

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD DIRECTORS
JULY 14, 2020**

Due to COVID-19 precautions, Board Meetings will be open to the public. Anyone attending will have their temperature taken before entry into the facility. Masks must be worn and social distancing of 6 feet will be observed. Agendas and Board Packets are available at our website: [kenwood fire.com](http://kenwoodfire.com)

MEETING: Meeting called to order at 16:00 hrs. Cooper, Kempers, McIntosh, Doss, Moretti and Chief Bellach were present.

MINUTES: MSP Cooper/Kempers to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020. MSP Kempers/Cooper to approve the minutes of June 25, 2020.

ROSTER: 14 Volunteers, 5 Full-Time and 5 Part-Time.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: MSP McIntosh/Kempers to approve CR #19-20-13 for \$19,874.90 and MSP Kempers/McIntosh to approve CR #20-21-01 for \$55,148.24 and payrolls 6/5/2020 for \$17,620.51 and 6/19/2020 for \$16,025.14. Director Cooper had a question on last month's claim report for June 9th. He asked why we have late fees for the Visa charge. Chief Bellach stated that depending when the bill arrives and the date of the Board Meeting, we do get late fees sometimes. Chief Bellach would have Sue look into getting the fees removed if possible.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Jay Gamel, from the public, asked if the Board Members that are up for re-election this year, have filed and made their decision on running for re-election. Directors Doss, Kempers and Moretti have not filed yet and do plan to run.

OLD BUSINESS:

- MSP Cooper/McIntosh to pass Resolution 2020-21-01 a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Kenwood Fire Protection District calling a special election for Tuesday, November 3, 2020, on an ordinance increasing the District's appropriations limit for the maximum period allowed by law (four years) and requesting that the election be consolidated with any other election held on the same date in territory that is the same or is in part the same. Directors asked Chief Bellach for clarification of the Resolution. Chief Bellach stated that this Resolution is to have a request on the Consolidated Ballot for November 2020, asking the voters to increase our Prop. 4 limit for four years. This is not a tax increase or a new tax. This is simply asking the voters to allow the District to use all of their revenues over and above the Prop. 4 limit for a maximum of 4 years. Director Moretti asked for further explanation on the resolution and to have it simply stated that this is not a tax increase. Chief Bellach stated that this was the final draft

approved by our attorney and the way it was written was correct and could not be changed.

Chief Bellach stated that it would be our job to work with the press to better explain it. In November 1979, the California voters approved Proposition 4, which created Article XIII B of the State Constitution, a state law that requires the state and local governments to adopt an annual appropriation limit. This limit, also referred to as the "Gann Limit", establishes a limit on the proceeds of taxes that may be appropriated for spending in a given fiscal year. The voters may approve an override, if approved by a majority vote in a regular election.

Chief Ubaldi from the public stated we are allowed to exceed our Prop. 4 limit for 2 years. We have exceeded our 2 years.

Director Doss asked what our final ending excess budget amount was for this last fiscal year. Chief Bellach stated we ended the year at 89.09% of the budget used.

\$109,533.00 under budget. Part of this amount was due to the \$50,000.00+ Wild Fire Relief Fund that we received for the 2017 Fires.

- MSP Cooper/ Kempers to pass Ordinance NO. 20/21-01 an Ordinance of the Kenwood Fire Protection District increasing the District's appropriations limit for the maximum period allowed by law (four years).

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Bellach stated that Sonoma County has been put on the State Watch list. No indoor dining or large grouping. The number of cases and deaths are increasing daily. The District has enough PPE for all employees to last for many months. Director Doss stated that he would like to have an AD Hoc personnel meeting sometime next week and asked if we could still have the meeting. Chief Bellach stated that this would be fine unless some major changes came from the County.
- Chief Bellach gave a review of the FY 19-20 Budget and stated we ended the year at 89.09% of the budget used. \$109,533.00 under budget. Part of this amount was due to the \$50,000.00+ Wild Fire Relief Fund that we received for the 2017 Fires.
- Chief Bellach stated that he would like to promote Captain Ben Gulson to Administrative Assistant Chief and asked the Board for approval. The Board thought this would be a good move, but asked for an outlined job description. Chief Bellach stated that he would put together the job description and make the final decision in August.

GOOD of the ORDER: Director Cooper expressed his concern with the COVID-19 and sending personnel out on Strike Teams this season and is concerned with the risk to the Department and community. Chief Bellach stated that CALFIRE and the FEDS are taking steps to control the spread of the virus during fire season. Chief Bellach would get an outline from CALFIRE about the steps they are taking and share it with the Board at the next meeting.

Director Doss shared that last week, Chief Bellach was part of a County Town Hall Virtual Meeting and discussed how to plan for this fire season. There were approximately 100 attendees.

Chief Bellach stated that he will be on vacation starting July 18th thru August 5th with very limited cell and email access. Asst. Chief Uboldi has been advised and will be in charge.

Respectfully submitted,



Attest:


