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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT Thursday, July 23, 2020 Held Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Sheetz. Board members present: Clark, Goold, Jones, Kelly, Orzalli, Saylor, Sheetz, White, and Wood. Board members absent: None. Staff present: Chief Harms and Clerk Penilla.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT ITEMS

Prior to hearing questions for the consent calendar, President Sheetz announced Consent Item #2, the Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program would be moved to the action calendar.

Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1. Action Summary Minutes**
Recommendation: Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of July 9, 2020.
Action: Approved Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program**
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement for the FEPP Program.
Action: No action taken, moved to action calendar.
- 3. Special Fire Tax – Sloughouse/Rancho Murieta Area**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Assessor to incorporate the \$100 per parcel Special Fire Tax for the Sloughouse/Rancho Murieta area with the 2020/21 Sacramento County property tax levy.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2020-037.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program**
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement for the FEPP Program.
Action: On a motion by Goold, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2020-036.
- 2. FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Award**
(Erin Castleberry, Administrative Specialist)
Recommendation: Adopt the Grant Acceptance and Budget Amendment Resolutions.
Action: On a motion by Goold, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution Nos. 2020-038 through 2020-040.

3. Industrial Disability Retirement – Battalion Chief Kevin Wegener

Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Battalion Chief Wegener has suffered job related injuries and direct staff to work with BC Wegener through his Industrial Disability Retirement process with CalPERS.

Action: On a motion by Wood, seconded by White, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2020-041.

REPORTS

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: No report.

2. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Harms begins his report by thanking everyone for the support over the last few weeks. He appreciated the texts, calls, and visits. He especially appreciated the support from his wife and son as he healed from surgery.

Chief Harms asked Deputy Chief Casentini to follow up on a request from Director Goold during a previous Board Meeting. DC Casentini shared information about the COVID-19 support available to families through Metro Peer Support and the work Jeff Wells does within that group. Additionally, DC Casentini is working to have increased resources available through the existing Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Director Goold recommends we reach out virtually, as in-person communication is challenging during these times

OPERATIONS REPORT

Deputy Chief Bridge briefly touches on COVID-19 and reiterates the positive work Jeff Wells and Local 522 are doing to make sure everyone is healthy. Currently, there are 12 members in quarantine awaiting two negative tests. Per the County Public Health, employees must receive a negative test, then wait 48-96 hours until being tested again, with the ability to return to work after receiving negative results from the second test. DC Bridge assures the Board there is a plan in place should Metro Fire reach emergency staffing levels, and Metro Fire has been supporting neighboring agencies who have reached emergency staffing levels.

DC Bridge reported out on a recent type 3 strike team deployment to the Mineral Fire in the Shasta area where the team laid hose line, and stayed in isolation as best they could. This team was reassigned to the Hog Fire in Susanville. Additionally, a type 1 strike team was recently dispatched to the Hog Fire, they are currently staying in a hotel in Sparks, NV. In total, there are 14 members deployed on strike teams.

DC Bridge thanked FF Watts for organizing the auto extrication training that took place at the Zinfandel Training Center. 46 members were able to participate in the training, and he also thanked CERT and logistics for their support. Metro Fire participated in another live fire training on Sylvan Avenue in Citrus Heights, he thanked the church for donating the building.

Lastly, call volume has returned to the regular 250 to 300 calls per day.

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT:

Captain McGoldrick thanked Erin Castleberry and the grants team, along with the IAFC, for the grant review and approval. He is glad to be working with behavioral health to allow for COVID-19 resources.

4. COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

All Committee Meetings will be held at the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Board Room, 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Mather, California unless otherwise specified.

A. Executive Committee – (President Sheetz)

Next Meeting: TBD

B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Shannon)

Report Out: July 14, 2020

No report.

Next Meeting: July 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM

C. California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (DC Shannon)

Next Meeting: September 17, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

D. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Orzalli)

Next Meeting: August 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM

E. Policy Committee – (Director Goold)

Next Meeting: TBD

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director White commends administration and staff for maintaining the surplus equipment. He shared there was a recent fire in his division near a bridge that connects the community, he was happy to report with the quick work of the responding crews, the bridge was left unharmed and the community was very appreciative. He hopes for the strike team's safe return, and he congratulated President Sheetz on the completion of her master's program.

Director Jones thanked Fire Marshal Barsdale and DC Casentini for their professionalism and assistance with a constituent in her division. She also congratulated President Sheetz for her Master's program completion, job well done!

Director Clark is proud of the administration and the way they are handling the COVID-19 pandemic. He welcomed back Chief Harms.

Director Wood echoed the comments from previous Directors, and hopes everyone stays safe!

Director Orzalli thanked Erin Castleberry for her work in obtaining the grant, and welcomes back the Chief.

Director Goold thanked staff for the reports, and thanked administration for reaching out to members and their families.

Director Saylor thanked Captain Mitchell for his presentation on the surplus property. She also congratulated Director Sheetz on the completion of her master's program.

Director Kelly thanked Assistant Chief Mitchell for allowing him to ride-along on the 4th of July. He appreciated seeing the crews, hearing their stories, and working with them during the busy weekend.

Director Sheetz welcomed back Chief Harms, and hopes for a safe return for those deployed with strike teams. She thanked everyone for the congratulatory wishes.

Taken out of order, the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:25 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. **Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:**
One case

Action: No reportable action taken.

2. **Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – One matter of Industrial Disability Retirement.**

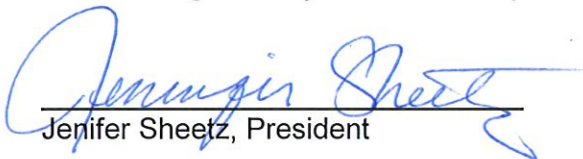
Kevin Wegener and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim # SMDQ - 549870 – Industrial Disability Retirement
Deputy Chief Gregory Casentini

Action: No reportable action taken.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:03 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm


Jennifer Sheetz, President


Cinthia Saylor, Secretary


Melissa Penilla, Board Clerk