

# **CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT**

*Special Meeting of the Board of Directors*

*Wednesday, August 21, 2024*

*5:00 p.m. Closed Session*

*6:00 p.m. Open Session*

*Fire District Administrative Headquarters*

*14011 City Center Drive*

*Chino Hills, CA 91709*

## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President Harvey Luth.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: President Harvey Luth, Vice President Sarah Ramos-Evinger, Director Tom Haughey, and Director Mike Kreeger.

Absent: Director John DeMonaco.

Also present: Fire Chief Dave Williams, Deputy Chief Jeremy Ault, Legal Counsel Isaac Rosen, Clerk of the Board Angela Robles, Finance Director Mark Shaker, and Human Resources Director Anthony Arroyo.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

President Luth announced and read the Closed Session items.

### **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Negotiator: Special Legal Counsel John Bakhit, Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo; Fire Chief Dave Williams; Human Resources Director Anthony Arroyo; and Finance Director Mark Shaker

Employee Organization: Chino Valley Professional Firefighters Local 3522 Safety Unit; Teamsters Local 1932 Non-Safety Unit; and Unrepresented Management, Confidential, and Part-Time employees.

There were no requests from the public to speak on the Closed Session items.

## **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

President Luth adjourned the Open Session to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

## **REOPEN TO OPEN SESSION**

President Luth reopened to Open Session at 6:05 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: President Harvey Luth, Vice President Sarah Ramos-Evinger, Director Tom Haughey, and Director Mike Kreeger.

Absent: Director John DeMonaco.

## **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

District Legal Counsel Isaac Rosen stated there was no reportable action taken on the Closed Session item.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

President Luth led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Ted Wong, Fire District Chaplain led the invocation.

## **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Clerk of the Board Robles reported no changes to the agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no requests to speak.

## **PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Legislative Update**

Jaime Rojas provided a summary of the legislative activity the Rojas Public Affairs group has been performing on behalf of the Chino Valley Fire District for the past two quarters. The Board asked Mr. Rojas to research the availability of grants for structure hardening and vegetation management for areas of the community such as Carbon Canyon.

### **Chino Valley Fire District's Designation as a Fire Risk Reduction Community**

Fire Marshal Danielle O'Toole stated the Chino Valley Fire District achieved the designation of being a Fire Risk Reduction Community and has been added to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection list.

Fire Marshal O'Toole summarized the history, advantages, and the number of requirements that had to be fulfilled by the Chino Valley Fire District to qualify for the Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRCL). In response to questions from the Board, Fire Marshal O'Toole explained how being on the FRRCL may have a positive impact on homeowners' insurance rates.

### **Proclamation**

President Luth read a summary of the Proclamation declaring September 11, 2024, as "National Day of Service and Remembrance" and it was presented to Fire Chief Dave Williams.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no requests to speak.

### **LIAISON REPORTS TO FIRE DISTRICT (County 4<sup>th</sup> District, City of Chino, City of Chino Hills, Fire Foundation, Fire Safe Council, School District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency)**

Councilmember Chris Flores from the City of Chino reported on the following community events:

- Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, September 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City Hall Lawn.
- Inclusion Community Celebration on Saturday, September 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Activity Center.
- Healthy Chino's 20th anniversary on Saturday, September 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Liberty Park.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. MINUTES

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2. MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORT

Month of July 2024

3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Financial Report – June 2024

4. MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Treasurer's Report – June 2024

5. WARRANTS

Warrants for July 2024 #59662 through #59835

6. BOARD MEETINGS/TRAVEL – AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, MEETING OR TRAINING

None.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 1 through 6 as presented.

**Moved by Director Haughey, seconded by Vice President Ramos-Evinger, carried by a 4-0-1 voice vote for the Board of Directors to approve the Consent Calendar items 1 through 6 as presented.**

**AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Luth, Ramos-Evinger, Haughey, and Kreeger.**

**NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.**

**ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.**

**ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: DeMonaco.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **FIRE CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

#### **Board Activities/Public Relations**

- On July 17th, CVFD staff attended the Walk of Honor for Chino Lieutenant Brian Cauble
- On July 25th, CVFD held an inhouse graduation for the District's newest Firefighters.
- On August 6th, CVFD staff participated in National Night Out.
- On August 13th through the 16th, Board and staff members attended Fire Rescue International IAFC Conference & Expo in Dallas TX.

#### **Organizational Items of Interest**

- On August 22nd CVFD staff attended a San Bernardino County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting.

#### **Personnel Development Activities**

- All new recruits have completed the orientation academy and have begun their assignments as Firefighter/Paramedics
- Fire crews participated in electrical safety training.
- CRR conducted internal promotional recruitment for Deputy Fire Marshal.

#### **Organizational Items of Interest**

- Fire Station 68 Update: CVFD staff is working with the legal partners to develop an RFP/RFQ for construction management on the station 68 project, as discussed at CVFD's last board meeting.

#### **Emergency Response & Support**

- CVFD crews have been deployed to multiple fires throughout the state in support of mutual aid.
- CVFD crews did a walk-through of the Oakmont facility in Chino Hills for familiarization and emergency planning.

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

- August 22nd is the San Bernardino County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting.
- August 27th is the CONFIRE Administrative Committee Meeting.
- August 29th is the 2024 Annual Women's Conference
- September 5th is the West End JPA Meeting.
- September 9th through the 16th is the CSDA Conference in Indian Wells.
- September 11th will be the Annual Recognition of 9/11.
- On September 19th Assemblyman Phillip Chen has a meeting with Chief Williams and Local 398 Business Manager Steiner/ Business Agent Hanson.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

#### Director DeMonaco

Director DeMonaco was absent.

#### Director Haughey

Director Haughey had no report.

#### Director Kreeger

Director Kreeger reported on National Night Out.

#### Vice President Ramos-Evinger

Vice President Ramos-Evinger reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the Chino Hills Council meetings; National Night Out; Fire Rescue International conference; State of the Fire District Filming; Special Meeting; Fire Safe Council meetings; monthly meeting with Fire Chief; and Agenda Review meeting.

#### President Luth

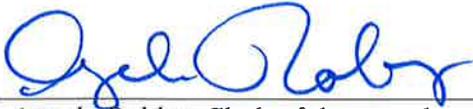
President Luth reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the Chino Council meetings; ASBCSD meeting; CIW meeting; monthly meeting with Fire Chief; National Night Out; Special Meeting; and Agenda Review meeting.

The Board of Directors thanked Fire Marshal O'Toole and the Community Risk Reduction Department for their hard work towards weed abatement. The Board also thanked the Rojas Group for the beneficial work and commitment to the Chino Valley Fire District.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. to a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District to be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire District Administrative Headquarters located at 14011 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA, 91710.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.



Angela Robles, Clerk of the Board



Harvey Luth, President