



BOARD MINUTES June 11, 2020

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Larry Alexander, Chair
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Jay Akerman
Kathleen Williams
Kevin Hullquist

Summarized **MINUTES** from a regular Board of Commissioners meeting of Scott Valley Fire Protection District, Greenview, California. The meeting was held on Thursday June 11, 2020 and was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Larry Alexander. Present were Vice Chair James C. Roseman, Board members Jay Akerman, Kathleen Williams, and Kevin Hullquist. Chief Paul Buchter, Assistant Chief Scott Frick, and Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci were also present. Due to Covid-19 concerns, the meeting was held in the Greenview Station, rather than the board room, allowing 6' spacing between participants. According to Chair Alexander, government orders regarding public meetings were not violated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Brandon Fawaz, manager of Pastures of Heaven ranch. As discussed in the May 14th meeting, SVFPD is faced with vacating the Scott River Station located at Pastures of Heaven by September 1, 2020. Mr. Fawaz stated he is "not opposed to the fire department being there" and suggested we remove the old building and replace it with a new structure. They "would consider a twenty year lease in writing" and that would "keep the fire department down river. There would be some flexibility on the timeline if we installed a new metal building—one footprint, one spot." Mr. Fawaz also suggested we use Lloyd Pearson's shop or someplace on the Menne Ranch in the interim. Mr. Fawaz also recalled speaking with the prior chief about becoming a volunteer firefighter, but found the training schedule to be too onerous. Chair Alexander estimated that a new metal building would cost around \$95,000. We are in the process of clearing out the building of stored equipment. No new location for our engine and water tender has been identified. It is crucial that a heated space be found for the winter. Asst. Chief Frick spoke with Downey Heating Co. and was assured the heater could be removed and relocated in one day.

CLOSED SESSION--Personnel

Applications vetted and approved pending physicals and fingerprinting: Cody Rogers and Logan Stebbins. No action taken on Wendy Lambert and Jesse Kramer. Not approved: Christian Sherfy. Motion to reinstate our policy of requiring fingerprinting of all new applicants. Motion Roseman/2nd Williams. All ayes. Passed.

Chief Paul Buchter

New firefighter applications, deletions from roster Remove from roster: Justin Frew due to lack of attendance at trainings.

Training/Safety/Injury and Illness Prevention Program monthly report

Safety training included weather escape routes and safety zones.

Scott Valley Fire and Rescue Alliance Report No meeting was held this month. The Automatic Aid Agreement drafted by County Council and sent to both the Fort Jones and Etna city attorneys is still pending.

Purchase of "chaser" vehicle for strike team participation The Dalmatians agreed to help purchase the vehicle with a donation of up to \$7,000 with a purchase price of \$2,000 and the remainder for repairs. They issued a check for \$2,000 to the Town of Fort Jones to purchase the vehicle. Chief Buchter paid and picked up the vehicle and it is now at the Greenview Station. Chief Buchter said he is "awaiting the title and the mechanics will happen quickly." The Board expressed their appreciation to the Dalmatians for their generous donation.

Standards Continuing last month's discussion to create departmental standards for equipment purchasing to meet NFPA and ISO requirements, Chief Buchter reminded the Board that our past policy was to have three vehicles at each station: Type 1 and Type 3 engines and one water tender with the intention to replace the vehicles within twenty years.

Options are:

1. Stay with Type 1, Type 3, and a water tender.
2. Reorganize the stations with one Type 2 and one Water Tender, while maintaining two Type 3's for Strike Team assignments. Some Type 3's can cover both structure and wildfire applications.
3. Prioritize the purchase Type 2 engines with 1000 GPM pumps and a minimum of 750 gallon tanks. Type 2's can function in both structure fire and wildland fire situations.
4. Look into the future and wait until "Consolidation" and divide Scott Valley into station zones.

Assistant Chief Frick mentioned that Type 3's are for wildland only, some are 4WD, with 500 gpm pumps and only 500 GAL tanks. We make money on our Type 3's, not Type 1 structure fire engines. Our reimbursement values from attending paid fires are re pump capacity related, i.e. 2800 gallon platform with high volume pumps. If we develop a comprehensive "hydrant system" we would need high capacity pumping platform engines, such as Type 1's.

Chair Alexander commented that he leans towards wildland or wildland/structure vehicles and with consolidation in mind.

Vice Chair Roseman and Commissioner Williams asked that Operations present a proposal in writing. Commissioner Akerman spoke strongly about the need to select equipment that will attract volunteers as recruitment is our #1 issue.

ISO and alternate water systems: Chief Buchter again mentioned the 3 hydrants in Old Etna that are in very bad shape, the fill site on South Kidder Creek Rd that needs work, and that the underground tank at Mean Gene's is of questionable use; however, he will investigate and make sure they're all functioning. The Callahan hydrant system may not be hooked up and there is a capacity issue using water from the USFS tank. Scott River Pump says it is feasible to establish a rural fill system with all agriculture wells—similar to a city hydrant system. It would certainly reduce insurance rates. Chair Alexander said estimated cost five years ago was \$2,000-\$3,000 per well for fittings and we would need a big grant to put this valley-wide system in place.

Continuing/New business "Firetrucks entering roadway" signs will be installed by Siskiyou County Road Dept. near the Moffett Creek Station.

Assistant Chief Scott Frick

Continuing/New business

Kellems Lane brush clearing project is nearly completed. Free fire wood is available for the community. The County will soon open the road for two-way ingress/egress.

Administrative Officer Salucci

Approval and payment of bills

Nancy Salucci	2418.48
Nancy Salucci (reimbursement)	138.00
Paul Buchter	738.80
Scott Frick	323.22
Joshua Frick "Gulch Fire"	114.66
Mike Wilson (spring training)	1500.00
City of Ft Jones	200.00
Siskiyou Tel	90.56
Pacific Power	165.18
US Bank (June and partial May)	2294.22
Kathy Williams (reimbursement)	49.45
IRS Q2 taxes	2677.34
EDD Q2 taxes	264.47

Motion to pay bills: Motion to pay bills Roseman/2nd Akerman. All ayes, passed.

Budget transfers Move \$8000 from Contingencies into Special Department Expense to cover unanticipated expenses for firefighter Nomex suits, matching funds for grants, and June regular expenses.

Deposits CalFire payment for Gulch Fire \$435.78; JC Auction \$3120 for sale of vehicles: 1987 Ford Fire Truck and 1994 Chevy Pickup Silverado

Dalmatians report As of May 29, 2020; \$22,855.19 Edward Jones, \$8757.10 Banner Bank: Total \$30,735.07

Oral communications, correspondence, continuing/new business Grant opportunities:

1. Northwest Farm Credit Services Rural Community Grant: Through the input from Chief Buchter, Assistant Chief Frick, and Engineer Larry Hicks, Salucci wrote a grant proposal seeking funding for \$3159 in emergency medical supplies. This grant opportunity was referred to SVFPD by Fred Kraus. The grant request was written with the permission of and under the name of the Dalmatians. The applicant needed to be a 501(c)3.
2. Cal Fire Foundation has opened another \$15,000 grant and Chief Buchter and Salucci will collaborate on the application which is due July 15, 2020.
3. The annual CalFire 50%/50% grant was submitted and accepted in May. The award notifications are usually published in September.

Operations Data

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Full Strength (goal)	25	25	25	25	25	25
Active firefighters on roster	17	17	17	17	15	15
Inactive firefighters	0	0	0	0	2	0
Firefighters removed from roster	3	0	0	0	0	2
New applications received	0	0	0	0	3	1
Applications pending	2	0	1	1	4	3
Applications distributed	0	0	3	3	0	0
Attended 1st Tuesday drill	13	10	10	canc	9	6
Attended 2 nd Tuesday drill	8	7	2	13	9	10
Station staffing—Some respond to multiple stations						
Greenview	5	5	5	5	3	3*
French Creek	5	5	5	5	5	6*
Callahan	3	3	3	3	3	2
Moffett Creek	5	5	5	5	5	5
Scott River	2	2	2	2	1	1
Masterson-Unstaffed, no vehicles						

*Some members respond to two both French Creek & Greenview Stations.

May 2020 totals per Cal-Fire dispatch records

Veg Fires	Structure fires	Other fires	Medicals	Vehicle Accidents	Public Assists	Others	Total
5	3	2	19	1	3	2	35

Salucci noted that the number of medical calls has tripled since winter. This is partly because Etna Ambulance has recently reduced staffing due to fiscal restraints. Two paramedics now work only three days per week in twelve hour shifts, per Assistant Chief Frick. Scott Valley Fire medical personnel have stepped up to cover additional medical calls. See charts below for monthly comparisons.

BOARD REPORTS

Larry Alexander, Chair (Public Information Officer, Grant Procurement, Fire Safe Council Liaison)

Approval of minutes Motion to approve the minutes for the May 14, 2020 meeting, Williams/2nd Hullquist. Three ayes, Akerman abstained. Roseman abstained as he did not attend the May meeting. Passed.

Scott Valley Fire and Rescue Alliance Executive Committee Report Chair Alexander is keeping in touch with Rick Kolomay. Meetings have not been held due to COVID-19, but will hopefully resume shortly. The United Way grant fire prevention weekly news reports are being posted on Facebook and distributed to SVFPD members.

Oral communication; correspondence; continuing/new business Nothing to report.

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James C. Roseman (Vice Chair, Personnel liaison)

Continuing/New business Nothing to report.

Jay Akerman (Fiscal Oversight/Insurance)

Continuing/New business Nothing to report.

Kathy Williams (Sunshine Committee)

Continuing/New business Nothing to report.

Kevin Hullquist (New training facility coordinator)

Report on Training Facility Property Development The Conditional Use Permit Application has been received. It will soon be completed and submitted to the Planning Department. In the meantime, Chief Buchter will solicit construction bids.

New/Continuing business Commissioner Hullquist offered his land on Scott River Road as a potential option for locating a new station. He has a well and 1200gpm hydrants. The priority is getting this done by winter. Chair Alexander said the building and construction cost would likely be \$75,000.

Motion to Adjourn Roseman/ 2nd Hullquist. All ayes, passed.

Date _____

Chair

Administrative Officer

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January – December 2019 totals per Cal-Fire dispatch records

Veg Fires	Structure Fires	Other fires	Vehicle Accidents	Medicals	Haz Mats	Public Assists	Others	Total
24	2	23	11	56	2	19	20	157

January 2020 totals per Cal-Fire dispatch records

Veg Fires	Structure fires	Other fires	Medicals	HazMats	Public Assists	Others	Total
0	1	1	5	1	1	2	12

February 2020 totals per Cal-Fire dispatch records

Veg Fires	Structure fires	Other fires	Medicals	Vehicle Accidents	Public Assists	Others	Total
1	2	0	15	1	1	1	21

March 2020 totals per Cal-Fire dispatch records

Veg Fires	Structure fires	Other fires	Medicals	Vehicle Accidents	Public Assists	Others	Total
2	0	4	12	1	2	3	24

April 2020 totals per Cal-Fire dispatch records

Veg Fires	Structure fires	Other fires	Medicals	Vehicle Accidents	Public Assists	Others	Total
1	1	2	22	6	0	2	34

May 2020 totals per Cal-Fire dispatch records

Veg Fires	Structure fires	Other fires	Medicals	Vehicle Accidents	Public Assists	Others	Total
5	3	2	19	1	3	2	35

As of the end of June 2020, SVFPD will have responded to more calls in six months than in all twelve months in 2019.