



MONTE RIO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom Video Conference

Monday, October 19, 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 6:05PM. Roll Call of Directors: Dan Fein, Tim Cahn, Josh Dale, and Geff Smith.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion to approve the agenda; motion passed unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT AGENDIZED** – Michele McDonell and on behalf of her family; thanked Chief Baxman and the team for keeping everyone safe. Colleen from California Special Districts Association checking in to see if there are any additional services needed. Rhian wanted to let the community know about the Wonderland Radio Hour Project upcoming program will have a segment to honor MRFPD 100-year anniversary!
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. September 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting – Motion to approve Tim Cahn seconded by Geff Smith.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. Email exchange between Dan Fein and the county regarding filling the board vacancies.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Hiring Update – we have hired two people so far, we had three, but one backed out. We have 3-0 staffing almost every day.
 - b. Policies & Procedures – Tim have been working through the Lexipol documents; focusing on the personnel policies first then continue until all are done.
 - c. Consolidation Ad Hoc Committee Report – all meetings are on hold for the time being. There was a small meeting with Occidental but that seemed to have been a dead-end road. Cazadero and Fort Ross met with Mark Bramfitt from LAFCO and shared their concerns and wanted to know what the future might look like. There is nothing to happen with LAFCO for the rest of the year.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Filling Board Vacancies – deadlines for filing came and went so there was no election. Supervisor Hopkins can either appoint people or we can go through the normal vacancy procedures to appoint. Bill suggested that we post or vacancies and accept applications for board positions and go through normal procedures. Josh Dale motioned to approve Bill Ross' suggestion; this was seconded by Tim Cahn.
 - b. Surplus Vehicles – Chief Baxman suggested we surplus two apparatus that are not being used. One being 1994 Ford, engine number 5474 and 1992 International, engine



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number 5430. Josh motioned to approve to surplus these vehicles; seconded by Geff Smith.

- c. Forest Management – Josh Dale suggested we start trimming trees and fixing fire breaks. Possibly hiring dozers to come in and do it. Chief Baxman expressed concerns about the private property owners and getting the permission from landowners as well as the money to hire people to do this. Baxman suggested we try and partner with Fire Safe Sonoma to see what kinds of resources we can get.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

9. CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Baxman

- a. 603 calls to date. More vegetation fires than we have ever had.
- b. The association has really been helping purchased new lockers downstairs and upstairs.

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 Josh Dale; motion passed unanimously. The Board was adjourned at 7:11PM

MINUTES READ, APPROVED & ACCEPTED

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  _____ President Fein

/s/  _____ Director Casini

/s/ _____ Director Dale

/s/  _____ Director Cahn

/s/  _____ Director Smith