

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 14, 2021

President: David Loeffler, Vice President: Sue Loeffler
Directors: Robert Drain, Kristi Swift, 1 – Vacant Seat

5:00 PM OPEN SESSION

Call to order: 5:00

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Pledge led by President Loeffler

Director Roll Call: All present

Others Present: Julie Velazquez, Tim Spiersch, Mark Montes, Nathan Dallas and Ryan Howell

Corrections to Agenda: No corrections

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Any member of the public may address the Board of Directors at this time on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board, regardless of whether it is on the agenda. Those wishing to address matters on the agenda may hold their comments until that item is taken up, at which time the public will be permitted to address the Board of Directors prior to any action. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Those speaking on behalf of an organization will be limited to five (5) minutes. This time limit may be extended at the sole discretion of the chair.

- *Multiple members of the fire department spoke to the board about Chief's Reeves actions during the fire. It is reported that the chief left the fire line to go deer hunting. The volunteer crew wonder why they have not been updated on this matter even though there is an active investigation, and it is now a legal matter.*
- *A fire department member relates that she is disgusted by the Chiefs behavior and demands something to happen, or she will be resigning from her fire department positions. There should have already been a public apology by the Chief.*
- *A crew member relates the behavior towards the Pini's was out of line and needs to be rectified. The crew is concerned that department has lost the Pini's as fire department members due to the way they were treated.*
- *Effective immediately after this meeting Dave Loeffler resigns. He feels that the department does not respect him, and he will help any way he can, but 48 years is long enough.*
- *A crew member relates that they are not happy with Chief Reeves giving out the Company 31 privileges in exchange for hunting rights on private property during the fire.*
- *The HFPD board was not aware that there were any issues with the Chief during the fire and the will look into the information that was brought before them.*
- *Jo Ehler is requesting that Dave reconsiders his resignation and relates that Stan is available to help the department in any way.*
- *Captain Molner reports that according to Jill Winters (Cal-Fire) we need to make an invoice and have shift tickets for the Monument Fire. Justin found a picture from the 50's from the fire department and would like to recreate it.*

II. REVIEW / APPROVAL of MINUTES

Approval of minutes - Regular meeting held on June 8, 2021. *See attached minutes.* Motion made to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes. (*Drain/D. Loeffler*) Aye – 3, No – 0 Motion carried.

Approval of minutes - Regular meeting held on August 10, 2021. *See attached meetings.* Motion made to approve the August 10, 2021 minutes. (*Swift/S.Loeffler*) Aye – 3, No – 0 Motion carried.

III. REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Fire Chief’s Training/Personnel Report/Grants (Chief Reeves): *See attached report.* President Loeffler asks to please make sure that the rigs are serviced before they go back out on the fire. Director Drain relates that his concern about paying to get 3112 fixed is refixing wires that have been cut and reattached. He would like a new wiring harness, President Loeffler says he would like to leave it up the expert. The wiring expert should be to look at 3112 next week. There has been no cost associated with Peterson having 3112 up to this point. Julie reports that there is one additional member with COVID and believes that the Chief may have Covid but he had not been tested as far as the Volunteers are aware. Julie asks what the circumstances are for “emergency circumstances” for Company 31 membership. Chief Reeves is not available to answer the question.
- B. FASIS Update for Mandatory COVID Reporting (Financial Clerk): The Financial Clerk received paperwork requiring the number of positive COVID cases. She needs the dates of testing (September 31) President Loeffler asks that someone from the crew is appointed to communicate with Jo Ehler about any new testing. All information to FASIS is anonymous but needs to stay updated. It is not required for the members to have a worker’s comp claim, but it could help if there are any adverse reactions in the future. Fire department member can contact Lisa about filling out an application or doing it online.
- C. Correspondence (Clerk): None

IV. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- A. Firefighter Salary Schedule and Disbursement (President Loeffler): Motion made to accept the policy as written with removal of Appendix A (*Drain/Swift*) Aye – 4, No – 0 Motion carried
- B. Annual Insurance Questionnaire and Coverage Limits (Financial Clerk): *Tabled to a future meeting.*
- C. District Provided Cell Phone for the Chief (President Loeffler): Report back needed on how to get a District cell phone for the Chief. President Loeffler relates that the cell phone would be used for department use only. The crew relates they would like the Chief to have their own cell phone. *Tabled to October Meeting.*
- D. Additional Utility Vehicle (President Loeffler): New policy for no POV’s to be paid during campaign fires. Specifications to be developed to acquire an additional utility vehicle for the duty officer. *Tabled to a future meeting.*
- E. Final 21/22 Budget Approval (Director Drain): Motion made to accept second option as presented by the Financial Clerk final 21/22 Budget (*Swift/Drain*) Aye – 4, No – 0 Motion carried
- F. Consider Financial Report / Warrants for August 2021 (Financial Clerk): *See attached report.* Motion made to approve financial report and monthly warrants. (*Drain/Swift*) Aye – 4, No – 0. Motion carried.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:** Fire clerk suggests creating a better system for using charge accounts.

VI. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/DIRECTORS COMMUNICATIONS:** Director S. Loeffler says that she is very proud of the department. D. Loeffler relates those operations from McFarland and Monument were extremely happy with the job that the crew did on the fires. Jo Ehler relates that Stan had a wonderful time on the white tender while working on the fires and to use him as a resource.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** 6:34