



**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**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Call to Order/Roll Call 5:03PM

Chair Martone

Director Sampson

Director Moules

Director Erbe

Vice Chair Murphy -absent

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

1. Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

ACTION

A. Receive staff report

Chief Jed Wilson reported that BC Murray met with the finance committee and reviewed the preliminary budget with the Board. Chair Martone asked if the CalPERS amount is what is owed for the year or an increased payment. Chief Wilson responded that it is the amount owed. The decrease is due to the reduction in staffing from 3 personnel to 2 personnel on an engine. Capital account was fully funded.

B. Open public hearing : 5:06PM

C. Receive public comment NONE 5:06

D. Close public comment: 5:06pm

E. Board Discussion -None

Consider adopting Resolution 2024-09 approving the Final Budget for FY 24-25

Motion adopting Resolution 2024-09: __Director Sampson__ Second: _Director Erbe__

All in favor: __all__

1. Presentations:

DISCUSSION

1.1 Chief's Report, Pajaro Valley

BC Wilson reported on three incidents of significance that were impacted by 2-0 staffing:

- Vehicle accident with school bus vs vehicle on Green Valley Rd. Vehicle hit the school bus head on. Due to quick action by the bus driver, all the children were evacuated without injury. FAE Homes, who was enroute to another station, stopped to assist Engine 4511 creating 3-0 staffing and they were able to fully suppress the fire and ensure the bus was fully evacuated.
- 4511 responded to two incidents of cardiac arrest where CPR was needed. AMR requested that the two firefighters respond with them in the ambulance to the hospital to assist with patient care but due to staffing, 4511 was not able to provide those firefighters.
- 4511 responded to a vehicle accident in the Riverside and Carlton area. It was a high speed collision with one vehicle on fire. Being 2-0 staffing, it limited their ability to multi-task the incident relying on mutual aid.

All district equipment is in service.

Personnel trained on fire suppression, rope rescue, and EMS

No issues on the facility.

FAE Hales has joined the PV family.

4511 Participated in National Night Out at Pinto Lake. There were many in attendance- estimating about 1,000. The event was moved from Sheriff's substation to County Park. Lot was full and participants had to park on Green Valley Rd.

1.2 Incident Report, City of Watsonville

In July there were 24 responses into the contract area and in August there were 16 responses into the contract area for a total of 41.

No questions from the Board

2. Minutes

ACTION

2.1 Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on July 16, 2024.

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

Director Moules advised the Board that the meeting date shown on the agenda is incorrect and should show the correct date of July 23, 2024.

*Motion to adjust the agenda: Director Erbe Second: Director Moules
All in favor All*

3. Consent Agenda

ACTION

3.1 Expenditure report, Vendor & Deposit summary

No questions from the Board

3.2 Year to date County Reports

3.3 American Express Statements

Director Erbe asked regarding a SquareUp charge. Payment for the tinting of the District vehicle windows.

*Motion approving Consent Agenda: Director Erbe Second: Director Moules
All in favor All*

4. Committee Reports

DISCUSSION

4.1 Strategic Planning Committee Report- NONE

4.2 Finance Committee Report-NONE

4.3 Audit Committee Report-NONE

4.4 Ad Hoc Committee Report LAFCO-

Chair Martone reported that SC County is trying to reorganize County Fire to have its own special district similar to PV Fire. Met last week and expressed interest in being a part of those discussions. County

anticipates it would take 18 months. This would mean PV District would dissolve, all equipment and revenues would be turned over to the Special District in the hopes of negotiating 3-0 staffing for the residents in PV Fire District. The new District would be managed by members who are voted in. Chief Wilson explained the consolidation process to the Board and the potential financial benefit which would allow 3-0 staffing. This area would include the CSA 48 area surrounding PV Fire. LAFCO/CalFire will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors on Sept. 24th.

Chair Martone reported that he and BC Murray met with Watsonville Fire Admin and requested a drop in charges and move towards mutual aid and other options. The District is waiting for a response.

4.5 Ad Hoc Committee Report Elections-Chair Martone-Director Moules - NONE

5. Old Business NONE

ACTION

6. New Business

ACTION

6.1 Letter to Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors regarding Santa Cruz County Fire Master Plan

BC Murray advised that this is a formality for the County.

Motion approving letter to Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors: __Director Sampson__ Second: __Director Erbe__ All in favor __All__

6.2 Resolution 2024-10 Appropriations Limit Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Chief Wilson reported that this resolution is a formality should the District need to borrow money from the County during the FY.

Motion approving Resolution 2024-10 Appropriations Limit: __Director Erbe__ Second: __Director Sampson__ All in favor

7. Correspondence

DISCUSSION

NONE

8. Discussion

The Board discussed the possibility of an assessment or consolidation with CalFire. SCI recommended that the District should wait 2 years before moving forward with another benefits assessment. The Board expressed that they want what is best for the community.

9. Agenda items for the next meeting

DISCUSSION

2025 Board Meeting Schedule

Chief Wilson reported that the Battalion Chief schedule may change if the new CalFire contract is ratified on Nov. 25th. If the contract is approved it means that the shifts will be moving to a 66 hour schedule- a workweek reduction from 72 hours to 66 hours. Chief Wilson suggested that the Board maintain their schedule until more information is available.

10. Adjournment

ACTION

Motion to adjourn ___ *Director Erbe* ___ *Second* ___ *Director Moules* ___
All in favor ___ *All* ___ *Time* ___ *5:31* ___

**Next scheduled Regular Board Meeting
November 19, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.**

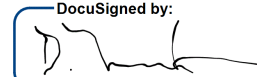
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Board Chair