next month.

CLAIMS: MSP Cooper/Moretti to approve claims #22-23-2 for \$53,085.58 and payrolls 7/15/22 for \$32,954.33 and 7/29/22 for \$37,089.21.

OLD BUSINESS: MSP Cooper/Moretti to approve video conference option under AB361.

Consideration was asked of offering a hybrid in person/zoom type board meeting. Chair Uboldi asked if there would be any additional costs for this. Chief Bellach stated that the equipment has already been purchased and the District has a Zoom account, so there would be no additional costs. It was mentioned to maybe change the start time of the meeting to a later time. Discussion of how the meeting times were posted was discussed and maybe putting it in the Kenwood Press and on social media would increase help get the word out to the public. No change in the way the meetings will be held or time changes until further notice.

There were 2 quotes that were received for the consideration of the HAAS Alert and Safety System. One was vehicle to vehicle that would alert drivers to an accident ahead or that a fire apparatus is close to them or approaching with lights and sirens. The second one was rescuer to rescuer that would alert other rescue vehicles with this device installed that another rescue vehicle was approaching with lights and sirens. Sonoma Valley Fire is currently using the Rescuer to Rescuer in a limited number of apparatus. Chief Bellach suggested, if we were to get this, we get the rescuer to vehicle model for a 5 year agreement. After some discussion, it was agreed that we should wait until HAAS gets more platforms involved to alert more vehicles than what they currently have available.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Committee Reports – HR, Consolidation, Facility, and Finance: HR committee reported they have the Chiefs evaluations in draft mode and should be ready to bring to the Board by next month.

Consolidation committee reported they met once since the last Board meeting. They are working on trying to identify people from other Districts and would like to speak to them regarding their experiences with consolidation.

Facility committee reported that Chief Bellach is meeting with a contractor tomorrow to get a price on the work that needs to be done before the sign gets installed. The septic permit should be ready with-in the next 30 days. Adobe advised us on not starting the septic project now due to the high costs for supplies. 3197 update, we are still waiting for the impeller to come in. Once that arrives, they should have it completed with-in a few days.

Finance committee met with the Chief to look at the preliminary numbers for the last FY. We also received additional taxes on a 3rd payment from the County for last year. Of the 100K transferred last year for CAP improvements, only about \$20k was used. The difference will be carried over in this year's budget to be used for CAP improvements.

PERS Presentation - CalPERS Prefunding Programs Trust Information - CEPPT (Pension) Jasper Jacobs – Jasper from PERS spoke in regards to our prefunding liability and offers another program for investing called CEPPT. Currently the District has contributed over \$650,000.00 and has investment earnings of \$314,000.00. Jasper showed a PowerPoint presentation that described our current status with our OPEB and CERBT. The new CEPPT offers a higher rate of returns and is an option if the District wants to participate in this. Chair Uboldi asked the finance committee to look into this further and bring it back to the Board for a later discussion.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Director Cooper asked about how we are doing on the grant writing. Chief Bellach stated we have two grant writers and suggested we need to create a grant committee to determine what we want to get grants for then report out to the grant writers to give them a good outline and start the project. Chief Bellach suggested that we have a staff grant committee and then make presentations to the Board on what we are working on. The overall goal with the grants will be to purchase equipment and do capital improvements.

Chief Bellach reported we are currently being audited by PERS on employee hours worked and holiday pay. This is a random audit along with 29 other agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:
