

# Kuna Rural Fire District

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## Minutes of Commissioners Regular Meeting

August 10, 2022

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **REVISED:** \_\_\_\_\_ (see revised version)

Chairman Greg McPherson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in the Kuna City Hall Council Chambers.

Present were Commissioners: Greg McPherson, Rebekah Luther, Brandon Carver, Randall Feaster and Billy Edwards. Also present were Chief T.J. Lawrence, White Peterson Attorney Marc Bybee, and Officer of Administration-Secretary-Bookkeeper Krystal Hinkle.

### **Agenda Approval:**

Comm. Luther moved to accept the agenda as printed and posted. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Comm. Luther moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2022. Comm. Feaster seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Hearing – Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2022**

Comm. Carver made a motion to open the public hearing for the Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. Comm. Luther seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Public Input – None

Comm. Luther made a motion to close the hearing. Comm. Feaster seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Comm. Luther made a motion approving Resolution 2022-26 for the adoption of the amended 2022 Budget. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Hearing – Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year 2023**

Comm. Luther made a motion to open the public hearing for the adoption of the 2023 Budget. Comm. Feaster seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

There was a lot of discussion with the board members, the employees in attendance and also the 2 members that attended from the public.

Firefighter Benjamin Sterling is concerned about response times. He stated, “we can’t respond in a timely manner without a second unit”.

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Firefighter Matt Coffelt expressed concerns about Randall Feasters source from last month's meeting regarding fire departments having a payroll budget between 65%-85% of their budget. The article that Comm. referenced is different than articles that Matt found. Matt indicated he found an article that references 90%.

Hinkle stated that common practice is around 75% of the district's budget should be payroll.

Firefighter Matt Graham did reiterate his feeling from last month. He would like the residents of Kuna Fire to have the same service he receives in the community he lives in.

KyMBER Jones, located at 9105 W. Rockstone Crt, Kuna, expressed to the board her concerns if the bond and levy don't pass. She had a house fire that we weren't able to respond to. She had to wait for our neighboring department to arrive. Luckily no one was inside, but it could have been worse.

Comm. Luther made a motion to close the hearing. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Comm. Luther made a motion approving Resolution 2022-27 for the adoption of the 2023 Budget. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a 4/1 vote with Commissioner Feaster voting no.

**Financial Reports Presented by Hinkle:** Comm. Carver moved to accept the financial reports and report of fund investments, and to approve disbursement of funds in the amount of **\$327,123.58** for the District for payment of bills and payroll as presented. A disbursement of \$0 for the Community Assistance Fund for payment of bills. Comm. Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Purchase Order over \$5,000** – None

**Summary of Correspondence:** None

### Staff Reports:

**Chief Report – by T.J. Lawrence:** Chief Lawrence reported the district has 2 members out of injury, hoping to receive the new engine in 2022, no dates on brush trucks and the remodel is going well and hoping the crews will be in the station in 3 weeks.

**Local 4165 - Full Time Firefighter Report:** None

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**Attorney Report:** Bybee reported that White Peterson has been working on the items up for discussion on the agenda.

**Officer of Administration Report by Krystal Hinkle:** Hinkle reported that everything was on the agenda.

**Administrator of Impact Fees by Krystal Hinkle:** Hinkle reported that the current fund totals \$1,847,833.60 thru June.

### Old Business:

**State Fire Commissioners Report:** Hinkle reported upcoming training in the fall and the 2023 Annual Conference will be held in CDA.

**Ada County City EMS System (ACCESS) Update:** Comm. Luther reported she attended the meeting and there was nothing to report.

**Levy Committee Update** – Additional information is being sent out to the community and the district has an open house/movie night in September.

**Discuss and Consider Future Station Locations** – There was a lot of discussion amongst the board, firefighters in attendance and administration. Chief indicated that there is a development willing to help fund a station at our Cloverdale property. With the delays in the train and the growth continuing to move to the south, the district should consider a station south of the tracks. That station will still be able to serve the residents north of the tracks as well.

Comm. Feaster made a motion to put station 2 on the southside of the tracks. Comm. Luther seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

### New Business:

**Discuss and Consider Resolution Approving Bond Language** – Comm. Luther made a motion approving Resolution 2022-28 for the bond language that will be on the ballot in November. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Discuss and Consider Resolution Approving the Permanent Levy Language -**  
Comm. Feaster made a motion approving Resolution 2022-29 for the permanent levy language that will be on the ballot in November. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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### **Discuss and Consider Resolution Approving MOU with Ada County – Comm.**

Luther made a motion approving Resolution 2022-30 for the MOU with Ada County for the reimbursement for the station remodel. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

### **Discuss and Consider Resolution Approving Lease with Ada County – Comm.**

Feaster brought up concerns about the language in section 5b. It states that Ada Co. can not provide medical services. With potential walk ups, Ada Co. needs to be able to help patients at the station.

Marc Bybee, attorney, indicated the language came directly from Ada Co. Paramedics.

Comm. Luther made a motion approving Resolution 2022-31 with the amendments to 5b, that will allow limited medical care on the premises. Comm. Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider Bids for Alerting System – The district sent out bid requests to 4 companies and only received a bid back from US Digital Designs, Inc. The bid amount from US Digital Designs, Inc. came in at \$43,278.83. This does not include install.

Comm. Luther made a motion accepting the alerting system bid from US Digital Designs, Inc. in the amount of \$42,278.83. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The company didn't sign our agreement, so the Chief will reach out to them to see if it is an issue. Chief will also be accepting bids between now and the next commissioner meeting for install.

### **Commissioner Open Discussion – None**

Commissioner Luther moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Hinkle, District Secretary

Greg McPherson, Chairman