



Schell Vista Fire Protection District

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MEETING MINUTES Schell-Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 22950 Broadway-Station #1

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Director Ken Finn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Bob Kruljac, Ernie Loveless, Hal Stober, and Mindy Neves were present. A quorum was met. Also present were Chief Ray Mulas, Assistant Chief Mike Mulas, District Account Stacie McCambridge, Clerk of the Board Robin Woods, Firefighters Matt Garner, Mickey Breen, Humberto Botello, Johnny Velasquez, Lincoln Reiter, and George Norton.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS AND CONSENT

There were no adjustments to the addenda.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of minutes from the April 3, 2024, Regular Meeting- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the April 3, 2024, minutes and opened the floor for questions, discussion, and public comments. No questions or public comments were made.

Director Kruljac made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024, meeting.

Director Neves seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes-5 Noes - 0 Absent- 0

b. Review of the May 2024, Accountant's Report- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the Accountant's Report and opened the floor to discussion and public comment. There were no public comments. Director Kruljac made the motion to accept the Financial Report for May 2024, as presented. Director Stober seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Financial Reports were approved by the following vote:

Ayes-5 Noes - 0 Absent- 0



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5. CHIEFS' REPORT

Chief Mulas provided the following report to the Board:

1. I felt that there was some concern about my work on our Property Insurance, I assure you that it was given a great deal of time arguing with our current carrier and getting quotes from other carriers. Even while on vacation I was still talking with other Chiefs and getting quotes from other insurance companies. All seem to quote policies that were separate of Flood and Earthquake insurance with those being extremely high when added (seems to be the new play). When talking to others, it seems this will be the new base for years to come. Let's hope not.

2. I was called by a Representative of the Sonoma County Water Agency requesting permission to place a test well on the District property. I feel this should be discussed in depth during my Report. (The Board and Chief agreed not to participate at this time.)

3. The issues with the Fire Pump and the Post Indicator valve have been Resolved. Engineer Velasquez has been working with the Foothill Technician and together they have resolved all issues and got our system passed. Engineer Velasquez is currently negotiating the charges and fees.

4. I am supplying all the directors with a copy of the change orders made at the pre-construction meeting of our new Pierce type 1. We have not yet received the updated drawings of our apparatus, but we are hoping construction begins in October.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS (Directors to report on Committee activities)

a. Reports-**Discussions & Possible Actions**

1. Facilities Committee (Neves)

Director Neves acknowledged Johnny Velasquez's assistance with the repair of the fire pump.

She updated the Board on the following:

- Steve Lanning will be putting in the windows next week. She didn't have a date for installation of Station 2's doors.
- The generator has been ordered and is on track for Q2.

2. Budget Committee (Kruljac)

Director Kruljac advised the Board that the Budget Committee will be meeting this month preparing the FYE 2025 Budget to present to the Board at the June meeting.

3. Legislative Committee (Finn)



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Director Finn introduced Initiative 1935 which is listed under new items on the agenda.

4. Outreach Committee (Loveless)

1. Newsletter Update

Director Loveless advised the board that he has a draft of the newsletter to review. He should have the finished draft shortly.

7. NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUE UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Solar Update Station 1 Status- **Review**

Director Kruljac advised the Board that SolarCraft is completing the permits. The planning is complete, and construction may start as early as Mid-May.

b. Cell Tower- **Review**

1. Update on Station 2

Director Kruljac provided an update from OnAir. They have been in negotiations and believe that they have come to terms in line with all carrier telecommunications site leases in the area. The district should be presented with a draft of an agreement soon.

2. Update Tower at Station 1

Station 1 tower is still in the discussion stages.

c. Initiative 1935- **Discussion**

Director Finn introduced Initiative 1935, which would limit the ability of voters and state and local governments to raise revenue for government services. The Board would like to review a resolution to oppose this initiative. It was agreed to send a proposed resolution to District Counsel for guidance and assistance, This will be addressed at the June meeting.

d. Fire Services Working Group Update- **Continuing Discussion**

Chief Mulas updated the Board of the informational notices sent out through email.

e. Tax Measure Ordinance Updates- **Review**

A public meeting will be held in July.

f. Calendar Review (Robin)

January -Determine the Preliminary Tax Rate



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February-Request the Parcel Report from the county using the preliminary rate
March-Notice of Public Hearing
April/May-Conduct Public Hearing
May/June-Allow time for property owner appeals of the tax levy.
June-Approval of the District Preliminary Budget
July-Approval of the District Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit
July/August- At the end of the Fiscal year, The District Board of Directors will be presented the *Fiscal Year-End Report* containing information regarding the amount of special tax revenue collected and expended as well as the status of projects funded with proceeds of the special tax. (Ord. Section VII)
August/September-Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit Resolution sent to the County.

-Calendar Review General Business

April-Set up Budget Committee meeting to prepare preliminary budget for June meeting.
June-Preliminary Budget review and approval.
July 15-August 9 Board Members file for re-election with the Registrar of Voters.
(2024- Ken Finn, Ernie Loveless, and Hal Stober term end 12/2024)
August-Budget Committee meet to prepare final budget for Board approval in September.
September-Final Budget review and approval.
Nov-Nomination of Officers of the Board (Every 2 years. Next election 2025)
Dec-Election of Officers of the Board for January 1 start date. (Every 2 Years. Next election 2025)

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD of the ORDER

There were no announcements.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Board Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Robert Kruljac and Ernie Loveless regarding Represented Employees: IAFF Local 1401, Sonoma County Professional Firefighters

Director Finn Called for a closed meeting at 7:40PM.

Director Finn resumed the open meeting at 8:50PM.

Director Finn advised that there was nothing to report from the closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Director Stober made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM. Director Kruljac seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.



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Next scheduled meeting is June 5, 2024

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