

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT
Special Meeting/Workshop of the Board of Directors

MINUTES
May 27, 2020

TELECONFERENCE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

President Luth opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and stated that all future CVFD Board meetings will be held remotely until further notice in accordance with the California Governor's executive Order N-29-20; guidance from the California Department of Public Health; and in an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19. He explained the process for members of the public to participate in the meeting and provide public comment. President Luth also announced that the meeting would be recorded.

ROLL CALL

All Board Members were present via GoToWebinar.

OPEN SESSION

President Luth called the Open Session to order.

President Luth asked meeting attendees to please silence their phones.

FLAG SALUTE

President Luth

INVOCATION

Henry Aguilar, Fire District Chaplain

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

President Luth asked Clerk of the Board Heney and Board Members if there were any changes to the agenda.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that there were no changes.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPERTIES DECLARED FOR WEED ABATEMENT

Purpose is for the Public to comment on the declaring and noticing of property owner(s) for weed abatement.

President Luth opened the Public Hearing.

Fire Marshal Barnes provided an overview of the declaring and noticing of property owner(s) for weed abatement.

President Luth asked the Clerk of the Board if there were any requests for public comment.

There was no public comment.

President Luth closed the Public Hearing.

President Luth requested any Board comment.

There was no Board comment.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

President Luth asked if there were any requests to speak from the Public.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that no requests were received for Public Communications.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

I. 2020-21 ORIGINAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Purpose is to conduct a 2020-21 Original Budget Workshop to provide budget input and direction to staff.

Finance Manager Heide provided a PowerPoint presentation of the 2020-21 Original Budget. He reported that the workshop objectives were to provide for interactive review and discussion; solicit public comment; and obtain direction from the Board.

Finance Director Heide provided an overview of the Original Budget Development Process and the timeline.

Finance Director Heide thanked the Finance team, for their work in creating the budget and presentation.

The Board of Directors participated in the workshop interactively with questions, and Finance Director Steve Heide provided clarifications.

President Luth provided an opportunity for public comment.

There were no requests received for public comment.

President Luth provided an opportunity for additional Board Comments.

Director Kreeger and President Luth expressed concern for increased SDRMA insurance rates and requested that the Fire District obtain an additional quote and report back to the Board.

President Luth also expressed his desire to have a discussion pertaining to the 2020 State of the Fire District.

No action was taken on this item.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Williams stated the following:

Good evening, and thank you for this opportunity to talk to you guys. I just have a few things that I'd like to bring up. One thing I'd like to do is get the Board Policy for my opportunity to get paid for electronics – for the use of [a] phone and my computer; I haven't gotten any of that yet since I've been on the Board. I would think that under the circumstances, everyone knows that I've had my phone and computer, so it should be retro[active]. So that's one thing that I wanted to talk to the Board about. One other thing I'd like to talk to the Board about is the fact of everything that's gone on since I've been on the Board. You know, the way I'd like to present it is – you know, when I had the accident involving myself, my wife – we had an accident with a drunk – I'm sorry for running into that drunk driver. Even though it wasn't my fault, I do have to say I'm sorry about that because of the way things worked out. So by the same thing as that, I'm sorry about asking for the two copies, that I caused all the trouble for me since I've been on the Board. Even though it has been determined by the \$35,000 investigator that the request was District-related, I'm sorry that it has occurred. Here again, it wasn't my fault, but just like running into the drunk, I'm sorry that that happened.

So I'd like to have those things taken care of, and find out what I have to do to get paid for, like I say, the phone and stuff. One thing, too, that I'm wanting (sic) to say is that I'm a little bit disappointed about the fact that President Luth has not been the peace-maker that I thought him to be, and put this stuff behind me and behind us [the Board]. I was going over the policy for Board Members, and it talked about being polite. I was wondering how polite it was for Sarah [Director Ramos-Evinger] to make a request for me to resign at my second Board meeting; I will not get over that anytime soon, if ever. And if any of you have any input about my situation, give me a call; talk to me. I'm willing to talk to you if you're willing to you if you're willing to do anything. I mean, let's put this behind us, because I have about probably 25-30 more meetings, and you now, it's just going to be brought up more and more. We don't need to do that; we need to find out what we can do to make peace. Oh, and one thing I wanted to ask about too: has there been any talk about doing live meetings again, or participating meetings? I went by Station 1 the other day, and of course they've got a huge bay there and everything.

It was Saturday, and they were out checking the equipment so the bays were all empty and everything, and I was wondering if there was any possibility of us having live meetings where we can do spacing and stuff; you've seen them on TV and that kind of thing. Instead of having these kind of meetings; these meetings are okay, but face-to-face meetings seem to be much better, and I've been wanting to know if there's been any talk about that. I think, with that said, that's all I wanted to say tonight – afternoon, that is. Thank you everyone; it was a great meeting, and I want to thank Steve [Finance Director Heide] for the great presentation. I'm sorry that we couldn't do it live, but we're moving that along the way we have to. Thank you.

Director Kreeger thanked the Finance staff for their hard work on the presentation.

Director DeMonaco thanked the Finance staff for their work.

Vice President Ramos-Evinger thanked the Finance staff for their work on the presentation.

President Luth thanked all who helped put the budget together.


President Luth expressed his desire to have in-person meetings soon.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District to be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at District Headquarters Office located at 14011 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709.

Meeting location subject to teleconference based on current Governor's executive order N-29-20.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF June 2020.


Sandra Heney, Clerk of the Board


Harvey Luth, President