



MI-WUK/SUGAR PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

"Providing Quality Emergency Response And Fire Protection For The Public"

Minutes

Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM, Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District

24247 Highway 108, Mi Wuk Village, California

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - a. President McDonald - Present
 - b. Vice President Afshar - Present
 - c. Treasurer Massman - Present
 - d. Director Doss - Absent
 - e. Director Blake - Present
 - f. Also Present:
 - i. Chief Klyn - Present
 - ii. Office Manager/Board Clerk Dahlin - Present
 - iii. Guests: _____

President McDonald moved up agenda item 7. Swearing in and badge pinning of Intern Fire Fighters; Chief Klyn swore in Fire Fighters KC Wade and Raymond Antonio, family members pinned their badges on each of them.

4. Swearing in of Director Blake and Director Doss who were appointed as if elected to a four-year term beginning December 4, 2020 and ending December 6, 2024. Director Blake was sworn in by Board Clerk Dahlin. Director Doss will be sworn in at the next meeting.
5. Board selection of the 2021 offices; President McDonald moved to keep the positions filled as they currently are, as follows:
 - a. President – Jim McDonald
 - b. Vice President – Carol Afshar
 - c. Treasurer – Mark Massman
 - d. Clerk to the Board - Bonnie Dahlin

Vice President Afshar seconded.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

6. Board appointment of 2021 committee chairs and members: President McDonald appointed the standing committees as follows:
 - a. Budget Committee
Chair: Treasurer Massman
Members: President McDonald, Chief Klyn, Office Manager/Board Clerk Dahlin, Joan Walton
 - b. Policy and Procedures Committee
Chair: Director Doss
Members: Director Blake, Chief Klyn
7. Swearing in and badge pinning of Intern Fire Fighters – was conducted prior to agenda item 4
8. Oral Communications: This is the time for the public to address the Board of Directors on any matter not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. Each person shall be permitted to speak for no more than 5 minutes; persons speaking on the behalf of an organization may speak for no more than 15 minutes. Those wishing to speak on a matter that is on the agenda may do so at the time the item is taken up by the Board of Directors. There were none.
9. Approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting.
Moved to Approve: Treasurer Massman Seconded: Director Blake
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0
10. Written Communications: There were none.
11. Reports:
 - a. Auxiliary Report and Annual Fall Drawing: Sherry Blake, MWSPFPD Auxiliary President did not have a written report but expressed her gratefulness to the community for raising over \$16,500 in this year's only fundraiser. They plan on holding a virtual fundraiser selling calendars and note cards with pictures taken by the firefighters and compiled by Director Blake. President Blake and Auxiliary Treasurer Joan Walton drew the winners in the Fall Drawing, Congratulations go to:
 - First prize of \$300 – Linda Clark of Odd Fellows
 - Second prize of \$200 – Diane Powell of Livermore
 - Third prize of \$100 – Jason and Bryna Osgood of Manteca
 - b. USFS Report: No report
 - c. CAL FIRE Report: No report
 - d. Chief's Report: James Klyn, Fire Chief, read and elaborated on the written report that is in the meeting record. He noted that the District's calls for November are not in his written report but are available in his office. He also noted that for the first time in his 8 years with the District there were more calls in District – 17, than out-of-District – 16.

During the Chief's Report President McDonald briefly left the room on a personal matter and Vice President Afshar presided over the meeting.

- e. District Policies & Procedures Committee: Director Doss was absent. No report
- f. Treasurers Report on Budget Committee and Financial Reports: Treasurer Massman, read and elaborated on the written report that is in the meeting record. Office Manager/Board Clerk Dahlin informed the Board that she has discussed the loans from the County with Auditor/Controller Debi Bautista. The County supports the District responding to the State fires and are comfortable advancing the funds due to the expected revenue/reimbursements due from OES. The 5 invoices received to date exceed the amount of the loan from the County.

President McDonald returned to the meeting.

Financial Reports for Month Ending October 31, 2020:

- i. Tuolumne County Trial Balance
- ii. Tuolumne County Budget Status
- iii. Month End Cash on Hand History

Moved to Receive: Vice President Afshar Seconded: Director Blake

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

12. Discussion and Action Items:

- a. Discussion of Final Draft Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for Tuolumne County Fire Authority and Final Draft Sample Resolution; President McDonald summarized the proposed JPA and tax measure. Chief Klyn reported that he does not want to participate in it without the support of the community and has reached out as much as possible but that there was not time for a mailing and large meetings cannot be held at this time. The resolution would need to be signed by December 31st. President McDonald reported that he, Chief Klyn and Director Doss attended the MAHA Board Meeting on Friday, December 4th Mike Welch, President of the MAHA Board and former MWSP Board President, was present. He spoke in length about previous efforts for increased taxes, the Benefit Assessment and against the District's participation in the current tax measure. He reported that the MAHA Board has voted to not endorse the JPA and tax measure. Tim Wallace and Sherry Blake also spoke against it. After lengthy discussion, the consensus was that there are still many questions that are not addressed in the JPA and it is not a good time to ask the District's supportive community to pay more in taxes.

Director Blake made a motion that the District **will not** participate in the JPA and tax measure. Vice President Afshar seconded. Treasurer Massman suggested that the District send a letter of response stating that unless a sunset clause be added, a cap of 1-2% be placed on the administrative fee and an adjustment be made to the portion of the property taxes the District receives for out-of-District calls, the District would not be willing to participate.

President McDonald called for a vote on the current motion that the District **will not** participate in the JPA and tax measure.

Ayes: 3 - President McDonald, Vice President Afshar, Director Blake

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 - Director Doss

Abstain: 1 - Treasurer Massman

- b. Resolution No. 2020.12.08.1 Authorizing the Fire Chief to Authorize The Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District's Participation In The Joint Exercise Of Powers Agreement For The Tuolumne County Fire Authority; No vote held due to action on Item 12a.
- c. Potential future lease of apparatus; Director Doss was absent – Item Tabled

13. Director's Comments and Requests: Directors may report about various matters involving the District or may request matters be included on subsequent meeting agenda(s) for discussion and/or action. Discussion will be limited to that necessary to clarify an issue or request. No action will be taken. Vice President Afshar requested that an item be placed on the January agenda for the discussion of possibly purchasing trail cams, with the help of the Auxiliary, for potential fire hazard areas in the community. President McDonald expressed his appreciation for the input that was received from the community

and MAHA. He stated that keeping the goodwill of the community is important and the District will work, with the help of the budget committee, to find ways to meet other goals such as benefits.

14. Final audience comments: There were none.

15. Adjournment: 8:23 PM

Approved by the District Board of Directors in the meeting assembled January 12, 2021.

President McDonald