



MI-WUK SUGAR PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

1. Call to Order:

A **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Directors for the Mi-Wuk/Sugar Pine Fire Protection District was called to order at the Sugar Pine Station facility located on Highway 108 at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

2. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by **President Schneiderman**. He welcomed all visitors.

3. **Roll Call:** Present were President Schneiderman, Vice-President Welch, Director Johnson, and Director Rucker. Also present were Chief Crabtree, Assistant Chief Krussow, Secretary Dahlin and several members of the public.

4. **Oral Communications:** The public may address the Board on any subject not shown on the agenda. Time allowed is 15 minutes. President Schneiderman asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

5. **Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2015.** President Schneiderman asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board or the public. There were none. **Director Welch** moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting. **Director Johnson** seconded. **Ayes: 4. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Written Correspondence:

A. Regarding the letter to the Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District Board of Directors from himself, President Schneiderman said "There is never a good time to do this so I will just read the letter." After reading his letter of resignation he said "Unfortunately I have some things that have occurred in my life and I'm sorry to say that I'm going to be leaving the Board after February and we'll see how it goes. If life presents some other alternatives for me at some point I may return, but the way the election law works is that I may not take leaves of absence so I'm retiring my position after February." Director Johnson said "We'll miss you Bill" and he replied "I'll miss being here. I've enjoyed my tenure here."

- B. Chief Crabtree had a late addition, an email received the day of the meeting, from Nationwide regarding a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for the paid firefighting staff. He will review the material sent by Nationwide and explore the options of retirement plans that do not require employer contributions but are funded through employee pretax dollars. He plans to have more information at the next board meeting.
- C. Chief Crabtree passed around a plaque with a photo of the 2015 Fall Columbia College Fire Academy, also received the day of the meeting. It was presented to the District in appreciation of its support.

7. Financial Reports:

- A. **Tuolumne County Trial Balance for November 2015** – President Schneiderman asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board or the public. Chief Crabtree commented that the District borrowed less this year, about \$10700.00, compared to a little over \$15000.00 borrowed last year to get through the dry spell in November. He said that they had been expecting to have to borrow the funds due to the purchase of E771 but that hopefully this June the District will be able to put enough into contingencies so that it won't have to borrow any next November. President Schneiderman asked if there were any further comments or questions from the Board or the public. There were none.
 - B. **Tuolumne County Budget Status Report for November 2015** – President Schneiderman asked for comments or questions from the Board or the public. There were none. **Director Johnson** moved to accept the Tuolumne County Organizational Budget Status for November 2015. **Director Rucker** seconded. **Ayes: 4. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - C. **MWSP QuickBooks Transaction Detail by Account for November 2015** – President Schneiderman asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board or the public. There were none.
- 8. **MWSPFPD Auxiliary Report** – **President Ann Coleman** was not present, President Schneiderman read her written report that is in the meeting record.
 - 9. **C.A.S.T. Report** – **Tim Wallace** was not present. Director Johnson reported that he was at the last CAST meeting. He said that they will be inspecting and doing an inventory of the hydrants but that they are buried under snow at this time. Chief Crabtree explained that the current information is from the electronic records of various water companies and that they will be verifying the accuracy of the locations and addresses of every hydrant in the District and it will be tied in to the map book project.
 - 10. **Highway 108 Fire Safe Council Report** – **Director Johnson** said that the December meeting was a Christmas luncheon. CAL FIRE Chief Barry Rudolph, who recently retired, was honored.
 - 11. **Captains' Shift Reports** – **Captain Klyn** went over and elaborated on the written reports that are in the meeting record.
 - 12. **Chief's Report** – **Chief Crabtree** went over and elaborated on the written report that is in the meeting record.

13. Status of Grants – Chief Crabtree went over and elaborated on the written report that is in the meeting record.

14. SRA FPF Grant Status Update – Jim McDonald went over and elaborated on the written report that is in the meeting record.

At 7:49 President Schneiderman called for a short break. He thanked **Sherry Blake** for providing the evenings' refreshments.

At 8:03 President Schneiderman called the meeting back to order.

15. Unfinished Business: Business continued from previous meetings for Discussion, Consideration and Action as Appropriate:

A. Regular District Standing Committees: Reports, etc.

- 1. Budget – Director Johnson – Chair** – The committee did not meet.
- 2. Policies & Procedures (with Manual updates) – Vice-President Welch** – The committee did not meet.
- 3. Strategic Planning – Director Johnson – Chair** – The committee did not meet but he did comment that the District is roughly 1.2 – 1.5 square miles and services an area of about 16 square miles, about 10 times the Districts size and with twice the number of houses. Also, the Districts tax revenue base is about 202 million dollars while the revenue base outside of the District is about 539 million, roughly 2 ½ times the Districts value. President Schneiderman explained that they did not meet because they have been waiting for the County report.

16. Other Business:

- A. Board Members:** Director Rucker said that she is sorry to hear that President Schneiderman is leaving and wished him the best of luck. She also asked what the Board would do without him. He replied that the Board has been in this position before, at one point there were only three members for about a year, but that people will step up. He went on to thank all the firefighters and the Auxiliary members. He commented on the huge amount of money that was raised and donated. He also thanked all of the volunteers, Chief Crabtree, Secretary Dahlin, Ron Doss for grant writing, Jim McDonald for his grant work, he said that everybody deserves a round of thanks for all that they do. Director Welch commented that normally at this time of year the board selects members for the various positions on the Board. After some discussion, it was decided that there will be an Election of Officers on the agenda for the February 9, 2016 Board Meeting.
- B. Audience/Attendee comments:** President Schneiderman invited comments from the public. There were none.

17. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Schneiderman adjourned the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

Bonnie Dahlin, Department Secretary

Approved by the District Board of Directors in the meeting assembled

February 9, 2016 _____
William Schneiderman, President