

**NORTH CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Per Executive Order N-25-20, which allows local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically,” this Regular Meeting will be held via conference call and can be accessed as follows:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

District Board Chair Mr. Ken Abrahamian called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mrs. Cheryl Belluomini, Mr. Michael Foglio, Ms. Amanda Souza, Mr. Ken Abrahamian and Mr. Rusty Nonini.

Also present were Fire Chief Tim Henry, Deputy Chief Jacob McAfee, Mr. Ken Price and Mr. Joe Barcelos.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Pastor Minkler.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration and Approval of Disbursements List for December 2020

B. Consideration and Approval of Disbursements List for January 2021

C. Review and Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports

1) Fresno County: Cash Balances – All Funds – December 2020 and January 2021

2) Budget Variance Report: YTD Expenses Compared to Budget – December 2020 and January 2021

3) Revenue and Reimbursement Report – December 2020 and January 2021

4) PG&E Report – December 2020 and January 2021

Mr. Abrahamian asked the District Board and members of the public if there were any items on the Consent Agenda they would like to pull from the agenda for discussion or questions.

Mrs. Belluomini asked a question about check number 5479 written to Facility Design. Chief Henry stated this disbursement was to purchase office furniture for the District's training classrooms using funds from the building fund.

There were no more questions so Mr. Abrahamian called for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Abrahamian, second by Mrs. Belluomini

Mr. Abrahamian:	Mrs. Belluomini:	Mr. Foglio:	Mr. Nonini:	Ms. Souza:	Vote:
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	5/0

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2020.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2020 as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Nonini, second by Mr. Foglio.

Mr. Abrahamian:	Mrs. Belluomini:	Mr. Foglio:	Mr. Nonini:	Ms. Souza:	Vote:
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	5/0

6. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

A) Fire Incident/Fire Prevention Reports for December 2020 and January 2021

Chief Henry reviewed the Incident report for December and January and stated the call volume is remaining consistent over the past two years. Chief Henry called the District Board's attention to the investigator report and discussed the statistics outlined in the report.

Chief McAfee answered a question from one of the board members about the investigation report.

B) Strike Team Reimbursement Update

Chief Henry stated this report summarizes the incidents the District responded to throughout the state this past fire season and updates the District Board on the reimbursements received to date from the State. Chief Henry answered a couple questions asked by the District Board.

C) COVID Expenses Reimbursement Update

Chief Henry reminded the District Board the County Board of Supervisors approved a reimbursement to the District of \$150,000 to reimburse the District for COVID related expenses. He called the District Board's attention to the enclosed reports outlining all the COVID related expenses paid by the District that were turned into the County for reimbursement. The District received the \$150,000 reimbursement earlier this month on February fourth.

D) Fresno Fire Department Service Agreement

Chief Henry stated a few months back he began dialogue with Fresno Fire officials on the service agreement the District has with the City of Fresno to provide services in the Bullard metro area. The current service agreement is for three years and started in July of 2019 at a cost of a little over \$1 million with increases of three percent each year.

Chief Henry stated during my discussion with Fresno Fire I was asked to make a proposal to them for an extension if the board would be willing to extend the agreement. I responded with a proposal that continues the three percent increase each year and just recently I received an email with a counterproposal from Fresno Fire.

Chief Henry stated, at this point I would feel more comfortable if the board would participate in looking at the proposal. He asked Board Chair Abrahamian how he would like to move forward on this.

Mr. Price asked if he could offer some guidance to help set the parameters for maybe the best venue for something like this. Right now, we are in open session and under the Brown Act there isn't a closed session venue the District could use to have a more robust conversation about strategy on this item. I would suggest to have an Ad Hoc Committee appointed by Board Chair Abrahamian who has the authority to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee for such a purpose which may contain no more than two board members. Mr. Price explained an Ad Hoc Committee at its very nature is formed for a very specific purpose and then it dissolves. The Ad Hoc Committee can meet and have a more robust discussion about the agreement and later come up with a recommendation to the board which would be discussed at that point in open session.

After a couple questions answered by Mr. Price, Mr. Abrahamian set up the Ad Hoc Committee by asking Board Member Nonini if he would be available to serve on the Committee. Mr. Nonini replied yes and Mr. Abrahamian stated he would like to serve on the committee as well if that is all right with the rest of the District Board. There were no objections so Mr. Abrahamian and Mr. Nonini were assigned to serve on the committee and set up a meeting with Chief Henry to begin discussions and review the agreement.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 21-01 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF EXCESS DISTRICT PROPERTY.

A) Action item – Consider and Adopt Resolution No. 21-01 authorizing the donation of excess District property.

Chief Henry called the District Board's attention to resolution 21-01 to donate the District's surplus water tender. The Water Tender has been parked outside of station 58 for a couple of years now. The District recently experienced the busiest fire season the fire service has had in more than a decade if not longer. During this fire season, no water tenders were requested in the draw-down of fire equipment throughout the state. The Forest service and Cal-Fire both have private contracts for water tenders which is a lot more cost effective for them so requests for out of county water tenders is rare.

Chief Henry stated the District kept both of the reserve water tenders in the event we send one out of county we would still be fully staffed with water tenders. That being the case, keeping this 1995 International in service is outside of good practice just to maintain it as a reserve vehicle. We have three water tenders in the district that we are keeping as first-line pieces of apparatus.

Chief Henry stated because this water tender needs some repair it could create a liability to the District if we sold the water tender to be used as emergency equipment. To prevent any liability to the District and to continue to support our partnership with Fresno City College, it is my recommendation that we donate this apparatus to Fresno City College Fire Academy. Their mechanic shop and students will actually get an opportunity to work on it and bring it back into shape. Then students in the fire academy can use it for training and it won't be used for emergency operations.

It was the District Board consensus to donate the water tender to Fresno City College so Mr. Abrahamian called for a motion.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 21-01, declaring the listed item as a surplus item and give Chief Henry or District staff authorization to donate the item to Fresno City College Fire Academy.

Moved by: Ms. Souza, second by Mrs. Belluomini

Mr. Abrahamian: Mrs. Belluomini: Mr. Foglio: Mr. Nonini: Ms. Souza: Vote:
Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye 5/0

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no comments.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Nonini, second by Mr. Foglio

Mr. Abrahamian: Mrs. Belluomini: Mr. Foglio: Mr. Nonini: Ms. Souza: Vote:
Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye 5/0

These minutes were approved telephonically
Amanda Souza, Board Secretary
North Central Fire Protection District

03/25/2021
Date