

Kuna Rural Fire District

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Minutes of Commissioners Regular Meeting

February 9, 2022

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

Chairman Greg McPherson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in the meeting room of Kuna Fire Station #1.

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

Agenda Approval:

Comm. Feaster 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. Feaster moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2022. Comm. Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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 **\$984,384.45** 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. Feaster seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Purchase Order over \$5,000 –None

Summary of Correspondence: None

Public Input/Special Presentations:

III-A Annual Update – Susan Lasuen provided the Board of Commissioners with a recap of the fiscal year for III-A.

Economic Development – Morgan Treasure with the City of Kuna provide the Board of Commissioners with statistics of the cities demographics and elaborated on the future business growth within the city. The main focus is the massive Industrial Park which will be in Southeast Kuna.

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Staff Reports:

Chief Report – by T.J. Lawrence: Chief Lawrence reported that the district had 133 calls in the month of January. Krystal and the Chief worked on a Safer Grant and submitted the grant, indicating the need for 6 more firefighters. The Chief had a meeting with a future development, Spring Rock. 75% of the development is already within the fire district boundaries, but they are wanting the other position annexed into the district. Out new engine might be ready by December or January. Our crews worked with Nampa Fire on high angle rescue and the goal is to conduct swift water training in house.

Local 4165 - Full Time Firefighter Report: Matt Graham reminded the board about their golf tournament.

Attorney Report: Bybee reported that White Peterson worked remodel documents, annexations and reviewed a contract for radios.

Officer of Administration Report by Krystal Hinkle: Hinkle reported everything is on the agenda.

Administrator of Impact Fees by Krystal Hinkle: Hinkle reported that the current fund totals \$\$1,563,851.54 thru December.

Old Business:

State Fire Commissioners Report: Conference registration is live for the Commissioners to sign up if they chose to go to the conference in Boise. There is also free PTSD training available to our firefighters.

Ada County City EMS System (ACCESS) Update: Feaster reported there was meeting on 1/27. They discussed a consolidation with Middleton/Star, Awards and there are 900 Covid Kits available.

Discuss and Consider Resolution Amending Policy Code – Exit Interview – Tabled

New Business:

Levy Committee Update – Chief let the board know that the poll was completed. We have a lot of work ahead of us and the levy committee looks forward to what Liz Loomis can provide in terms of educational material.

Annexation Peregrine – Chief provided information about the petition for annexation from Brisbie, LLC. This is a massive data center going in on the southeast portion of the

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district. There are concerns about servicing the area with one station and limited personnel. Negotiations will need to take place before an annexation can be considered.

Commissioner Feaster made a motion allowing Chief, Krystal and Commissioner Edwards negotiate terms with Bribie. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Direct Secretary to Publish Public Notice – Brisbie Annexation

Comm. Feaster made a motion allowing the secretary to publish notice for the hearing of the Brisbie annexation. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider Bidders for Station 1 Remodel - Comm. Feaster made a motion not accepting any of the bids received for Station 1 Remodel due to irregularities that were provided from our Architect. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Direct Secretary to Publish Bid Notice - Comm. Feaster made a motion allowing the Secretary to publish a bid notice for the Sation 1 Remodel. Comm. Luther seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider Resolution for the Surplus of Ambulance - Comm. Feaster made a motion approving Resolution 2022-09 to surplus M61. Comm. Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Ambulance Bid Opening and Award –

Bids Received: Apgar - \$32,501.00, East Midwood - \$37,650.00 and Midwest Medical - \$50,011.01.

Comm. Feaster made a motion to accept the highest bid from Midwest Medical. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Direct Secretary to Publish Public Notice – Adoption of Impact Fees -

Comm. Edwards made a motion allowing the Secretary to publish notice for the Adoption of Impact Fees. Comm. Feaster seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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Direct Secretary to Publish Public Notice – Fee Schedule -

Comm. Feaster made a motion allowing the Secretary to publish notice for the update to our Fee Schedule for Plan Reviews, Standby and Out of District fees. Comm. Carver seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider the District being under the JPA License –

There was discussion about the pros and cons of giving up our license and going under the JPA license. The Chief expressed there would be a cost savings in supplies under one license. Comm. Luther expressed concerns about giving up our license before a final agreement and payment for the remodel for Ada Co. Paramedics. Hinkle expressed that our license is good through the end of the year and if things don't work out with Ada. Co. and we give up our license, it will be a pain to gain that back in a timely manner to server the community.

Comm. Feaster expressed that he wanted to educate the new Commissioners on the history of the Ambulance. Hinkle indicated that they can't meet outside of an opening meeting, as it constitutes a quorum with 3 of them meeting. Hinkle recommended that Feaster provide a presentation in March so everyone hears the same information.

The board tabled the item until after the presentation from Feaster.

Executive Session Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting– The Commissioners, upon a unanimous roll call vote, went into the executive session, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure and (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding pending litigation. The executive session commenced at 2:44 p.m. In attendance were all the members of the Board of Commissioners, Chief T.J. Lawrence, Krystal Hinkle and legal counsel Marc Bybee. Krystal Hinkle was appointed as secretary to take the minutes of this executive session. Information was then exchanged among the Commissioners in attendance, Chief T.J. Lawrence, Krystal Hinkle and Legal counsel regarding the subject matters of the executive session. A motion was made by Commissioner Carver and seconded by Commissioner Luther to come out of executive session which motion passed unanimously at 3:39 p.m.

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

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Commissioner Open Discussion – Comm. Feaster expressed concerns about our payroll budget being above 70% of our total property tax income.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Hinkle, District Secretary

Greg McPherson, Chairman