

SVFPD MINUTES October 19, 2023



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Board of Commissioners:

Larry Alexander, Chair
Kathleen Williams
Kevin Hullquist
Greg Lindholm

Summarized MINUTES from a regular Board of Commissioners meeting of Scott Valley Fire Protection District, Greenview, California. Chair Larry Alexander opened the meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023. Present were Commissioners Kevin Hullquist and Kathy Williams, Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci, Assistant Chief Steve Poling. Excused absence: Greg Lindholm.

Public Report Period: FJFD Chief Joseph Hess

- Continuing the discussion and the Board's concerns about SVFPD's \$200 monthly donation to Fort Jones Fire Dept. being diverted from the fire department into the town's general fund, Chief Hess offered an up-date. He assured the Board that the funds now go into a separate account specifically for the FJ Fire Department. SVFPD will resume sending the \$200 payable to Town of Fort Jones Fire Department. Chief Hess will report to us in six months with an accounting to confirm the funds have indeed been allocated to the fire department. Our donation helps cover costs of fuel and personnel. FJFD pays stipends for calls and fuel at the government rate. Motion to resume the \$200 monthly donation to FJFD: Williams/2nd Alexander. Three ayes, passed.
- Chief Hess also gave an update on the FEMA grant award for Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs). FJFD, SVFPD, and EFD jointly applied for \$970,000 for 70 SCBA units; however, the award was for only \$251,000 (plus applicants' \$10,000 match) for 28 SCBAs. In the 2024 grant cycle, we can reapply for the additional SCBAs. The equipment can be purchased exempt from the bidding process through the State of California. We have three years to fulfill the current grant.
- A recent Consolidation meeting was held with discussion of forming a Community Services District consisting of FJFD, SVFPD, and EFD, with the future possibility of including QVIR, Etna Ambulance, and law enforcement. Boundaries will need to be established, perhaps at the Scott River Watershed level. Consultant Josh Short attended the consolidation meeting. In the meantime, the Board will continue to "pay close attention" to consolidation of the three valley depts. The Ford or McConnell Foundations may be helpful with the planning and formation components of consolidation. Commissioner Hullquist said we need to actively discuss strategies for taxation. The bigger the boundaries the more parcel owners would contribute, reducing the cost per taxpayer.

BOARD REPORTS

Larry Alexander, Chair pro tempore

Approval of Minutes from the September 14th and September 21st, 2023 meetings were approved. Motion: Hullquist/ 2nd Williams, all three aye votes. Passed.

Continuing/new business Nothing new to report.

Kevin Hullquist

Short- and Long-range Board plans

Hiring a resiliency representative for public feasibility study No responses were received to Hultquist's inquiries. We need to get started now to hire two firefighters next spring for March 1st to November 1st work term. The Chiefs will write job description(s). SVFPD would pay to employ two employees for two years. In the interim, the Board must proceed with getting an increased tax bill passed.

Continuing/new business Nothing new to report.

Greg Lindholm (Absent)

Kathy Williams (absent)

Dalmatians Report Banner Bank for June: \$16,751.88, Edward Jones \$18,928.21.

Annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner: Commissioner Williams is making plans for the dinner and proposed it be held Thursday, December 7th at Maria's Restaurant in Fort Jones. Invitations soon will be sent to all members. There is a limit of 40 in the restaurant, so members and only one guest can be included.

Continuing/new business: Nothing else to report.

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Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci

Revenue/deposits & Transfers: None

ACH Transfers: IRS Q3 \$1489.86; EDD Q3 \$160.07

Bills:

Paul Buchter	1137.52	Salary
Steve Poling	1137.52	Salary
Nancy Salucci	3302.85	Salary
Nancy Salucci	257.97	Mileage/office supplies
Siskiyou Tel	108.14	Utility
Larry Hicks	524.18	Meamber Fire
Jaysen Scroggins	443.86	Meamber Fire
Jaysen Scroggins	183.50	Reimbursement
USBank	2,149.96	Misc. equipment/supplies/fuel
Fairchild Med Center	119.00	Physical
SDRMA	25,261.32	Annual equipment & liability insurance premium
Scott Valley Auto Parts	168.54	Misc supplies
Dept of Justice	32.00	Fingerprinting

Motion to approve the bills Hullquist/2nd Williams. Three ayes, passed.

Increasing volunteers' incident response & drill attendance stipends. The Board agreed to increase the stipends from \$5 to \$10 for drill attendance and from \$15 to \$30 for incident responses for the calculations November 2022 through October 2023. Motion Hullquist/2nd Williams, three ayes, passed.

Change of Board meeting time to winter hours Meeting time was changed to 5:30p.m.

LAFCO report LAFCO submitted a draft of their proposed report. Administrator Salucci edited and returned it.

Up-dated webpage <http://scottvalleyfire.com> Salucci up-dated the web page to be in compliance with LAFCO's requirements and to better align with the look of our Facebook page.

Continuing/new business Nothing new to report.

Operations Data 2023

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Full Strength (goal)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Active firefighters on roster	15	15	15	17	17	19	20	20	20	22		
Inactive firefighters	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	2		
Firefighters removed from roster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
New applications received	3	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	1		
Applications pending	3	3	4	2	4	1	2	3	1	1		
Attended 1st Tuesday drill	15	8	10	7	9	7	6	7	3	6		
Attended 2 nd Tuesday drill	8	7	3	14	8	14	8	6	9			
Station Staffing: Greenview	6	6	6									
French Creek	3	3	3	4	4							
Callahan	1	1	1									
Moffett Creek	8	8	8	9	9							

NEEDED from Chiefs: Up-dates on station staffing (Who responds from which stations.).

September incident dispatches

Vegetation Fires	Vehicle Accident	Structure fires	Other fires	Medicals	Haz Mats	Public Assists	Others	May Total
0	0	0	3	15		2	2	21

September incident responses: 7

Operations reports:

Chief Buchter (Absent)

Notes for Board meeting from Chief Buchter

2023 Strike Team Participation: Addressing concerns about our lack of being dispatched on strike teams, 2023 was “the slowest fire season ever,” with fewer fires and fewer dispatches.

Investing department funds/paying firefighters: Investing funds with an outside investment firm--California-CLASS, as introduced by Commissioner Frick in the September 14th meeting, is a good idea. Earnings at 5% could net us sufficient funds to hire firefighters.

Trainer/Instructor from COS: There is a lack of trainers at COS and none able or willing to train in Scott Valley. However, both Chiefs Buchter & Hess are strategically taking separate classes working towards various certifications. Chief Hess will likely be a certified instructor within the year.

AFG grant for SCBAs: Although the grant did not cover our entire request for SCBAs, the ones we will purchase with grant funding will put up-to-date SCBAs on all Type 1 vehicles. We will loan Etna our old ones so their obsolete SCBAs will be somewhat comparable to ours. Soon all three departments will have the desirable Scott SCBAs.

Radios: Next grant focus will be on new radios.

Assistant Chief Poling

Hiring firefighters for prevention projects Poling suggested paying firefighters for the hours actually worked on locally dispatched structure fires. Incident reports would need to be explicit, with accompanying payroll time sheets authorized by a supervisor. Discussion to be continued.

Report on Assistance for Firefighter Grant (AFG) for SCBAs See Public Report above.

Continuing/New business Asst. Chief Poling said there will be several joint trainings this winter with Scott Valley departments and CDF.

Motion to Adjourn Hullquist/ 2nd Williams. Three ayes, passed.

Date _____

Chair

Administrative Officer