A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VACAVILLE FIRE PROTECTION

 DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY

CHAIRMAN CALVERT ON NOVEMBER 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm

AT DISTRICT STATION #64

Present: Chairman Calvert, Directors: Gildert, Neal and Riddle

Participating Staff

Present: Chief Dave Kuntz, Assistant Chief Rick Kuntz, BC Jason Keune, Firefighters Justin Harrison, Joseph Aguayo, Logan Walstrum, Ty Smith, Daniel August, Gabriel August and Office Manager Shilo Moore

Absent: Directors: Bruno

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Calvert at 7:00 P.M. The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Calvert.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Calvert, Neal, Gildert and Riddle unanimously approved the agenda as posted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no public comments. The board approved the meeting minutes from the previous meeting on August 20, 2024. **Approved.**

**FIRE CHIEF’S VERBAL REPORT**

Chief Kuntz reported that the Solano County OES reimbursements for the Seasonal Firefighters program are being processed. Two claims have been submitted; we are just waiting for paperwork to be processed. Burn season was opened on November 11, 2024, as CAL-FIRE opened their permits early. Burn permits can now be updated as a map layer, into Active911 so that we can see while enroute if anyone near the dispatched address has a current permit. It will also give us their name and phone number. The electronic scheduling feature in the ESO program is proving to be beneficial not just for staff, but also to the community for response times. All staff have access to the program so they can see the schedules, pick up a shift, and/or swap shifts with other staff.

Staff updates included 2 of the seasonal firefighters will be joining the academy. The prevention Captain resigned as of November 30, 2024. We have a new vendor taking on the inspections and has been working out well so far. The district website is being updated so that staff will have access to login to watch training videos soon. Paid staff are in the process of creating videos. There are forms they will also have to fill out to complete the training. We were also approved for a grant but that will be presented by BC Keune in the Operations Chief updates. Chief Kuntz was able to attend the Solano County Fire Safe Council and was able to meet everyone.

BC Keune reported that the district was able to apply and approved for a grant from OTS (Office of Traffic Safety) to purchase new extrication equipment and combi-tool. The award of this grant has requirements such as public displays showing how the equipment is used. The seasonal firefighter staff will be coming to an end soon. Ty Smith will be here longer as he started later than the others. Joseph Aguayo and Logan Walstrum will be here through mid-December. We had one other seasonal firefighter Tyler Church who left us as he was offered employment with an Ambulance company. Daniel August is a volunteer but is here often just to help. Gabriel August and Justin Harrison have helped with getting Station 64 offices back together after the new flooring. Ben Cozens has been helping and bringing his personal equipment to help with the painting/sanding. The office upgrades have included painting, cleaning, plumbing, and electrical.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

There were no comments from the public. Chief Kuntz reported that the OES reimbursements have been processed and sent to county. They are behind so processing the claims will take a little longer to receive payment.

The overnight program is going well. This has proven to be very valuable to the district and especially to the community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board member Riddle moved to have the Review & Consent to approve the bills for August, September, and October. This motion was seconded by Neal and unanimously approved by the board. **Approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board members Riddle and Neal thanked the Volunteers for their service.

**ADJOURN**

This meeting of the Vacaville Fire Protection District Board of Directors adjourned at 7:30 P.M. The next regular meeting will be January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.