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## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Station 26 Meeting Room, 3318 Topeka Street in Riverbank, CA

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6 PM

(THE AGENDA PACKET IS POSTED AT EACH SCFPD LOCATION AND AT [WWW.SCFPD.US](http://WWW.SCFPD.US))

**CALL TO ORDER** – 6:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** - None

**ROLL CALL** - Present: Directors: Bernardi, Rivers, Stanfield

Excused: None

Staff: Fire Chief Michael Whorton, Board Clerk Betty Hannah,

Battalion Chief Rick Bussell & COVID Consultant Eric Holly

Teleconference: District Counsel Samantha Chen

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Director Stanfield moved to approve the agendas presented, seconded by Director Rivers. Motion passed 4/0.

AYES: Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Rivers, Stanfield

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:** *None*

### **PRESENTATIONS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** –

1. Employee Recognition of Service Years – Chief Whorton recognized the following employees for their years of service: Captain Jeff Frye-21 years, Engineer Bobby Rocha-25 years, Firefighter Paramedics: Chaz Bandy, Brian Chiara, Thomas Cornish, Samuel Warren, Corey Wilson-1 year.

2. Retiree Announcements – Chief Whorton reported that Captain Condit is retiring November 25, 2020. He will be assuming a board position with Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, District 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – *None*

## ACTION CALENDAR

**CONSENT ITEMS** – All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless otherwise requested by an individual Board Member or public for special consideration.

1. Waive Readings – Waive all Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions, except by Title
2. Approval of Minutes – October 2020
3. Acceptance of Warrants – October 2020
4. Acceptance of Financial Reports – October 2020

**Consideration of Removed Consent Item(s)** – None

**ACTION:** Director Rivers moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items, seconded by Director Goulding. Motion passed 4/0.

**AYES:** Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Rivers, Stanfield

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Continued discussion of Station 23 Closure – Chief Whorton reported Station 23 is to remain closed until the six new firefighters that are to be hired through the SAFER Grant and completed their academy. We are anticipating starting them in Ja
2. Contract for Services – Modesto Fire – The Board determined this item is no longer Needed under discussion, as it is listed under Committee Reports. The District is still waiting for true figures from Modesto Fire.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None scheduled

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Review and Consider Approval of additional Fire Recovery USA services to allow DUI claims billed to collection agency if no reimbursement payment is made.

**ACTION:** Director Stanfield moved to approve and allow unpaid DUI claims to be sent to collection agency, seconded by Director Rivers. Motion passed 4/0.

**AYES:** Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Rivers, Stanfield

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

2. Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution 20-17, Clarifying Meetings for Which Board Members May be Compensated and Amending Board Policy Manual

**ACTION:** Director Goulding moved to Adopt Resolution 20-17, clarifying the board meetings for compensation, seconded by Director Rivers. Motion passed 4/0.

**AYES:** Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Rivers, Stanfield

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

3. Review and Consider Approval of Five New Thermal Cameras, one at each District Fire Station, which is placed on the Engine.

**ACTION:** Director Rivers moved to approve Five New Thermal Cameras in the amount of \$25,511.19 with Western Fire Supply, seconded by Director Stanfield. Motion passed 4/0.

**AYES:** Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Rivers, Stanfield

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. Correspondence –**

- a. Thank You card from Healthy Aging Associates

### **2. Written Staff Reports – Information and Discussion Items**

a. Fire Chief – Chief also informed the Board there are positive COVID cases at Ceres Fire and our personnel were training with the Ceres personnel who are positive. All personnel are to follow the current Administration Order for COVID Exposure. The District has moved operational level back into “yellow” status. If any of the District personnel start to show signs or symptoms of COVID, we will send for COVID testing immediately. The District is setting up an account to purchase several testing codes, to enable us to use the Rapid COVID testing. The cost is normally \$150 each test but only \$100 each test for First Responders. This clinic is in Modesto and open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm but you must sign up online with one of the purchased test codes.

b. Training

c. Local 3399

### **3. Verbal Committee Reports - Information Only**

a. Capital Facilities (Rivers/Stanfield)

b. Finance (Goulding/Rivers)

c. Personnel (Bernardi/Stanfield)

d. Ad Hoc Crossroads West (Stanfield/Vacant) The District received a copy of an agreement, which I had a couple changes made and legal reviewed and has a couple of additional questions, so we are now waiting to hear back from them.

e. Ad Hoc Prop 172 (Bernardi/Stanfield)

f. Ad Hoc Contract for Services-Modesto Fire (Stanfield/Goulding) Pending true figures from Modesto Fire.

g. Ad Hoc Censure (Rivers/Vacant)

### **4. Director Comments –** *At this time, Board Members may verbally make*

*individual announcements, report briefly on their activities or request an item placed on a future agenda.*

- Director Goulding congratulated the Probationary Firefighter Paramedics, personnel for years of service and Cpt. Condit for his upcoming retirement.
- Director Stanfield also congratulated the Probationary Firefighters retirees and to Cpt. Condit on his election success, retirement and looking forward to working with you in the years to come.
- Director Rivers shared a few changes in the board; John grew a mustache, Steve grew a beard, I grew my hair out, Chad grew a new home, so it is time for Greg to step up his game.

Seriously now, I am appreciative for Director Homme board service and congratulations to all the personnel and to "Buck" for his victory and we forgive you for the mishap and the barbeque.

•Director Bernardi shared that he and his wife would like to do some type of Christmas toy giveaway. Maybe partner with some local businesses, L3399, board members and fire personnel to help identify a needy family or two. We would like to put something together to do something nice for a less fortunate family in our community. Riverbank Police Services is doing their "Shop with a Cop" and I am active in that as well. If you have time, money to help the underprivileged children. Christmas season is coming so to see the joy on the little ones and the selflessness they exhibit is very rewarding. Do something nice for somebody.

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:51 PM**

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6) Agency designated representative; Gregory Bernardi, Board President, Unrepresentative employee: Fire Chief.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT – There was no reportable action.**

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:58 PM**

ADOPTED: December 10, 2020  
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By: Bethannah 12/9/2020  
Betty Hannah, Board Clerk

APPROVED: Gregory M. Bernardi  
Gregory M. Bernardi, Board President