

Kuna Rural Fire District

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Minutes of Commissioners Regular Meeting

February 12, 2020

APPROVED: _____ **REVISED:** _____ (see revised version)

Chairman Bud Beatty called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm in the meeting room of Kuna Fire Station #1.

Present were Commissioners: Bud Beatty, Mike Smith, Tim Crawford and Greg McPherson. Commissioner Harris was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Phil Roberts, White Peterson Attorney William Gigray, and Officer of Administration-Secretary-Bookkeeper Krystal Hinkle.

Agenda Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes: Comm. Smith moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2020. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the destruction of the audio recordings from the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2020. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Public Input/Special Presentations:

Financial Reports Presented by Hinkle: Comm. Smith moved to accept the financial reports and report of fund investments, and to approve disbursement of funds in the amount of \$268,062.51 for the District for payment of bills and payroll as presented. A disbursement of \$0 for the Association for payment of bills. Comm. Crawford seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Purchase Orders over \$1,000: Chief is asking for the approval to purchase 6 MDT's for \$31029.06, not including brackets. We budgeted \$18,000.00 and need the difference. The district budgeted \$30,000.00 for AED's but we saved \$14,000.00. Chief is asking to use the saved monies from the AED's to spend on the MDT's.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Purchase Order 2020-01 in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the difference in MDT's. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Summary of Correspondence: None

Staff Reports:

Chief Report – by Phil Roberts: Chief Roberts reported that a Crew Boss training will take place tomorrow at the station. The extrication equipment in the budget has been ordered. Our turnouts came in for all of our full-time employees. Our three new hires will start in March, starting on the 16th.

Local 4165 - Full Time Firefighter Report: Nothing to report.

Association Report: No one in attendance

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Attorney Report by Gigray: Attorney Gigray reported that the City of Kuna has scheduled their hearing for the adoption of our new impact fees on the 21st. Canyon County will have their hearing with the planning and zoning commission on February 20th. Ada County will be sending over the addendum for the collection of impact fees at the rate of \$15.00 per fee collected as an administration fee. This will be on the agenda next month. There is a piece of legislation that will hold the employer accountable for damages in Work Comp claims if the employee is hurt and the employer knew of a bldg. flaw, equipment malfunction, etc.

HB 376 – Deals with unmanned drones used by police and fire.

HB 430 – Cap on whistle blower claims

SB1265 – Central Registry Clean Up Language

HB359 – Sales tax to 11% and remove property tax (Dead)

HB 354 – Resolution is you aren't taking the full amount of foregone.

Officer of Administration Report by Krystal Hinkle: Hinkle reported the Chief and herself will be attending a training class in Utah on how to handle behavior and investigations within the fire service.

Administrator of Impact Fees by Krystal Hinkle: Hinkle reported that the current fund totals \$879,039.43 thru January.

Committee Reports:

Levy Override Election Committee – Chief Roberts reported that the first meeting took place yesterday. There are 4 committee members, one from the school district, CS Beef, Banking and Insurance. The recommendation will be ready for the next board meeting.

Old Business:

State Fire Commissioners Report: Hinkle provided that there are a few pieces of legislation that we are dealing with. HB 409 will put a freeze on our 3%, new construction role and the ability to levy in 2020. This is hard to swallow since over 90% of our funding comes from property taxes. There is a piece of legislation from PFFI that mandates binding arbitration. The sunset clause was removed from the Occupational Disease Legislation. Lastly, there are a couple of pieces of legislation that will benefit ambulance district and those in EMS.

Ada County City EMS System (ACCESS) Update: Chief reported that they are working on “One Report”. They are looking into GEMT that will be present in 2021. This will give us that ability recoup funding from Medicare and Medicaid.

Station 2 Property: Comm. Beatty would like to give Terry Cook first right of refusal at market value if we choose to sell the property. We would also relinquish our rights to the well once sewer and water are available to the property.

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New Business:

Approval for Cloverdale Property Site Evaluation: Commissioners will wait until after the property is purchased. Remove from agenda.

Discuss and Consider Resolution Approving the Addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Ada Co. and KRFD- Table until March

RE:PERSI Matter to Authorize Fire District Legal Counsel to Respond to Letter Dated February 5 from Adam Warr Deputy Attorney General - Commissioner Smith made a motion to allow the Attorney to respond to the Stimulated Facts and to invite PERSI to our March meeting. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider Hiring of a Deputy Fire Marshal – Chief sent the board a draft proposal for the hiring of a Deputy Fire Marshal. This position will only be 10-15 hours per week. We will need to provide him with a cell phone and a laptop. The ability to do our own sprinkler plans will still need to be approved by the State Fire Marshal.

A job description will need to be created to be added into the policy code.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to allow the Chief to hire a Deputy Fire Marshal with the restriction to working 10-15 hours per week, not to exceed 19 hours at the rate of \$40.00 per hour. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider the Termination of the Agreement between FireCode Consultants Northwest and KRFD - Comm. Smith made a motion to give notice to FireCode Consultants Northwest effective immediately for the 30-day notice of termination. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote

Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners: The Commissioners, upon a unanimous roll call vote, went into the Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (a) (c) and (f) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, to consider acquiring an interest in real property not owned by the Fire District and to communicate with legal counsel for the Fire District to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation. The executive session commenced at 1:56 p.m. In attendance were all the members of the Board of Commissioners, except Comm. Harris, legal counsel Wm. F. Gigray, III, Fire Chief Phil Roberts and District Sec. Krystal Hinkle. Krystal Hinkle was appointed as secretary to take the minutes of this executive session. Information was then exchanged among the Commissioners in attendance, Wm. F. Gigray, III, Chief and District Secretary regarding the subject matter of the executive session. At 2:20 p.m. a motion was then made by Commissioner Tim Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Gregory McPherson, to come out of executive session which motion passed unanimously at 2:20 p.m.

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Open session resumed and Chairman Beatty reported that information was received in relation to the announced purposes for going into executive session and no action was taken by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Open Discussion – Chairman. Beatty asked the Board if they would like him to attend the ACCESS meetings for the year and to also attend the Canyon County Planning and Zoning meeting. They all agreed to allow Chairman Beatty to attend those meetings.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Hinkle, District Secretary

M.G. Bud Beatty, Chairman