



**PAJARO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

January 21, 2021

Call to Order/Roll Call at 5:00PM

**Chairperson White
Director Moules
Vice Chairperson Erbe – arrived at 5:07PM
Director Murphy
Director Martone**

Public comments (not to exceed 3 minutes) for items not listed on the Agenda
Mr. Don Jarvis present- no comments

1. Presentations:

- A. Chief’s Report, Pajaro Valley - BC Murray reported on the following:
 - Water tender has been assisting with local fires. Assisted in San Mateo County and then Freedom incident.
 - Structure fire on Rainbow Lane. Fire contained to the building of origin.
 - Parkwood Drive structure fire.
 - Apparatus committee is working on finalizing bid on replacing 4511.
 - BC Vehicle was damaged in response to Freedom Incident – root ball came into contact with the tailgate. Cost will be \$200-300 if crews are able to find a used tailgate.
 - Training was focused on EMS and Rescue.
- B. Incident Report, City of Watsonville – No questions from the Board.
- C. Paulsen Road Flooding Report -Director Murphy
No update on this item. Director Murphy spoke with Steve Wiesner but he is busy with CZU Fire flood preparation. Will keep this on the agenda.

2. Minutes

- A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on November 19, 2020 -
Motion approving the minutes: Director Martone Second: Vice Chair Erbe _____
all in favor: all

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Expenditure Report, vendor & deposit summary
- B. Year to date County Report
- C. American Express statements

Motion approving the consent agenda: Director Martone Second: Vice Chair Erbe all in favor: All.

4. Old Business

A. None

5. New Business

- A. Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chair
Chair White nominated Director Martone as the new chairperson. Second: Director Moules. All in favor- all.
No other nominations for Vice Chair. Vice Chair Erbe agreed to stay on- Second by Director Martone. All in favor- all.
- B. Committee Assignments (Finance, Audit, and Strategic Planning)
Finance Committee: Board assigned Directors Murphy and White.
Audit: Board assigned Directors Moules and Erbe
Strategic Planning: Board assigned Directors Murphy and Martone
- C. Annual Audit Report
BC Murray submitted a copy of the Audit Report from Mays and Associates to the Board and it is accessible to the public on the website. Nothing new to report from the audit.
- D. LAFCO Study on Fire Protection Services
BC Murray reported that LAFCO is conducting a study on the fire protection services in Santa Cruz County. LAFCO will highlight each agencies goals, challenges and accomplishments. They will also be making suggestions for partnerships, efficiencies and effectiveness as well as making recommendations on boundary changes and spheres of influence. The survey needs to be completed by April 2nd. The last time this study was completed was in 2017 and a South County study was completed in 2007. Director Martone recommended creating a subcommittee to review and complete the survey. The LAFCO subcommittee will be under Strategic Planning-the subcommittee will be the Strategic Planning members, BC Murray and Chief Larkin. The sub-committee will report back in March prior to submitting the report.

Mr. Don Jarvis is a resident of the District. He asked that the Board engage and look at all the options and possibilities available to the District and the community they serve through completing the survey.

6. Correspondence

A. NONE

7. Discussion

Director Martone asked for the status of the budget. BC Murray reported that CalFire has only billed for the first quarter. Historically there is a \$300K savings in the CalFire contract. It is hard to predict without seeing the billing on the other quarters. Chief Nate Armstrong reported that the budget looks on track to be under what is budgeted. Director Murphy asked if all personnel have been offered the Covid vaccine. Chief Larkin reported that all personnel have been offered the Covid vaccine. 40-60% of

personnel in CalFire opted to receive the vaccine. He is hopeful that more will opt to receive it once they see that the reactions to the shot are not significant. Director Moules expressed his concern about the repeated fires keep occurring at Corralitos Creek and asked if the Board can assist in any way. BC Murray reported that vegetation was cleared away two years ago to make it easier for the Santa Cruz Sheriff's office could patrol the area and clear out anyone. This hasn't prevented the fires as homeless move on to different areas. Property owners are not maintaining the vegetation regrowth and the Santa Cruz County Sherriff's office is not moving people along so the problem keeps reoccurring.

8. Agenda items for the next meeting

2020 Annual Report for mandatory fire inspections

9. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn: __Director Murphy__Second: __Director Moules_
all in favor __all __Time: 5:41pm__*

**Next regular scheduled Board meeting
March 18, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Sean Murray

Board Clerk



Board Chair