



South Lake County Fire Protection District
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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Located at the Middletown Fire Station Board Room,
21095 Highway 175, Middletown, CA 95461

This regular meeting is for the purpose of discussing the following items:

1. *President Bostock called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.*
2. *Chief Duncan led pledge of allegiance.*
3. *Present: Directors Stephanie Cline, Madelyn Martinelli and Matthew Stephenson, Vice President Jim Comisky and President Rob Bostock. Also present: Chief Mike Marcucci, Chief Paul Duncan, Battalion Chief Brian York and Board Clerk Gloria Fong.*
4. **MARTINELLI/CLINE MOTION** to approve agenda. *AYES: Cline, Martinelli, Stephenson, Comisky, Bostock. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED.*
5. Citizens' Input: Any person may speak for three (3) minutes about any subject of concern provided it is within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors and is not already on the today's agenda. Total period is not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes, unless extended at the discretion of the Board.

None.

6. Communications:
 - 6.a. Fire Sirens: *No report.*
 - 6.b. Fire Safe Council: *No report other than minutes attached to packet.*
 - 6.c. Volunteer Association: *Association Vice President Robert Lanning reports the four new recruits were issued gear and start the academy January 3rd.*
 - 6.d. Chief's Report

Chief Duncan adds and thanks the Volunteer Association for handling logistics for nice dinner at Greenview and today we took delivery of new ambulance. The idea with the ambulances is getting one every other year with intent of having four. Then start doing remounts, where whole rig is sent to manufacturer to remove box and completely rehabilitate it and saves about \$90,000 with new at \$290,000.

- 6.e. Finance Report: *None to add to information included with warrant list.*
- 6.f. Directors' activities report

Director Comisky thanks Volunteer Association for an amazing Christmas dinner and feels it noteworthy in Western Fire Chief update talked about Orange Fire Authority and two helitank where we've had ours for a year now. He asked about the wood around the air curtain that Chief Duncan reports will get chipped.

Director Cline appreciates dinner and everyone who put it together, and for a fun gift exchange.

Director Stephenson ditto's same attended by his wife and him and looks forward to next year.

Director Martinelli reports she did GEMT wire transfer at Wells Fargo, commented on how nice the Loch Lomond fire house looks, and voiced her concern for what she heard about Blue Shield not renewing contract, which doesn't affect emergency transports because State law requires transport to main hospital.

Director Bostock has no activity to report.

7. Regular Items:

7.a. Discussion, review, and comment to Preliminary Draft Report for Fire Mitigation Fee Nexus Study. Placed on the agenda by Chief Mike Marcucci.

A while back District contracted Ridgeline Municipal Strategies for review and Nexus Study. Staff has been busy meeting with Chiefs Association and consultant to come up with strategy county wide.

Chief Marcucci informed the Board that today the law is changed, and it is not legal to have one fee across the County. What is the new law or guidance is each is to establish their own Nexus Study to determine their own fees. Each fire district chief once approved and given direction by their Boards will then go to County for public hearing for ordinance to be edited and to have each of their fees. This will then be reviewed every five to eight years, to adjust accordingly moving forward.

The result of the Study is calls for assessment of \$2.58 per square foot, which we view as excess going from \$1.00 32 years to \$2.58 today. Staff recommends and asks direction to potentially approve and discuss before the public hearing is \$2.00 per square foot for residential and \$2.58 per square foot for nonresidential.

Things cost more, such as building station used to be \$61 per square foot is \$600, and costs for fire engines, water tenders and ambulances.

Between now and hearing, fire chiefs will hold ad hoc meeting with County because what we don't want to do is all this work and have Board of Supervisors not approve this.

Staff learned when meeting with consultant many communities have 15,000 square foot limit that causes an impact where one-time negotiations are made for something like an engine, staffing and fire house.

With 30-day notice to public flown, Consultant Dmitry Semenov of Ridgeline adds this being two-step with first being Board in January voting and approving it. Second step is with other districts, asking County to approve and adopt fee on our behalf and become effective in 60 days.

A few changes were made since the posting such as Page 9 is amended for \$370,000 property purchase. This property is already owned.

Director Comisky fully supports the escalator and finds this to be comprehensive, well written report. He didn't see Type 6 in Table 9

The direction is to add Type 6 and move forward with staff recommendation.

- 7.b. Consideration for Supplementary Ambulance Services Agreement with AMR Medical West and authorization for Board President to execute. Placed on the agenda by Chief Mike Marcucci.

Chief Marcucci found out just before meeting the AMR attorney has some concerns over agreement and informed Board he hopes to have final for the January meeting. It's anticipated the return to be somewhere about \$500 per incident.

- 7.c. Consideration for Participation (Collection 1 of 4 in amount of \$20,001.40) in the State Department of Health Care Services Public Provider Intergovernmental Transfer Program for Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Services for Calendar Year 2024 and authorization for Chief to execute. Placed on the agenda by Staff Services Analyst Gloria Fong.

CLINE/COMISKY MOTION to approve 7c as written. **AYES:** Cline, Martinelli, Stephenson, Comisky, Bostock. **NOES:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 7.d. Consideration for budget transfer in amount of \$36,769 from account 357-9557-795.23-80 to 357-9557-795.61-60 for Air Conditioning System at Cobb Station 62 as approved by Board at its 11/21/23 Meeting and authorization for Board President to execute. Placed on the agenda by Staff Services Analyst Gloria Fong.

CLINE/STEPHENSON MOTION to approve 7d. **AYES:** Cline, Martinelli, Stephenson, Comisky, Bostock. **NOES:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 7.e. Consideration for Resolution 2023-24-09, A Resolution to Appropriate Reserves for the Ambulance Purchase in the amount of \$274,419 with authorization for Board President to execute, and to find this item exempt from the competitive bidding as it is not in the public's interest because of its unique purchase. Placed on the agenda by Staff Services Analyst Gloria Fong.

COMISKY/CLINE MOTION to approve 7e as submitted. **AYES:** Cline, Martinelli, Stephenson, Comisky, Bostock. **NOES:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Consent Calendar Items: (Approval of consent calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Any Board member may request that an item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion later.)

8.a. Meeting Minutes

8.a.1. October

8.a.2. November


8.b. Warrants – December

Additions to the warrant list are \$274,418.70 to Professional Sales and Service for ambulance, \$275.70 to Walmart for station 60 tv replacement, \$424.11 to Campos Casuals for new recruit wildland boots, and \$1,860.00 to Archilogix for Station 63 Architectural Services 11/1/23 -12/15/23, and new December total of \$411,791.47

STEPHENSON/CLINE MOTION with correction for new total \$411,791.47. **AYES:** Cline, Martinelli, Stephenson, Comisky, Bostock. **NOES:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **CLINE/MARTINELLI MOTION** to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm. All in attendance are in favor of motion.

Respectfully submitted by
Gloria Fong, Board Clerk:

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READ AND APPROVED BY
ROB BOSTOCK, President – Board of Directors:

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