

**NORTH CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 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 5:38 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 Bortner.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kerman City Manager John Jansons addressed the District Board extending his thanks and the thanks of his staff for the excellent services the District provides the City of Kerman. City Manager Janson stated one of the first things he did when he came to Kerman was reach out to Chief Henry and wanted the District Board to know what a pleasure it is to work with Chief Henry and Fire District staff. On behalf of the City Council and staff he expressed their recognition and appreciation of all the hard work the Fire District does on behalf of the City of Kerman.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Consideration and Approval of Disbursements List for March 2021**

**B. Review and Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports**

- 1) Fresno County: Cash Balances – All Funds**
- 2) Budget Variance Report: YTD Expenses Compared to Budget**
- 3) Revenue and Reimbursement Report**
- 4) PG&E Report**

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.

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

**Motion:** To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** Mr. Nonini, 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, March 25, 2021.

There were no questions or comments.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 25, 2021 as presented.

**Moved by:** Mrs. Belluomini, 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 March 2021

Chief Henry called the District Board's attention to the incident call data for March. Chief Henry went through the call data and fire investigation report with the District Board.

### B) Firefighter Academy Graduation and Firefighter Bios

Chief Henry stated our latest firefighter academy class of eight graduated on the 15<sup>th</sup>. He called the District Board's attention to the attached picture and bios of each of the Academy Graduates.

### C) CDBG Grant Update

Chief Henry updated the District Board the District has been rated number two on the grant award list for the CDBG grant the District applied for to purchase a Type Three Fire Engine for Station 57. The grant process is still moving through the final stages but as soon as the District is notified on the outcome, I will bring you an update.

## 7. WEED ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT.

**A) Action item – Consider and approve agreement with Sequoia Western for weed abatement services.**

Mr. Barcelos stated the District’s weed abatement agreement with Sequoia Western for abatement services needs to be renewed for the current weed abatement season. Staff has contacted Rick Ferdinandsen with Sequoia Western and he has agreed to perform the District abatement services with a proposed rate increase. Mr. Ferdinandsen has provided abatement services for the District for many years at the same rate. The rate he is increasing is the minimum time billed which he is increasing from \$120 to \$135, and the rate for work performed in excess of the minimum when two or more men are working is increasing from \$110 to \$125. All other rates are remaining the same.

Mr. Barcelos answered a couple questions from the District Board and after the discussion, Mr. Abrahamian called for a motion.

**Motion:** To approve the weed abatement services agreement with Sequoia Western and authorize Chief Henry to sign the agreement.

**Moved by:** Mr. Nonini, second by Ms. Souza.

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

**8. TYPE VI FIRE ENGINE FROM CAL OES**

**A) Action item – Authorize Fire Chief Henry to sign agreement with Cal OES for District to use a Type VI OES Fire Engine this fire season.**

Chief Henry stated last year I let the board know I was going to submit a letter to California Office of Emergency Services Fire and Rescue Division (OES) letting them know we would be willing for the district to host one of their fire apparatus here in the district. About six months ago I received a phone call that our district did come up on their list and they asked if we were still interested in receiving one of the OES engines. I advised OES staff at the time that the District was still interested so the District recently received a notice OES is ready to send us an agreement for the use of an OES engine.

Chief Henry stated for Board Members not familiar with OES engines, the State of California has multiple types of engines they loan out to fire departments throughout the state during fire season. OES has type one engines which are like the engines the District currently deploy out of our fire stations, OES has type three which is like the engine we are applying for through the CDBG grant and has Patrol Units geared more to vegetation and wildland. The State OES Fire and Rescue Division has more fire apparatus than the majority of all fire departments in the state of California.

During wildland season OES will strategically deploy some of their fire engines throughout the State to fire agencies willing to host an engine so OES can use

them during wildland season. The advantage to the agency hosting the engine is that the agency can use the engine in their own operations. While a District is hosting an OES engine, the District is required to staff the vehicle for the state when called to help with a wildland fire within the State. The State will reimburse the District for the personnel we send on a state fire just like they do now but we will be using the engine OES loaned the District.

Chief Henry answered a few questions from the District Board to further explain the process and ways the District can use an engine from OES and where it will be housed. After the questions and discussion, Mr. Abrahamian called for a motion.

**Motion:** To authorize Fire Chief Henry to sign agreement with Cal OES for the District to host a Type VI OES Fire Engine this fire season.

**Moved by:** Mr. Nonini, second by Mr. Abrahamian.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Before Closed Session. Mr. Abrahamian stated the District Board will be moving into closed session and asked if any members of the public would like to make a comment on the Closed Session item(s)

City of Kerman Police Chief John Golden addressed the District Board to provide comment on Closed Session item B. Chief Golden expressed his thanks to the District for our assistance to the City of Kerman. In looking at today's agenda I noticed there is a performance review for Chief Henry. Chief Golden added my staff has always applauded the performance of the District personnel, the City staff has nothing but praise when they deal with the fire District. When the City has questions, the District is well placed to be a sounding board and a good source of advisement on large scale operations and operations that cross geographic boundaries because of its relationship with the County, the City of Fresno and State resources. I am especially pleased with the advice and support Chief Henry and staff gives the City on opportunities we have on grant processes. I just wanted to take this opportunity to applaud Chief Henry's performance and the leadership that is obvious from the performance of his staff, the gracious hosting of our questions, and the District's work and dedicated partnerships with all things Kerman from the school district to public safety and services.

## 9. CLOSED SESSION

### A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Number of cases: 1

Report from Closed Session: No action to report from Closed Session.

B) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
TITLE: FIRE CHIEF

Report from Closed Session: No action to report from Closed Session

**10. EXECUTION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH FIRE CHIEF TIM HENRY**

**A) Action item – Consider and approve Employment Agreement with Chief Henry and authorize Board Chair to execute the agreement.**

Mr. Abrahamian asked Mr. Price to summarize the amendments to the employment agreement with Fire Chief Henry.

Mr. Price stated this is not a new agreement but an amendment to the current agreement. There are basically four items being amended and mainly the changes are to clean up the language in the current agreement. Mr. Price went through all four of the items being amended and asked the District Board if they had any questions.

There were no questions so Mr. Abrahamian called for a motion.

**Motion:** To approve the Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Fire Chief Tim Henry and authorize District Board Chair to execute the Agreement.

**Moved by:** Mr. Abrahamian, second by Mr. Nonini.

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

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Mr. Abrahamian asked if any of the Board Members had any comments and Mrs. Belluomini thanked Chief Henry for the job he is doing for the District. There were no other Board Member comments.

**A) Report from Ad Hoc Committee**

Mr. Abrahamian reported he and Mr. Nonini sit on the Ad Hoc Committee to review the proposal to renew the Metro Service Agreement the District has with the City of Fresno. Chief Henry has had dialogue with Chief Donis for the past few months and I would like to summarize what he presented to the Ad Hoc Committee. Initially the District submitted a proposal of \$1,098,462 for the first year, \$1,131,416 the second year, and \$1,165,358 in the third year which is a three percent cost of living adjustment increase annually. The City rejected the District's proposal and submitted a proposal for 2.075 million the first year, 2.138 million the second year and 2.202 million the third year.

Mr. Abrahamian stated, at this time, the Committee is recommending the Fire Chief bring back at the next District Board meeting the long-term budgetary impact

and the sustainability of the City’s proposal. There are still some questions about what we are looking at long term with regards to the budget, can we sustain this proposal, and where will the District be. Mr. Abrahamian stated, I think by the May meeting, the District Board needs to make a decision and inform all parties of our decision. This is the Committees recommendation.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A) Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

**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

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Amanda Souza, Board Secretary  
North Central Fire Protection District

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Date