

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 14, 2021**

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MEETING: Meeting called to order at 16:00 hrs. Directors Cooper, Doss, Moretti, Atkin, and Uboldi were present. Chief Bellach was not in attendance.

MINUTES: MSP Cooper/Uboldi to approve the regular minutes of November 9, 2021.

ROSTER: 19 Volunteers, 4 Part Time & 5 Full Time.

CLAIMS: MSP Atkin/Cooper to approve CR #21-22-06 for \$30,765.29 and payrolls 11/5/21 for \$28,121.75 and 11/19/21 for \$25,165.80. Director Doss asked if the November claims need to be approved. Director Moretti stated that the November claims were approved in the November meeting and are carried over in the Board packet.

OLD BUSINESS: MSP Doss/Moretti to approve the consideration of video conference option under AB 361.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Director Moretti reported from Chief Bellach, the preliminary Benefit assessment figures have been completed. The rough dollar amount is \$361,868.00 at 1,125 parcels.

Director Moretti gave an update on the County Draft Agreement funding. He reported that there is still a lot of work to be done regarding the agreements for all the Districts involved. Director Moretti had an opportunity to discuss our agreement with the County and review the draft agreement. The draft provided us with a revenue sharing amount of \$180,000.00 a year meant to augment our revenues to balance our budget. There was also a second stabilization payment of \$120,000.00 a year. We have been going back and forth with the County in regards to this stabilization payment and if we were successful with the passing of our Measure E, this payment would stop and we would only receive the \$180,000.00 a year. Some of the language in the agreement is not clear on exactly how much funding we would actually receive. Director Moretti made the argument in the meeting that this was unfair to our District, to penalize us on the \$120,000.00 payment, by cutting it off as a result of our Measure passing. The County Administrator said that she felt this was not optimistic, this could get done and the real answer for a balanced budget would be the passing of the County sales tax. Director Doss asked who was in attendance at the meeting. Chief Heine was there as well as all the other agencies that are involved. Director Moretti stated that Kenwood would sign the coveted not to sue agreement, if we could get the \$120,000.00.

Director Atkin asked if Susan Gorin is aware of this current situation we are in. Director Doss

stated he has been in contact with Supervisor Gorin and she had promised she would talk to the County CAO. Supervisor Gorin expressed she understood our concerns. Director Moretti stated that we may need to meet again before the January 4th County BOS meeting to determine if the District would want to continue talks for the annual \$120,000.00 or just take the \$180,000.00 a year. It was decided to seek council to determine the best route to continue. Director Doss asked if we could ask counsel to see if having a zoom or phone special meeting would be ok.

Director Atkin reported that Tony and he are continuing to meet for the Reserve Study. He felt good about the project and being able to have a tool that would be very helpful in budgeting. We are on track to present this in the January meeting and will be able to distribute it in the first of the year. There was open discussion on ad hoc committee's vs a standing committees and if we should make some of our ad hoc committees a standing committee. We will add it to next month's agenda for an open discussion.

Director Moretti announced his position as President will term out in January. In the past, we have had the newer Directors take this position. This will be added to the January agenda.

Asst. Chief Gulson reported that over the last 6 months we have been gathering information to do some updates and a refurbish to the water tender. It was determined to do a refurbish rather than a new water tender given the chassis has very low miles and is in great condition. Some of the upgrades will be new code 3 lighting and DOT lighting. We have Burtons Fire Equipment getting us a quote for the project. Some of the work will be able to be done in house like the electrical lighting upgrades. Director Cooper asked if we had a guess on the timing of this. Asst.Chief Gulson stated that it could be a couple of months. This work will be done so that it does not impact our fire season. The KFA has already approved \$30,000.00 to fund this. Director Moretti stated he was happy to hear this and this will make it easier for the Board to make a decision in January, given this information ahead of time. Director Cooper asked when we get close to the dollar amount for the tender, to put in a contingency in case something happens and we may need to do other repairs as well.

Director Moretti stated that there will be a Crab Feed here on February 12th, 2022 and tickets go on sale December 20th at 8:00 am. Strict COVID policies will be in place with a lower number of ticket sales this year to utilize social distancing.

GOOD of the ORDER: None.

Respectfully submitted,



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