



**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 21, 2022**

**Call to Order/Roll Call at 5:00 PM**

- Chair Martone**
- Vice Chair White**
- Director Moules**
- Director Erbe**
- Director Murphy**

**Public comments (not to exceed 3 minutes) for items not listed on the agenda. NONE**

**1. Presentations: DISCUSSION**

- A. Chief’s Report, Pajaro Valley  
Battalion Chief Murray reported on the following:
  - General information 2023 fire code adoption will now be adopted by the Board of Supervisors.
  - Emergency responses- three structure fires over the last three months.
  - 4511 was out of service- head gasket and radiator need to be replaced, estimated cost is \$20K. It is back in service.
  - 4510 on loan to Fire Academy in Ione. \$60K for lease agreement but repairs were needed in the amount of \$32K.
  - New 4511 is on its way to Sacramento. Should arrive May 20th and anticipate having it in service at the end of August.
  - Current 4511 will move to reserve status. 4510 will be declared surplus.
  - Crews participated in EMS, structure fire and wildand training.
  - No current building issues,
  - Vacant position will be filled in mid-September.
  - Letters mailed out early June for Fire Prevention for weed abatement.
  - Fire Captain Urbany and Ratley went to Wisconsin to review the new 4511 and verify that it meets requested specs.
- B. Incident Report, City of Watsonville-no questions from the Board.

**2. Minutes ACTION**

- A. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 19, 2022.  
*Motion approving the Minutes: Director Erbe Second: Director Murphy*  
*All in favor: All Aye*

**3. Consent Agenda ACTION**

- A. Expenditure report, Vendor & Deposit summary

- B. Year to date County reports
- C. American Express statements  
BC Murray reported the following:
  - Santa Cruz Planning made a large deposit into the District’s account for the Atkinson Project.
  - Increase in Verizon bill due to Tablet Command.
  - New recliners have been ordered and should arrive in a few months.

***Motion approving the Minutes: Director Moules Second: Director Erbe***  
***All in favor: All Aye***

**4. Committee Reports** **DISCUSSION**

- A. Strategic Planning Committee Report-Chair Martone, Director Erbe **NONE**
- B. LAFCO Committee Report- Committee Chair Martone-Vice Chair White-**NONE**
- C. Finance Committee Report-Committee Chair-Erbe, Director Murphy **NONE**
- D. Audit Committee Report-Committee Chair Moules, Director White **NONE**

**5. Old Business** **ACTION**

- A. Resolution 2022-08 Approval to continue with teleconferenced/videoconference meetings in accordance with AB 361.  
***Motion to approve Resolution 2022-08: Vice Chair White Second: Director Murphy***  
***Roll Call Vote: All Aye***

**6. New Business** **ACTION**

- A. Resolution 2022-09 Temporary Transfer of Funds  
***Motion to approve Resolution 2022-09: Director Moules Second: Director Erbe***  
***All in favor: All Aye***

**7. Correspondence** **DISCUSSION**

- A. None

**8. Discussion**

Chairperson Martone reported on an opportunity to piggybank on to Branciforte Fire’s contract with SCI to request a benefit assessment election tax. Mr. Jarvis reported that if the District started today, funds would not start coming in until Dec. 2023. The tax coincides with property tax payments. The longer it is delayed, the longer before the District will see any benefit.

This process is a mail in ballot by property owners and passing would require 50% plus one (1). North Monterey County Fire District was successful in passing the assessment. A benefit assessment is easier to pass than a 2/3 majority special tax. This happens separately from any election. SCI will campaign for the District and they will tailor the message so it is appealing to the public. Branciforte is doing their own outreach.

Chief Armstrong advised that CalFire employees cannot do any politicking for an initiative. CalFire employees will support as much as they can but firefighters won’t be able to go out to the community. BC Murray suggested that the Strategic Planning committee meet to discuss projected costs and next steps.

Martone suggested that the District contact Branciforte and Scotts Valley to determine what the costs and timelines will be. A special Board meeting will be held once the information is gathered.


Directors discussed the pros and cons of moving forward with an exploration of a benefit assessment election tax.

- 9. **Agenda items for the next meeting** **DISCUSSION**
  - A. Benefit Assessment Tax
  - B. New Engine

- 10. **Adjournment** **ACTION**

**Motion to adjourn: Director Erbe Second: Vice Chair White  
All in favor: All Aye Time 5:31pm**

**Next scheduled Board meeting  
September 15, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.**

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