



North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District

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NSCFPD Board Meeting Action Summary

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Sea Ranch North Fire Station (39250 Highway One, The Sea Ranch, CA, 95497)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order at 2:09 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL** In attendance Directors Campbell, Nybakken, Gardener, Tittle; Chief Plakos, Assistant Chief Breier, CalFire Captain Miller
- IV. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** Motion to remove item VI.C from agenda by Director Tittle, second by Director Gardener, passed 4-0.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** none
- VI. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Director Gardener to approve Consent Calendar as presented, second by Director Tittle. Passed 4-0.
- VII. **REPORTS**
 - A. Chair: Chair Campbell reviewed upcoming changes to Brown Act rules that will revert back next month, or new approval system for a director that must participate remotely. She also reviewed the recent LAFCO meeting she attended in regards to local consolidations.
 - B. Chief: As written, noting the meeting with FSWG for Zone 4 was changed to March 9th, and application is being considered for TIF grant for a towable generator.
 - C. Treasurer: As written
 - D. CAL FIRE; Captain Miller was appreciative of the meeting time switch so he could continue to attend our meetings. He reviewed some personnel changes and said CalFire intends to staff all 21 stations in April, including aircraft. Captain Miller is also interested in starting the process to write a grant to replace 4490. The plan is to apply for a 2023 AFG grant for this vehicle. Also shared photo of recent Gualala Community Center fire and explained "surround and drown" firefighting technique.
 - E. Regional Engagement ad-hoc: Director Campbell reviewed comments by Supervisor Hopkins in regards to County policy for consolidations and funding. Discussion about Timber Cove priorities and how they differ from ours, and what the implications might be.
 - F. Staffing ad-hoc: Chief Plakos shared that she revised the job description for an Admin Assistant again to shorten and broaden, and will work with team to approve and get a listing in the ICO and the job description up on our website soon.
 - G. VFA Liaison: Director Nybakken reported on fundraising success with \$5500 raised on Christmas tree sales, and \$125,000 in year-end donations. , The VFA has committed to contributing up to \$140,000 towards replacing 4401.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Fire Code Ordinance: After a brief discussion, motion to waive first reading of ordinance by Director Gardener, second by Director Tittle. Passed 4-0.
- B. Board Retreat Workshop & Goals: Director Campbell presented the revised and reformatted goals for discussion, which were approved in a motion by Director Tittle, seconded by Director Gardener. Passed 4-0.
- C. Board Membership: After a discussion of workloads and projects already on our radar, it was decided by mutual accord to defer any discussion of expanding the Board right now. Focus should remain on getting an Admin Assistant for Chief Plakos to work with and train, and on other approved goals.
- D. Legislative Action: After a discussion of the implications of State Initiative Resolution 1935 on our ability to raise funds, particularly through a possible parcel tax, Director Tittle moved to approve our resolution against this measure, seconded by Director Gardener. Passed 4-0. (Resolution 23-02)
- E. Potential Sonoma County Sales Tax Initiative: Chief Plakos updated the Board on discussions at the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association on the need for funding for polling on a possible sales tax measure next year. Chief Plakos requested \$1,000 now with a possibility of needing up to \$5,000 down the road. Motion by Director Nybakken to authorize the Chief to spend up to \$5,000 on this, seconded by Director Campbell. Passed 4-0.
- F. FDAC Annual Conference: Chief Plakos and Director Campbell discussed their plans to attend this conference in Napa this year, as the focus appears to include more relevant content for us than the past couple of years. She requested each Board member review the speakers and determine interest in attending, for one day or for the full conference.
- G. Staffing Ad-Hoc: When we have candidates for the administrative position, it was requested a couple board members participate in the interview process. Directors Tittle and Nybakken volunteered for that project.

IX. CALENDAR LOOK-AHEAD: Reviewed and noted

X. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.
Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday March 21, 2023 2:00 p.m.