

**San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 5:30 pm**

Minutes

President McKenna called the tele/videoconference meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Board Members Present: Directors Ek, McKenna, Nelson, Pomeranz, Raddatz, Robles and Vacio

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Brainard, Administrative Officer/Finance Officer Harris, Deputy Fire Marshal Napier, and Administrative Assistant Rians

Approval of Agenda: Director McKenna, by request of Legal Counsel, asked that #15 be discussed before #11 in Closed Session. By Board Consensus, the agenda was approved.

The Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2021 was posted at District Headquarters on Friday, March 5, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: Director Ek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Communications: None.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon a motion by Director Vacio, second by Director Raddatz, and vote (unanimously in favor with Director Robles absent), the Consent Agenda was approved.

1. Approve the Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 10, 2021
2. Approve Board Member Stipend Payments.
3. Approve Resolution 20-3 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District to participate in the San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee Program.

Director Robles joined the meeting at 5:38 pm.

REPORTS

4. Committee Reports
Directors Raddatz and Vacio expressed concern over revenue discussion at a recent CSA-69 meeting. Chief Brainard provided some clarification and at the direction of the Board, will confer with County Chiefs regarding County EMS and reimbursement issues in other CSAs.
5. Directors' Reports
Director Raddatz prompted discussion on cell towers, CFDs, and Station 21. Chief Brainard shared that notice was received from Sprint that they may remove the cell tower at Station 23. Chief Brainard contacted their administration and reports that the tower remains, and revenue is still being generated from that agreement, but that the cell tower company will need District approval if they decide to upgrade the signal to 5G.

The consultant report pertaining to CFDs has been updated and provided to the attorney for the new care facility being proposed. The District's legal counsel is in contact and the next step will be a discussion on moving forward. The care facility project has been delayed 12-18 months, which affords us time to finalize our CFD scope. Director McKenna asked that we request the County put the District in its queue to auto-generate, in its scoping letter, a request for a letter from the District as to whether or not San Miguel is interested in a CFD for any new project.

Chief Brainard shared that the new generator was approved, permitted, and installed at Station 21. There has been no new communication with the Grossmont/Mt. Helix Park Foundation. Legal Counsel recommended adding Station 21 to a future agenda if additional discussion is needed.

Director Vacio thanked SMG personnel for their recent outreach to Rancho San Diego Elementary.

6. Chief's Report

- Action Plan Recap from February 10, 2021 Board Meeting
 - Work Comp Analytics and Finance Committee PowerPoint sent to the full Board.
 - Chief Lawler is working with our Health and Safety Committee and Dr. Parker's Wellness Team to provide additional in-person training on cancer prevention, nutrition, and wellness strategies derived from identified trends from the past two years of Wellness exams.
- CFD Process
 - The initial property owner's attorney and San Miguel's attorney are now discussing the process. A joint staff meeting should follow in the next few weeks. Their construction is now delayed for 12-18 months so there is plenty of time to complete this process.
- 3 FFPM in our mini fire academy
 - Badge pinning March 26
- AMR ambulance coverage and performance
 - Contract compliance – 89.5% adjusted by Grossmont to 92.8%
 - Grossmont adjusted the 90% ambulance arrival in 12 minutes to 80%
 - This was due to COVID related staffing issues and significant offload delays out of AMR's control.
 - Additional unit hours
 - Currently assigned to SMG
 - Two 24-hour paramedic ambulances (Station 14 & 15)
 - One 12-hour paramedic ambulance (Station 22)
 - Additional Units as of April 9, 2021
 - Station 22 changed from a 12-hour unit to 24-hour coverage.
 - One 24-hour paramedic ambulance (Station 16)
- Significant Incidents
 - Feb 10 – SFD Structure Fire on Central Ave
 - Rescue Traffic Accident – Sweetwater/Jamacha 6 critical pts and one fatality
 - Vehicle fire w/ structure involvement – Javelin Way
 - Garage fire – Eileen St – Heavy damage

7. Association of San Miguel Firefighters Communications

Captain Jack Grogger thanked the District and Board for their continued support throughout the COVID pandemic. Local 1434 was approached by the local YMCA for campaign and fundraising support. The Local attended a fundraiser for a Vista firefighter with terminal cancer and were

able to contribute \$1,000 to the GoFundMe. Grogger also thanked the Negotiations committee for working with the Local.

8. Association of San Miguel Chief Officers Communications
Battalion Chief Rich Durrell shared that he and Battalion Chief Fuller are instructing a transitional fire attack training for the Zone, while Battalion Chief Fuller and Captain Nava are working on the County Wildland Drill.

Director Ek attending a Training Officer's meeting and stated there was positive feedback from the group regarding the transitional attack class.

9. Correspondence
None

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

10. COVID-19 Update.
- COVID 19 Vaccinations
 - 72% of personnel vaccinated
 - Non-Personnel Expense
 - \$18,504 this FY (No change)
 - Personnel Expense
 - \$215,112 this FY (\$78,112 increase since last Board Meeting)
 - \$125,785 Reimbursable from Operation Collaboration
 - SMG re-opening
 - Mask and social distance guidance changing this week

President McKenna adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 6:27 pm.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

15. Closed Session – Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9
Number of Cases: 1
11. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6)
Agency Negotiators: Attorney Joseph Sanchez
Directors Ek, McKenna, and Robles
Employee Organization: *Association of San Miguel Firefighters IAFF Local 1434*
Captains, Engineers, Firefighter Paramedics
12. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6)
Agency Negotiators: Fire Chief Brainard
Directors Ek, McKenna, and Robles
Employee Organization: *Unrepresented Executive Chiefs and Executive Staff*
Division Chief(s) and Administrative Officer/Finance Officer
13. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6)
Agency Negotiators: Fire Chief Brainard
Directors Ek, McKenna, and Robles

Employee Organization: *Unrepresented Fire Prevention Management Staff*
Deputy Fire Marshal

14. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6)

Agency Negotiators: Fire Chief Brainard
Directors Ek, McKenna, and Robles
Employee Organization: *Unrepresented Staff Employees*
Administrative Analyst, Accounting Specialist,
Administrative Assistant, Fire Inspector(s), Logistics
Officer

Director Vacio left the meeting at 7:17 pm.

President McKenna reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 7:40 pm with no action taken.

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

15. Terms of Employment – The Board of Directors will discuss and may take action on ratifying the Terms of Employment for the following group: Unrepresented Executive Chiefs and Executive Staff for the term of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

Upon a motion by Director Robles, second by Director Ek, and vote (Ek, McKenna, Nelson, Pomeranz, Raddatz and Robles in favor, Director Vacio absent), the Terms of Employment for Unrepresented Executive Chiefs and Executive Staff was approved.

16. Terms of Employment – The Board of Directors will discuss and may take action on ratifying the Terms of Employment for the following group: Unrepresented Fire Prevention Management Staff for the term of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

Upon a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director Robles, and vote (Ek, McKenna, Nelson, Pomeranz, Raddatz and Robles in favor, Director Vacio absent), the Terms of Employment for Unrepresented Fire Prevention Management Staff was approved.

17. Terms of Employment – The Board of Directors will discuss and may take action on ratifying the Terms of Employment for the following group: Unrepresented Employees for the term of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

Upon a motion by Director Robles, second by Director Ek, and vote (Ek, McKenna, Nelson, Pomeranz, Raddatz and Robles in favor, Director Vacio absent), the Terms of Employment for Unrepresented Employees was approved.

ACTION PLAN RECAP

- CSA 69: Fire Chief Brainard to look into what other CSAs (CSA 17) are dealing with related to collections and if they having issues with County EMS.
- CFDs: Add a process with the County of San Diego to help facilitate CFDs within the District - Deputy Fire Marshal & BB&K will look into this.

The next Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 5:30 pm, via Zoom.

President McKenna adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Prepared and Submitted by:
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