

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

MINUTES
November 9, 2022

ROLL CALL

All Board Members were present.

OPEN SESSION

President Kreeger called the Open Session to order.

FLAG SALUTE

Vice President DeMonaco

INVOCATION

Marco Miranda, Fire District Chaplain.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

President Kreeger asked Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero if there were any changes to the agenda.

Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chino Valley Fire District's HMRT (Hazardous Materials Resource Typing) Type 2 Certification

Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero asked Battalion Chief Fontes, Captain Lopez, and Hazmat Crew 61 to come forward.

President Kreeger congratulated the members of the Chino Valley Fire District's Hazardous Material Crew for obtaining typing as a FIRESCOPE ICS-HM-120- Type 2 Hazardous Materials Department.

Battalion Chief Fontes stated that it was a 10-year process to obtain the tying FIRESCOPE ICS-HM-120- Type 2 Hazardous Materials Certification.

Battalion Chief Fontes reported that the Hazmat Team had to work with the budget to be able to acquire equipment required for the Certification.

Battalion Chief Fontes thanked Captain Lopez, Engineer Nuber, Firefighter/Paramedic Ceccarelli, and the rest of Hazmat Crew 61 for the dedication and work put into the Hazmat program.

President Kreeger presented the Hazmat Team with a certificate.

Fire Chief Williams congratulated the Hazmat Team and made mention of how far the Team had come in 10 years.

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.

Report By:

Fire Marshal Danielle O'Toole

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 opened the Public Hearing.

Fire Marshal O'Toole stated that at the April Board Meeting Resolution No. 2022-08 was adopted, identifying properties throughout the District to be noticed to the presence of, or the potential of, a fire hazard due to weeds.

Fire Marshal O'Toole reported that during the District's Fall reinspection, it was determined that several properties were found to be in violation of the aforementioned Ordinance. It was also reported that all properties were sent Notices that identified the next steps for compliance.

Fire Marshal O'Toole stated that the property owners were given until November 9th to abate the hazard and failure to comply with requirements was subject to an Administrative Citation and action by the District office to abate the property. The District office would begin reinspection on November 10, 2022, and would take the noted actions to bring properties into compliance.

Fire Marshal O'Toole stated in accordance with the District's resolution, the District holds a public hearing allowing property owners to address the Board on the properties declared for Weed Abatement.

President Kreeger asked Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero if there were any requests to speak from the public.

Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero stated there were no requests to speak from the public.

President Kreeger closed the Public Hearing.

President Kreeger asked for Board comments.

There were no Board comments.

Moved by Vice President DeMonaco seconded by Director Ramos-Evinger carried by a 5-0 voice vote for the Board of Directors to 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.

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

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

President Kreeger asked Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero if there were any requests to speak from the public.

Acting Clerk of the Board 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)

Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero announced that San Bernardino County 4th District Representative Suzette Dang was in attendance.

Representative Dang gave a summary of the events taking place around San Bernardino County.

Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero announced that Council Member Art Bennett was in attendance.

Council Member Bennet gave a summary of the events taking place around Chino Hills.

Director Ramos-Evinger asked if there was an update regarding the Big Rigs not being able to travel through the canyon.

Council Member Bennet was not aware of the information, but the City was working towards a solution.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **MINUTES**

Minutes – October 12, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting

2. **MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORT**

Month of September 2022

3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Financial Report – October 2022

4. MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Treasurer's Report – September 2022

5. WARRANTS

Warrants for October 2022 #56297 through #56463

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

Travel Log and Expense Reimbursement – Mileage and Expenses

Purpose is for the Board of Directors to review the proposed mileage reimbursements and travel expenses for reimbursements.

7. APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

Purpose is for the Board to review the method for computing the Fire District's appropriations limit and to review, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2022-17 establishing the annual appropriation limit.

8. 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 videoconference, in accordance with AB 361.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 1 through 8 as presented.

President Kreeger asked Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero if there were any public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Acting Clerk of the Board 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 President Kreeger carried by a 5-0 voice vote for the Board of Directors to approve the Consent Calendar items #1-8, 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

9. **SELECTION OF 2023 BOARD OFFICERS**

Purpose is for the Board of Directors to nominate and vote for the 2023 Board officers for the position of President and Vice President.

Report by:

President Mike Kreeger

President Kreeger stated that in compliance with Section 2010.5 of the Fire District Policy and Procedures, the Board shall annually elect a President and Vice President in November.

President Kreeger stated that the procedure set forth in the Policy and Procedures for election of its President and Vice President was outlined as below:

- The current President shall call and receive nominations from the Board Members for each office. Each position shall be addressed separately.
- Board Members may not nominate more than one person for a given office until every Board Member who desires to submit a nomination has an opportunity to nominate a person.
- The President will close nominations after all nominations are received for an individual position.
- The President will request a voice vote for each nomination in the order that it was received until a majority vote is reached. A second is not required. If a majority vote is not reached, there is no election for that office.
- The President will repeat the process for the position of Vice President.

President Kreeger stated that the election of the President and Vice President would be effective on December 1.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors nominate and elect the 2023 Board Officers for the position of President and Vice President effective December 1, 2022.

President Kreeger asked for nominations for President.

Director Ramos-Evinger nominated Vice President DeMonaco for President.

There were no other nominations for President.

President Kreeger closed nominations.

Director Williams stated his concerns regarding the nomination.

4-1 voice vote for the Board of Directors to nominate and elect Vice President DeMonaco to the 2023 Board Officers for the position of President effective December 1, 2022.

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

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: Williams.

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

President Kreeger asked for nominations for Vice President.

Vice President DeMonaco nominated Director Luth for Board Vice President.

There were no other nominations for Vice President.

President Kreeger closed nominations.

5-0 voice vote for the Board of Directors to nominate and elect Director Luth to the 2023 Board Officers for the position of Vice President effective December 1, 2022.

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

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

10. STATE MANDATED COMPLIANCE REPORTING

Purpose is for the Board of Directors to receive information regarding state mandated compliance reporting, relating to Senate Bill 1205.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file the information presented.

Report by:

Fire Marshal Danielle O'Toole

Fire Marshal Danielle O'Toole stated that the Health and Safety Code mandates fire agencies to annually inspect every public and private school, and specific residential occupancies within the jurisdiction. Fire Marshal O'Toole reported that the inspection was to ensure a reasonable degree of fire and life safety.

Fire Marshal O'Toole stated that in September of 2018, Senate Bill 1205 was approved, which required fire agencies to report back annually to its governing body on the compliance of the mandated fire inspections.

Fire Marshal O'Toole reported that the Fire District had a total of 202 occupancies that fall into the criteria, all of which were assigned to Community Risk Reduction, and were performed on a calendar year basis. Fire Marshal O'Toole stated that Community Risk Reduction had completed the initial inspection of 178 occupancies and had 24 remaining. It was also stated that an additional 11 had been inspected. Fire Marshal O'Toole stated that the remaining 24 occupancies are slated to be initiated by the end of the calendar year.

President Kreeger asked Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero if there were any requests to speak from the public.

Acting Clerk of the Board Escudero stated that there were no requests to speak from the public.

President Kreeger asked for Board comments.

No action was required.

FIRE CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Fire Chief Dave Williams reported, under Personnel Development Activities, that during the month of October, CVFD ambulances responded to 147 incidents. It was also stated that 46.3% of the calls the ambulances responded to resulted in transport for a total of 68 transports.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the District's response time average for ambulances was 08:11 and the District's 90th percentile response time for ambulances was 12:33. It was also stated that 90 percent of all the responses are under 12.33 and the District met 9:59 standard 76.03% of the District's responses.

Fire Chief Williams reported, under Board Activities/Public Relations, the District's Annual Open House Event took place on Saturday, October 15th at the Training Center. It was also stated that the event was well attended by Board Members, local dignitaries, staff and community members.

Fire Chief Williams stated on October 27th, the Fire District hosted the San Bernardino County Chief's Association Meeting at the Training Center and the Chino Police Department Open House Event took place on Saturday, October 29th.

Fire Chief Williams reported that the Fire District participated in the Chino Hills Trick or Treat Event at The Shoppes and the City of Chino's Halloween Spooktacular Event at Ayala Park on October 31st.

Fire Chief Williams reported, under Organizational Items of Interest, on Thursday, October 20th, Fire Chief Williams participated in a Cal Chief's EMS Meeting via GoToMeeting.

Fire Chief Williams attended a CONFIRE Administrative Committee Meeting in Loma Linda on Tuesday, October 25th and the West End Chief's Meeting in Ontario on Thursday, November 3rd.

HR Director Anthony Arroyo provided a recruitment update that the Lead Fire Equipment Mechanic started on November 7th and the Clerk of the Board final interviews were held two weeks ago.

HR Director Arroyo reported that the Assistant to the Fire Chief interviews were held November 2nd and the finalist's interviews were on November 10th. It was also reported that the Auxiliary worker recruitment closed on November 9th and received about 10 applicants. Interviews would start December 1st.

Fire Chief Williams reported that the Administration Office would be closed on Friday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the City of Chino Hills was hosting Salute to Service Event on Friday November 11th at 8:00 a.m. at the Chino Hills Community Center and the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was scheduled at The Shoppes at Chino Hills on Friday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the ASBCSD Monthly Meeting was scheduled for November 21st at 6:00 p.m. in Yucaipa.

Fire Chief Williams reported that the Administration Office would be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Fire Chief Williams reported that a Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for November 28th at 8:00 a.m.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the City of Chino Hills Tree Lighting Ceremony would take place at Chino Hills City Hall on December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. and the Annual Senior Delivery Event would take place at the Chino Hills Community Center on December 6th at noon.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the City of Chino Tree Lighting Event would take place at Chino City Hall Lawn on December 6th at 6:00 p.m. It was also stated that the Annual Senior Delivery Event would take place at the Chino Senior Center on December 8th at 11:00 a.m.

Fire Chief Williams reported that the County Supervisor Curt Hagman's Fourth District Christmas Open House was scheduled for December 8th at 5:30 p.m. at Chino Hills City Hall. It was also reported that the Chino Youth Christmas Parade and Fair was scheduled for December 10th at the Chino Civic Center at 9:00 a.m.

Fire Chief Williams stated that the Make a Child Smile Event was scheduled for December 14th at 8:30 a.m. at Walmart and the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon was scheduled for December 14th at 11:30 a.m. at the Vellano Estates.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Williams had no comments.

Director Luth attended the Chino Valley Fire District's Open House, the City of Chino meeting, San Bernardino Airport Commission Meeting, and the Trunk or Treat at the Shoppes.

Director Ramos-Evinger attended the CSDA Member and Professional Services Meeting, the Chino Valley fire District's Open House, ASBCSD Meeting, Chino PD Open House, and the Fire Safe Council Meeting.

Director Ramos-Evinger thanked the Veterans for service and thanked the department and staff for assistance on the Trunk or Treat event.

Vice President DeMonaco attended the Chino Council meetings, IEUA Board meeting, Finance Committee Meeting, Agenda review, Chino Valley Fire District's Open House, and the ASBCSD Meeting,

President Kreeger attended the CVUSD Meeting, City of Chino Hills Meetings, ASBCSD Meeting, and met with a representative from Senator Feinstein's office.

President Kreeger attended the Chino Valley Fire District's Open House, and the Chino PD Open House.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. to a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District to be held on Wednesday, December 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 DECEMBER 2022


Sandra Escudero, Acting Clerk of the Board


John DeMonaco, President