



**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**

Thursday March 19, 2024

Call to Order/Roll Call at 5:09PM

Present:

Chair Martone
Vice Chair Murphy
Director Erbe
Director Sampson
Director Moules

Public comments (not to exceed 3 minutes) for items not listed on the agenda.

NONE

Present:

Corralitos Station personnel
CSI staff
Two members of the public

1. Public Hearing for Pajaro Valley FPD Fire Protection and Emergency Services Assessment

1.2 Reports from District Staff and Consultants about the District, and the Response Services Assessment

NONE

1.3 Open Public Hearing
Hearing opened at 5:10pm

1.4 Close Public Hearing
Hearing closed at 5:10pm

1.5 Directors, Staff, and Consultants Answer Questions.
No questions from those in attendance.

1.6 Final Call for Ballots to be Submitted.
NONE

1.7 Ballot Tabulation
CSI directed to start tabulating the ballots at 5:11pm

1.8 Announcement of the Results of the Proposition 218 Ballot

2. Presentations:

DISCUSSION

2.1 Chief's Report, Pajaro Valley

Battalion Chief Murray reported on the following:

- **Incidents of Significance:** Structure fire on Doering Lane- fire contained to room and contents with no injuries
- **Vehicle Maintenance:** 4511 engine work will need additional work. 4510 reserve engine- suspension issues found during annual maintenance. Repair cost \$7,500. \$16,000 remains until the end of the FY. All other equip in service
- **Training:** Multi agency drill in Monterey County with North County, Watsonville, and Hollister Fire. District will host the next drill. Personnel attended the following training: Leadership, Hazardous Materials, Auto Extrication, and Company Officer.
- **Facilities:** Obtaining bids to reseal the parking lot. This project is budgeted. Working on the water tank with Foothill Firefighters.
- **Staffing:** No changes
- **Fire Prevention:** Defensible space inspections are being conducted in the area of Hazel Dell and Mt Madonna.

2.2 Incident Report, City of Watsonville

No questions from the Board.

3. Minutes

ACTION

3.1 Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 18, 2024.

Motion approving the Minutes: _Vice Chair Murphy_ Second: _Director Moules_
All in favor ___ All _____

4. Consent Agenda

ACTION

4.1 Expenditure report, Vendor & Deposit summary

No questions from the Board.

4.2 Year to date County Reports

No questions from the Board

4.3 American Express statements

Chair Martone and Director Erbe asked for clarification on the embroidery charge. BC Murray reported that it was for a logo on a pop up tent for public education events.

Motion approving Consent Agenda: __Director Erbe_ Second: __Director Moules_
All in favor _____ All _____

5. Committee Reports

DISCUSSION

5.1 Strategic Planning Committee Report-NONE

5.2 Finance Committee Report-NONE

5.3 Audit Committee Report-BC Murray

BC Murray reported that the District Auditor completed the audit. Nothing significant to report. The auditor suggested that the District have a dedicated finance person to create all reports. This is suggested at each audit. The District has continually decided against

funding such a position to minimize the impact to the budget and has the assigned battalion chief or their designee complete the requested reports.

6. Old Business ACTION

NONE

7. New Business ACTION

Chair Martone called for a recess at 5:21PM until tabulators are done with ballots before continuing with item 7.1.

Meeting called back to order at 7:19

An SCI Consultant reported that the ballots were tabulated, and the assessment did not pass. After the ballots were tabulated 45.48% voted Yes in favor of the assessment and 54.42% voted No against the assessment. There were 832 valid ballots.

Chair Martone read a statement thanking District and CalFire staff, Local 2881, the residents in the District and the firefighters. Effective July 1, 2024 the District will reduce to 2-person daily staffing on the fire engine. This will cause a reduction in service. The District will continue to serve the residents as best as they can with the available resources and staffing. Chair Martone expressed that the Board will continue to look for available funding sources.

7.1 Consider Approving Resolution 2024-04

The Board agreed to move this item to last on the agenda to allow for the tabulation of the ballots.

A Resolution Approving Engineer’s Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering Levy of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County, Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment for Fiscal Year 2024-05

Motion approving Resolution 2024-04:

First: _____ Second: _____ Roll Call Vote: _____

8. Correspondence DISCUSSION

8.1 Foothill Firefighters and Santa Cruz County Fair Grounds Thank You Letters. BC Murray reported that two letters have been mailed from Chair Martone. One to Foothill Firefighters thanking them for the use of the hall for a community meeting. A second letter thanking the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds for the use of their facility for a community meeting.

9. Discussion

NONE

10. Agenda items for the next meeting DISCUSSION

Preliminary budget- Due in May

11. Adjournment

ACTION

Motion to adjourn Director Erbe Second Vice Chair Murphy
All in favor all *Time* 7.22pm

**Next scheduled Regular Board Meeting
May 14, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.**

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Board Clerk

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Board Chair