



MONTE RIO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom Video Conference
Monday, July 20, 2020 6:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Monte Rio Fire Protection District was called to order by President Dan Fein at 6:00PM. Roll Call of Directors: Dan Fein, Tim Cahn, Josh Dale, Paul Casini and Geff Smith.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion to approve the agenda; Smith and seconded by Cahn.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT AGENDIZED** – None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. June 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting – Motion to approve Josh Dale seconded by Tim Cahn.
 - b. June 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting – Motion to approve Tim Cahn seconded by Geffory Smith.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Selecting New Auditor – we were given three different proposals for a new auditor from Goranson & Associates, David Farnsworth CPA, and James Marta & Company LLP. There was discussion about all three, Dan Fein stated he was more inclined to select Goranson because not only are they a local firm but also have a working relationship with the administration. This was approved then amended after public comment to defer for another month to allow Bloomberg & Griffin to propose a bid.
 - b. Consolidation Ad Hoc Committee Report – in looking at the proposals, it seems like that going with SCFD is not in the budget for the Monte Rio Fire currently. There have been conversations with other districts to form a JPA agreement between Occidental, Camp Meeker, Monte Rio, Cazadero and Fort Ross.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Resolution 20/21-02 Appropriations Limit – motion to approve the appropriations limit by Director Cahn; this was seconded by Director Smith.
 - b. Review of Current Operations and Future Staffing – director Dale requested a more in-depth report from Chief Baxman for the monthly board meeting including categories like staffing, apparatus, maintenance, etc.
 - c. Offers for Contract Services of Personnel – there were two offers from Sonoma County Fire District and Gold Ridge Fire Protection District. It was the consensus to move forward with Gold Ridge and start having conversations and to move forward with some



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sort of a contract . There was a motion to approve by Josh Dale; this was seconded by Tim Cahn.

- d. Add Pledge of Allegiance to Agenda – motion to approve by Josh Dale; this was seconded by Tim Cahn.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

9. CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Baxman

- a. 380 calls to date. 100 down from last year
- b. 2-3 engines to sell.
- c. The door in the pickup was damaged by a skateboarder who fell into the door straight on.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Nothing to report

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Nothing to report

12. SECRETARY/CLERK REPORT

- a. Nothing to report

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to approve: Director Geff Smith seconded by Director Tim Cahn. The Board was adjourned at 7:47PM

MINUTES READ, APPROVED & ACCEPTED

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ _____ President Fein

/s/ _____ Director Casini

/s/ _____ Director Dale

/s/ _____ Director Cahn

/s/ _____ Director Smith