



**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**

July 16, 2020

Call to Order/Roll Call at 5:00

**Chairperson White
Vice Chair Erbe
Director Martone
Director Moules
Director Aerin Murphy**

Public comments (not to exceed 3 minutes) for items not listed on the Agenda-

BC Murray read public comment that was received via email from Kristina Grandious with the US Census Bureau. Santa Cruz County has a 66% self response rate. Ms. Grandeous asked the Board to remind constituents to respond to the census and increase the response rate by 10%. She stated that it is critical to have an accurate count to ensure accurate federal funding for programs that benefit the PV Fire District community.

1. Presentations

A. Chief's Report, Pajaro Valley - BC Murray reported on the following:

- Received notification from Ferrara who insures buildings and vehicles that rates will be increasing from \$5,900 to \$7,700 due to new apparatus (water tender) and unforeseen events of Covid-19, George Floyd protest costs, and extreme litigation. Some entities are seeing a 60% increase.
- Received an invoice from Ferrara regarding a claim on BC Murray's vehicle for a broken window and stolen radios. The claim was for \$2,700 but the deductible was \$5,000.
 - Vice Chair Erbe asked if there was a possibility of getting insurance elsewhere. BC Murray advised that the other possible insurance company is not recommended.
 - BC Murray will send policy to the Directors for their review
- 4th of July vegetation fire on Smith Road, extrication at Watsonville Speedway and assisted Hollister in structure fire
- Training in auto extrication and EMS
- The well was repaired.
- Three engineers have accepted fire captain positions- FAE Tostado, FAE Williams, and FAE Paquin. One transfer is filling FAE Tostado's position.
- Deputy Chief Nate Armstrong is filling the vacancy left by Chief Sherman.

B. Incident Report, City of Watsonville

No questions.

2. Minutes

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on May 21, 2020

*Motion approving the minutes: Erbe Second Moules
All in favor: All*

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Expenditure Report, vendor & deposit summary – no questions
- B. Year to date County report- no questions
- C. American Express statements- no questions

*Motion approving the consent agenda: Moules Second Martone
All in favor All*

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

- A. Weist Law Firm CALPERS Assessment Evaluation

BC Murray reported that Weist Law Firm contacted him and is offering to look at unfunded liability and provide a bond at a lower rate than CALPERS. BC Murray requested that the Board authorize him to continue working with Weist in obtaining a bond at a reduced rate that may be a lower rate compared to the 7% CALPERS is offering. Director Murphy would like to look at any documentation from Weist before any commitments are made.

*Motion approving Weist Law Firm to conduct CALPERS Assessment Evaluation:
Martone Second: Erbe
All in favor: all*

6. Correspondence

- A. Santa Cruz County Fire Risk Grand Jury Report Chief Larkin

Chief Larkin reported the following:

- Ready Aim Fire Report has a response matrix that he will work with BC Murray and present to the Board in September.
- Fire Life Safety Inspections- SB1205 was passed and requires that entities report their completed inspections. R1 and R2 (apartment complexes and residential multi) have not been inspected as they should be. There was some confusion on who was supposed to be inspected.
- A report will be submitted to the Board in the September meeting detailing the District's response to the Grand Jury.
- Chief Larkin advised that not all entities in the report had an opportunity to submit their responses prior to the release of the report.
- Director Martone asked if the Grand Jury report responses can be sent out to the Board prior to the September meeting if any finances are involved. Chief Larkin advised that a special meeting might need to take place prior to or after the September meeting. Chief Larkin will review the Brown Act rules.

7. Discussion

- A. County Roads Report Director Murphy

Director Murphy reported on the Paulsen Road issues. Contacted Flood Control regarding installing flashing lights and K rails at Paulsen and was directed to contact County Public Works. Waiting for staff at County Public Works to be available for a meeting and will report back as soon as there is more information.

- B. Solar Panel Proposal BC Murray

BC Murray reported that only two bids were received. One submitted a revised bid a few days ago which BC Murray will review and then report back. The District does not qualify for the solar panel grants.

8. Agenda items for the next meeting

- A. Final Budget
B. Grand Jury response

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Erbe Second Moules _____
all in favor All Time 5:36 _____

**Next regular scheduled Board meeting
September 17, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Sean Murray

Clerk of the Board

Kendel White

Chair of the Board