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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 27, 2022

Final Adopted 10/25/2022

PRESENT: Pat Leach, Treasurer; Samantha Hinrichs; Rhea Williamson

ABSENT: Tim Tschantz, Chair; Bruce Boyd, Vice-Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Roll taken. Quorum established. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF September 27, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Rhea Williamson asked to remove item 4.C from the Consent Calendar for Discussion. Pat Leach asked to remove item 7.A. and informed the group that item 8.A will be heard after the Consent Calendar. Pat Leach also relayed that item 4.E (Correspondence from Boyd Johnson) be agendized at the October Board meeting when we have a full Board.

Rhea Williamson moved to approve the agenda as amended, Pat Leach seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of July 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

B. Correspondence From Nevada County CDA

C. Correspondence From Nevada County Auditor-Controller

D. Correspondence From Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman

E. Correspondence From Boyd Johnson

Rhea Williamson asked to pull 4.C for discussion.

Rhea Williamson moved to approve the Consent Calendar with item 4.C removed, Samantha Hinrichs seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion of items 4.B and 4.C

Rhea Williamson asked if North San Juan Fire was out of compliance with submissions of financial documents to the Auditor Controller. Lynn McGarva replied that the Final Budget will be submitted after it is approved tonight, which will meet the County's deadline mentioned in the Correspondence.

Rhea Williamson moved to approve items 4.C, Pat Leach seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

8.A. Presentation on Measure V – District 4 Supervisor, Sue Hoek and Nevada County Director of Emergency Services, Greg Griesbach.

Greg Griesbach and Sue Hoek provided an overview of the intentions and parameters of Measure V and fielded questions. Measure V is a proposed half cent sales tax that will be on the November Ballot. Revenues of Measure V will be used for Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services, and Disaster Readiness. Handouts from the presentation are available upon request.

Rhea Williamson relayed her biggest concerns if Measure V is passed is to ensure the Ridge community receives a fair share of the revenues. Although our community does not generate as much revenue as the cities (Nevada City, Grass Valley, and Truckee), we have a large influx of seasonal tourists to the area to recreate. The Yuba River gets more visitors than Yosemite, and the money should follow those numbers.

Pat Leach is currently updating North San Juan Fire’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan for it to be included as an appendix in the County’s plan and inquired if this would help get our projects completed when grant funds become available. Greg Griesbach responded that having North San Juan Fire’s CWPP in the County’s plan will absolutely increase the likelihood of getting projects selected and completed.

Tom Browning noted his concerns are that Measure V is a tax with vague language that could be re-directed to non-fire/emergency preparedness use. For Tom, the main benefit of Measure V is having matching funds set aside for grants.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rhea Williamson announced that she has been communicating with Bruce Boyd on develop an update on the Water Storage Committee. Chief Flores asked Rhea to keep him in the loop on Water Storage Committee communications and meetings.

6. REPORTS

A. Chief’s Report – Jason Flores

- i. July and August 2022 Statistics**
- ii. Department Activity**

- Engine 6168 has been on multiple out of County assignment.
- Chief Flores read an evaluation for Chris Rainville and the crew on Engine 6168 assigned to the Oak Fire and McKinney Fire.

B. Treasurer’s Report – Pat leach

- i. Financials –July and August 2022**

Pat Leach presented the financial reports for July and August 2022.

Rhea Williamson moved to approve the Financials for July and August 2022, Samantha Hinrichs seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

ii. Finance Committee Report

Lynn McGarva noted that the Finance Committee met on September 7th. The Committee decided the preliminary budget should be presented as the Final Budget for Board approval. Budget adjustments can be made through the year as needed. The Committee did not go over capital expenses as Tom Browning and Jason Flores will need to be present for that discussion.

iii. Final Budget FY 2022-23

Lynn McGarva noted that the Board will be presented with actuals quarterly and adjust as needed.

Jason Flores addressed the concern for personal protective equipment (PPE) that was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. This week, he will be meeting with Captain Nathaniel Van Order to conduct a thorough inventory of PPE. The Finance Committee will be meeting on October 10th to discuss Capital Expenses, which will include PPE.

Rhea Williamson moved to adopt the Final Budget for FY 2022-23 as presented, Samantha Hinrichs seconded, motion passed by roll call vote as follows:

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

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

iv. Mitigation Report FY 2021-23

This is an annual requirement. The Finance and Facilities Manager will submit to the County. No Board action needed.

C. Firefighters Association Report –

- The Association has not met since May.
- Theo Blevins has resigned from the Department, so the Association will have to elect a new Vice-President.
- The Association is brainstorming another appreciation dinner.
- Current account balance is \$17,942.
- The Association is still working toward obtaining a 501c3 status.

Heidi Ryan informed Chris Rainville that there will be a fundraiser in November for a local girl who was badly burned this Spring. This would be a good event for the Association to support.

D. Fire Safe Council /FireWise Coalition/Ridge FireWise Communities Report – Pat Leach

The Fire Safe Council is busy writing grants for a variety of large projects. Their goal is to complete defensible space for 700 access and functional needs residents.

Robinson Road Area FireWise Community was recently recognized by NFPA, Wampum Way is still in the process. There are 76 FireWise Communities in the County, and 30 more waiting approval.

E. NCFA Report – Pat Leach.

A meeting on August 25th, 2022, where the group approved financials. The next meeting is October 27th, 2022

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. “Preparing for Large Fires” – Tim Tschantz

This item was removed from the agenda.

B. Hydrant Committee Update – Tom Browning

The committee continues to meet regularly. The plans for the project have been drawn up and the committee is preparing for a meeting with the Church on Oct. 28 where they will present the plans and a rendering of the tank location and size.

8. NEW BUSINESS

B. Resolution 2022-09, Fee Schedule for FY 2022-23 for Cases of Negligence, Criminal Activity, and False Alarms – Jason Flores

Deputy Chief Tom Browning suggested changing the fee for false alarm activities from \$125 to \$250.

Rhea Williamson moved to adopt Resolution 2022-09 with the fee for false alarm activities increased to \$250, Samantha Hinrichs seconded, motion passed by roll call vote as follows:

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

Ayes: 3

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

9. NEXT MEETING: October 25, 2022, 7:00 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Heidi Ryan

Heidi Ryan, Board Secretary