

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 10, 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 regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Luth. President Luth announced that Director Kreeger is participating via teleconference from the location listed on the posted agenda – 5000 CA-75, Coronado, CA 92118.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also present: Fire Chief Dave Williams, Deputy Chief Jeremy Ault, Deputy Chief Carlos Skibar, 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.

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: Fire Chief
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTITATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Negotiator: President Harvey Luth
Title: Fire Chief

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

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

President Luth adjourned the Open Session to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.

REOPEN TO OPEN SESSION

President Luth reopened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

District Legal Counsel Isaac Rosen announced that the Board will reconvene to Closed Session at the conclusion of tonight's Open Session.

FLAG SALUTE

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

INVOCATION

Adam Houde, Fire District Chaplain led the invocation.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employee Service Year Awards

30 Years of Service

President Luth accompanied by Fire Chief Williams recognized and congratulated Captain Jeff Brady for 30 years of service with the Fire District.

Retirement Recognition

President Luth accompanied by Fire Chief Williams recognized and congratulated Captain Pete Morales on his retirement.

The Board of Directors took a recess at 6:12 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no requests to speak.

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)

Mayor Pro Tem Karen Comstock from the City of Chino reported on the following community events: Chino City Hall On the Move from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on January 13th at Albertsons on Central and January 20th at Stater Brothers on Riverside Drive; and Chilly Chino Snow Day on January 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ayala Park. Mayor Pro Tem Comstock reported on the City of Chino Public Safety, Roads, and Essential Services Measure, Measure V to be voted on at the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. Also, announced the City is seeking public input on the final draft of the City of Chino Americans with Disability Act Transition Plan, public comments will be accepted through January 27th at 5:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Art Bennett, City of Chino Hills congratulated Fire Captain Brady and retired Fire Captain Morales for their years of service with the Fire District. Vice Mayor Bennett reported on upcoming and prior events as well as City of Chino Hills City Council approval of the General Plan Amendment and Site Plan for the new Fire Station 68.

President Mark Bozek from the Chino Valley Fire Foundation thanked the Board of Directors, staff, and community for their contributions and support of the holiday events: Make a Child Smile; Stuff the Boot; and Senior Deliveries in Chino and Chino Hills. Fire Foundation President Bozek gave an update on upcoming Fire Foundation events: Beer Fest for St. Patrick's Day on March 9th and Car Show on May 18th.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **MINUTES**

Minutes – December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

2. **MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORT**

Month of November 2023

3. **MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Monthly Treasurer's Report – November 2023

4. WARRANTS

Warrants for December 2023 #58526 through #58658

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

Washington DC - Meet with Legislators to discuss items of interest to Chino Valley Fire District (Legislative Ad Hoc Committee - Director Kreeger and Director Haughey)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 1 through 5 as presented.

Moved by Director Haughey, seconded by Director DeMonaco, carried by a 5-0 voice vote for the Board of Directors to approve the Consent Calendar items 1 through 5 as presented.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Luth, Ramos-Evinger, DeMonaco, Haughey, and Kreeger.
NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Purpose is for the Board of Directors to review and approve individual annual memberships for Board Members in compliance with Board Policy 1090.

Report By: Clerk of the Board Angela Robles

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and approve memberships in associations for Board Members as presented per Board Policy 1090.

Clerk of the Board Robles reported that Board policy 1090 encourages Board member participation in Association service clubs and fraternal organizations and authorizes the reimbursement of the direct and reasonable costs of said memberships.

There were no requests from the public to speak on this item.

Moved by Director DeMonaco, seconded by Director Haughey, carried 5-0 voice vote for the Board of Directors to approve memberships in associations for Board Members as presented per Board Policy 1090.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Luth, Ramos-Evinger, DeMonaco, Haughey, and Kreeger.
NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

7. FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

Purpose is for the Board of Directors to review and discuss Board Member compensation.

Report By: Clerk of the Board Angela Robles

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and discuss the information provided pertaining to Board Member compensation and provide direction to staff.

Clerk of the Board Robles stated Board policy 1050 calls for the review and consideration of Board compensation at a regular meeting in January of an even numbered year or soon thereafter to determine if any adjustments are appropriate.

Clerk of the Board Robles stated the current compensation is set at \$175 per meeting with a ten day maximum number of compensable meetings/service days in a calendar month. The maximum allowable increase that is permitted by state law is \$192.50 per meeting.

There was discussion by the Board about the economic climate as well as the time and effort devoted to meetings of the Board of Directors, committees, conferences, including various local and regional meetings and events.

Director Kreeger suggested a 2.5% increase per year over two years for a total of 5%, resulting in an approximate amount of \$183.86 per meeting.

Moved by Director Kreeger, seconded by Vice President Ramos-Evinger, carried 4-1 voice vote for the Board of Directors to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance for consideration at the February 14, 2024 regular meeting to adjust the Board Member compensation to \$183.86 per meeting.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Luth, Ramos-Evinger, Haughey, and Kreeger.
NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: DeMonaco.
ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

FIRE CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Personnel Development Activities:

- January 9th, Ambulance RFP Workshop/CONFIRE Admin Committee Meeting.
- January 9th, Chino Hills City Council Meeting was attended by Board members and staff.

Board Activities/Public Relations:

- December 15th, City of Chino Hills Boat Parade.
- December 15th, Chino Neighborhood House Christmas Party Event.
- December 20th, Ontario Fire Chief Gayk Retirement Luncheon.
- January 6th, CVPF Holiday Party.

Human Resources Update:

- Fire Recruit/Firefighter Paramedic, 76 applicants applied.
- Fire Engineer, recruitment closes on Feb. 1, 2024.
- Battalion Chief, 5 applicants applied.
- Fire Apparatus and Fleet Mechanic, interviews on Jan. 11, 2024.
- Fire Inspector, candidate is in background, anticipated starting date is February.
- Office Technician, candidate is in backgrounds, anticipated starting date is February.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- January 11th, CONFIRE EMS Sub Committee Meeting.
- January 16th, CONFIRE Board of Director's Meeting.
- January 16th, Chino City Council Meeting.
- January 22nd, Legislative Committee Meeting.
- January 23rd, CONFIRE Administrative Committee Meeting.
- January 23rd, Chino Hills City Council Meeting.
- January 28th through February 1st Washington DC – Meetings with Legislators to discuss items of interest.

CONFIRE Items of Interest:

- During the Ambulance RFP Workshop/CONFIRE discussed the County Ambulance Deployment Plan Overview, and is currently accepting applications for an Executive Director.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director DeMonaco

President DeMonaco reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the CONFIRE meeting; IEUA meeting; San Bernardino County meetings; and monthly meeting with the Fire Chief.

Director Haughey

Director Haughey reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the Chino Hills Council meetings; monthly meeting with the Fire Chief; Chino Hills Boat Parade; and Chino Hills Planning Commission.

Director Kreeger

Director Kreeger reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the Chino Hills Council meetings; Chino Valley Unified School District School Board meeting; monthly meeting with the Fire Chief; and the Chino Hills Boat Parade.

Vice President Ramos-Evinger

Vice President Ramos-Evinger reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting that included the Chino Hills Boat Parade; Chino Council meetings; Chino Hills Council meeting; Fire Safe Council meetings; CONFIRE Ambulance workshop; 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 Hills Boat Parade; Chino Hills Council meetings; Airport Commission meeting; Agenda Review meeting; CVPF Union Dinner; and CONFIRE Ambulance workshop.

The Board of Directors congratulated Captain Jeff Brady on his service award and Captain Pete Morales for his retirement.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

President Luth adjourned the Open Session and reconvened the Closed Session at 6:51 p.m.

REOPEN TO OPEN SESSION

President Luth reopened to Open Session at 7:36 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

District Legal Counsel Isaac Rosen reported that there was no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire District Administrative Headquarters Office located at 14011 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA, 91709.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.



Angela Robles, Clerk of the Board



Harvey Luth, President