

NORTH SAN JUAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Final – Adopted 9/28/21

PRESENT: Tim Tschantz, Chair; Bruce Boyd, Vice-Chair; Pat Leach, Treasurer; Rhea Williamson

ABSENT: Samantha Hinrichs

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM. Roll taken. Quorum established.

Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Boyd Johnson, who lives at the top of Purdon Road, introduced himself as a member of the public. Boyd worked for North San Juan Fire Protection District for 33 years, but he has recently retired.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bruce Boyd met with Mike Stewart, the fire chief for the Town of Washington. They are working on a grant for a new fire station and community center. The idea behind this grant program is to be shovel ready for grants. Bruce suggested putting a grant request together to have plans created for the upgrades at Station 1 so we are shovel ready should the funding present itself. The grant deadline is September 10th. Rhea Williamson will work with Bruce Boyd on a grant proposal.

Tim Tschantz announced that the Preparing for Large Fires ad hoc committee has put together three documents that they would like to see sent out as a mailer to the community. The mailer will include a letter from the Chief, a map of the District, and the flyer Rhea Williamson created highlighting important safety tips.

Samantha Hinrichs arrived at 5:14 PM

5. REPORTS

A. Chief's Report – Chief Jason Flores

- Tom Browning is assigned to the McFarland Incident with his Incident Management Team.
- E6168 is currently covering at Station 42, they were on the initial attack on the Glenn Fire.
- Firefighter Michael Maurin is currently assigned to an Ophir Hill fire engine.
- State and Federal firefighting resources are stretched thin.

- The crew on E6168 received an excellent review for their work on the Nevada County Strike Team that was on the Tamarack and Dixie Fires.
- The Personnel Committee met to discuss the organizational structure of the Department and will recommend changes at the September Board meeting.
- E6164 is still out of service waiting on a new starter for the pump.

Boyd Johnson asked Chief Flores about in District structure protection in the event of a large fire. Chief Flores responded that with E6168 on various assignments, we still have two Type 2 fire engines in the District.

B. Treasurer’s Report – Pat leach

i. Financials- June 2021: Funds Summary, Disbursement Detail, Deposit Detail, Cal Card

The Cal Card purchase detail was not included in the packet for review.

Rhea Williamson asked for a reminder on the payroll penalty listed in the Disbursement Detail. Lynn McGarva responded that this should be the last penalty payment on the payroll discrepancy incurred in 2019. The IRS is still reviewing our request to waive the penalty, so we may receive a reimbursement on the penalty eventually.

Boyd Johnson reminded the group that he has submitted four records request that he feels have not been adequately responded to. He has reason to believe that these payroll penalties go back to the beginning of 2019 or even earlier. In April of 2019, Boyd claimed the Board investigated a defamation case against him and in June of 2019, Tracy contacted the lawyer to start the action to get Freya Johnson removed from the Board. Boyd plans to send a fifth public records request if he doesn’t get answers to the questions he has asked. Boyd reminded the Board that they need to be transparent. Bruce Boyd thanked Boyd for his comments but took issue with idea that the Board sought a defamation case against Boyd, both Bruce and Pat informed Boyd that they were not aware of any such plans. Boyd referenced the Disbursement Detail of May 2019 in which the District paid the attorney \$1,700 for “Consultation Defamation Liability”, the Board approved said financials.

Bruce Boyd moved to approve the June 2021 Disbursement with exception to the Cal Card detail, Pat Leach seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote as follows:

- Bruce Boyd – Aye
- Pat Leach – Aye
- Rhea Williamson – Aye
- Samantha Hinrichs – Aye
- Tim Tschantz - Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Rhea Williamson moved to accept the Funds Summary and Deposit for June 2021, Samantha Hinrichs Seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote as follows:

Bruce Boyd – Aye
Pat Leach – Aye
Rhea Williamson – Aye
Samantha Hinrichs – Aye
Tim Tschantz - Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

ii. Proposition 172 Annual Report FY 2020-21

This is an annual requirement that is submitted to the County. Lynn McGarva summarized the report.

iii. Mitigation Fund (AB 1600) Annual Report FY 2020-21

This is an annual requirement that is submitted to the County. Lynn McGarva summarized the report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Purchase Approval: SCBA's – Jason Flores

The Departments entire stock of SCBA's have expired and need to be replaced. Jason reviewed the two quotes provided and recommends the Board approve four packs this year, and four packs for the next three years until all 16 packs are replaced.

Rhea Williamson moved to approve the purchase of four complete pack systems and 8 bottles from All Star Fire Equipment not to exceed \$40,000, Bruce Boyd seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote as follows:

Bruce Boyd – Aye
Pat Leach – Aye
Rhea Williamson – Aye
Samantha Hinrichs – Aye
Tim Tschantz - Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

B. Purchase Approval: Radio – Jason Flores

This radio is needed on E6168 to ensure two mobile radios for maximum communications abilities.

Rhea Williamson moved to approve the purchase of a KNG radio from 49 Communication not to exceed \$3,500, Bruce Boyd seconded, motion passed by vote as follows:

Bruce Boyd – Aye
Pat Leach – Aye

Rhea Williamson – Aye
Samantha Hinrichs – Abstain
Tim Tschantz - Aye

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Abstain: 1

Absent: 0

7. **NEXT MEETING:** September 28, 2021, 5:00 PM via Zoom
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Heidi Ryan

Heidi Ryan, Board Secretary