

**CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT**  
*Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors*

**MINUTES**  
*August 10, 2022*

**ROLL CALL**

All Board Members were present.

**OPEN SESSION**

President Kreeger called the Open Session to order.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Director Harvey Luth.

**INVOCATION**

Henry Aguilar, Fire District Chaplain.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

President Kreeger asked Mrs. Sandra Escudero if there were any changes to the agenda.

Mrs. Sandra Escudero stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

**PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Proclamations – 911 Firefighter Day of Remembrance**

President Kreeger read the summary of the proclamation and informed the public that the complete copy of the proclamation was available on the Fire District's website.

**New Chaplain Introduction**

Chaplain Adam Houde

President Kreeger read Chaplain Adam Houde's biography and welcomed Chaplain Houde to the Fire District.

**New Hire Introductions**

Fire Equipment Mechanic Gabriel Mendoza

President Kreeger read Fire Equipment Mechanic Gabriel Mendoza's biography and welcomed Gabriel to the Fire District.

Firefighter/Paramedics

Deputy Chief Ault introduced the new hires by reading their biographies and welcomed them to the Fire District.

## **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 Kreeger opened the public hearing.

Fire Marshal Danielle O'Toole stated that at the April 13, 2022 Board of Directors meeting, Resolution No. 2022-08 was approved and adopted, identifying properties throughout the District to be noticed in accordance with Ordinance 2022-01 for weed abatement.

Fire Marshal Danielle O'Toole reported that during the initial Spring inspections, approximately 991 parcels were identified as being noncompliant.

Fire Marshal O'Toole stated that since the initial round of inspections in early May, additional properties were identified either through reinspection or complaints. She also stated that all respective property owners have been provided a Notice to Destroy, and is stated in such notice that property owners have been given a reasonable amount of time to comply.

Fire Marshal O'Toole reported that since July 13, 2022, seven additional parcels have been identified and property owners are given until August 17, 2022 to abate the noted hazard. She also reported that failure to abate the noted hazard is subject to an Administrative Citation and action by our office to abate the property utilizing our private contractor.

Fire Marshal O'Toole stated that the office will begin reinspection on the seven parcels on August 17, 2022 and will take the noted actions to bring properties into compliance.

Fire Marshal O'Toole stated that in accordance with the resolution, we are to hold a Public Hearing allowing property owners to address the Board on this matter.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board of Directors review public comment on the declaring and noticing of property owner(s) for weed abatement and subsequent actions and charges, as well as make any rulings on any and all objections raised regarding the proposed removal of weeds and said charges.

President Kreeger asked if there were any requests to speak from the public.

Mrs. Sandra Escudero stated there were no requests to speak from the public.

President Kreeger stated that the public hearing is now closed.

President Kreeger stated that it is time for the Board to comment.

The Board of Directors thanked Fire Marshal Danielle O'Toole for the work she has done on the weed abatement process.

No action required.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Mrs. Sandra Escudero stated that there were no requests to speak from the Public.

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

Mrs. Sandra Escudero announced that Council Member Charlie Blank was present.

Council Member Blank stated they are having their Fall Brush pick up September 24, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Council Member Blank thanked Supervisor Hagman for his work in getting the grant for \$50,000, and stated they are going to take out all dead and non-native vegetation from the county line back up to the golf course in Western Hills. He also stated that the project will go from Chino Hills Pkwy, Azurite Dr., and where Feldspar is around the Summer Ranch neighborhood.

Council Member Blank reported that this will get rid of palm trees and dead vegetation.

Director Williams asked if there is a lot of vegetation that should not have grown there.

Council Member Charlie Blank stated there were a lot of people upset because when they went in the area to poison the palm trees, it was a problem because until the palm trees drop all their fronds on the ground the trees can't be removed because it is too expensive. He also stated that non-native vegetation is included in the project along with any items being discarded from windows of cars.

Director Sarah Ramos-Evinger stated there were numerous meetings held for the grant funds, but were declined on numerous items because the State along with CALTRANS would not allow certain projects. She thanked Charlie Blank for his persistence on the item and for getting the grant funding.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. MINUTES

Minutes – July 13, 2022, Regular Meeting  
Minutes – July 27, 2022, Special Meeting

2. MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORT

Month of June 2022

3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Financial Report – July 2022

4. MONTHLY TREASURER’S REPORT

Monthly Treasurer’s Report – June 2022

5. WARRANTS

Warrants for July 2022 #55766 through #55906

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

None.

7. FINDINGS TO CONDUCT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS VIRTUALLY UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL 361

Purpose is for the Board of Directors to state its finding considering the circumstances of the current proclaimed state of emergency; and state finding that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and as a result, the Fire District may hold regular and special board meetings and regular and special committee meetings virtually by videoconferencing, in accordance with AB 361.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 1 through 7 as presented.

President Kreeger asked Mrs. Sandra Escudero if there were any public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Mrs. Sandra Escudero stated that there were no public comments.

President Kreeger asked if any Board Members wanted to pull an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

No items were pulled.

**Moved by Director Ramos-Evinger seconded by Vice President DeMonaco carried by a 5-0 voice vote for the Board of Directors to approve the Consent Calendar items #1-7, as presented.**

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

**NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.**

**ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.**

**ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

Fire Chief Williams stated that CVFD ambulance, under ABH, responded to 188 Incidents in July. 35.6% of the medical aids resulted in transportation for a total of 67 patients. Our average response time for ambulances is 7:55. 90% of CVFD response times are under 11.54.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the Chino Valley Fire District Honor Guard, Pipes and Drums and I attended the California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony in Sacramento's Capitol Park on Saturday, July 30th to honor our fallen brother Retired Engineer Ray Santoyo. Retired Engineer Ray Santoyo's name was added to the Memorial Wall in Capitol Park, alongside the names of other fallen firefighters from various departments.

Fire Chief Williams stated that Chino Valley Fire visited multiple block parties alongside our law enforcement partners with Chino Police Department and Chino Hills Police Department during the National Night Out Event on August 2nd.

Fire Chief Williams provided a recruitment update.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the ASBCSD Monthly Meeting is scheduled for August 15th at 6:00 p.m. in Fontana.

Fire Chief Williams stated that a Special Board Meeting is scheduled for August 17th at 4:00 p.m. here at Admin.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the League of California Cities Inland Empire Division Dinner is scheduled for August 18th, 5:30 p.m. at the Boys Republic Bistro.

Fire Chief Williams stated that a Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 22nd at 8:00 a.m.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the CSDA Annual Conference is scheduled for August 22nd through August 25th in Palm Desert.

Fire Chief Williams stated that our Administration office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Williams stated that he attended the CIW, CIM meetings and SB County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Director Luth stated that he attended the Chino Council meeting and a Special Board meeting. He also welcomed the new hires, including the chaplain and how important his role is to the organization and community.

Director Luth welcomed Sandra Escudero, Gabriel Mendoza and the new Firefighter/Paramedics. He also thanked Council Member Charlie Blank and his group for their efforts in securing the grant money.

Director Luth stated that he appreciated receiving photographs on the event for the Ray Santoyo Memorial. He stated it is obvious that they did a really good job in memorializing his efforts and felt they were well represented.

Director Ramos-Evinger stated that she had her monthly meeting with Fire Chief Williams and the Carbon Canyon Fire Safe council. She also stated she attended the HR meeting, special meeting, and National Night Out Event.

Director Ramos-Evinger stated that she also attended the Regular Fire Safe Council meeting. She stated that she also attended the CIM CAC meeting. She also welcomed our new hires, Chaplain Houde and Gabriel Mendoza.

Vice President Demonaco stated he attended the Chino Council Meeting and the CONFIRE Board Meeting where they approved the RFP to solicit a private partner for the EMS transportation. He also stated that hopefully someone will be selected soon after the entire county has an opportunity to Bid on ambulance transportation services.

Vice President DeMonaco stated that he would like to welcome Chaplain Houde, Gabriel Mendoza, and the Firefighter/Paramedics. He also thanked Jeff Tytula for the photographs from the Firefighter Memorial.

Vice President DeMonaco asked if the district is planning anything for September 11th.

Fire Chief Williams reported they are planning to go back to a past format for September 11<sup>th</sup> and will most likely take place at Station 66.

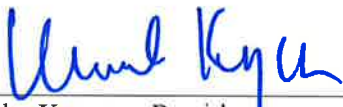
President Kreeger stated he attended the ASBCSD event association of SB County Special District out at East Valley Water District. He also attended the Chino Valley Unified School Board Meeting, National Night Out Event and thanked Chief Skibar for taking himself and Director Ramos-Evinger. He thanked the staff that went up to Sacramento and the Pipes and Drum core went up as well. He welcomed Interim Clerk of the Board Sandra Escudero, Chaplain Adam Houde, Gabriel Mendoza, and the new Firefighter/Paramedics.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. to a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District to be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at District Headquarters located at 14011 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022

  
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Sandra Escudero, Acting Clerk of the Board

  
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Mike Kreeger, President