

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JUNE 8, 2021**

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**MEETING:** Meeting called to order at 16:00 hrs. Directors Cooper, McIntosh, Doss, Moretti, Gruchawka and Chief Bellach were present. Lawyer Bill Adams was also present.

**MINUTES:** MSP McIntosh/Cooper to approve the minutes of Regular Board meeting of May 11, 21 and Special Board meeting of May 8, 2021.

**ROSTER REPORT:** 19 Volunteers, 5 Full-Time and 6 Part-Time.

**CLAIMS:** MSP McIntosh/Cooper to approve CR #20-21-12 for \$31,971.72 and payrolls 05/07/21 for \$22,629.14 and 05/21/21 for \$18,627.76.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Board voted 3/2 in favor of Bill Norton to be the Fire District's LAFCO rep.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Bellach passed out a spread sheet showing the District's Use Codes and noted that any coded agricultural land with a residence, was moved to the residential parcel counts to reflect those residents and the dollar value that had changed to reflect that.

Director Gruchawka asked about the total dollar amount for the agricultural count not reflecting the 119 parcel count. Chief Bellach stated he did not change the parcel count to reflect the removed parcels from the agricultural counts. Bill Adams spoke in regards to the tax measure and that the Board needs to figure out the Use codes dollar values. Chief Bellach was asked if the figures shown on the spread sheet using the Glen Ellen Exhibit A will be enough for the District. The current values are around \$235,000.00. Chief Bellach stated that he thought a comfortable figure would be around \$300,000.00. Chief Bellach also stated that if our Assessment value was higher than the Glen Ellen rates, when and if we decided to do a merger, the rates would go down to the Glen Ellen current rate. Once the voters approve the measure, spring of 2022 is when we would have a hearing to set the rates and adjust any Use codes that are incorrect. Director Gruchawka stated that he would like to find the right number that works for us and be able to hire another Captain and have room within the budget to keep us in the black. Director Moretti expressed concern that if we did have an assessment higher than Glen Ellen's, we may get some push back. Director Gruchawka stated that if we were going for a higher assessment, we should look at doing a per acre value on agricultural parcels.

Tim Gannon, from the public, asked how do we see having to deal with our budget, major expenses, foreseen major problems, including the drought and other dangers? Director Moretti responded that our budget is approximately \$1 million and our major expenses are salaries and benefits. It was also asked, how many changes do we foresee and what is the

condition of our equipment? Chief Bellach stated our equipment is on a 12-15 year replacement plan. Our newest apparatus is 2 years old. Our major concern is being able to maintain a good In-District Volunteer staff for the future.

Bill Adams stated that we need to create the rates of the Measure. What does the District need for funding? After discussion, it was determined that \$300,000.00 was the target amount.

Director Doss suggested that the Financial Ad Hoc Committee meet and discuss a way to adjust the rates for the Measure to come to a \$300,000.00 total. MSP Doss/McIntosh was made to have our Public Hearing on July 13 at 4:00 pm at the station, as well as have the Financial Ad Hoc group meet and determine the rates and tax rate table for the Measure to bring back to the Board for discussion.

Director Doss reported on the septic report from Adobe. The County has approved for us to start mapping and designing a new septic system to fit our needs for a remodel. The well in the VJB parking lot should be removed before any action is taken on our existing septic. Chief Bellach will talk with the owners of VJB to see if this will be an option. The District may have to pay or share the cost for abandoning the well at the VJB parking lot.

**GOOD of the ORDER:** None.

Respectfully submitted,

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