



**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2021**

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 4:03 p.m. on February 11, 2021. Directors present Joe Camara, Laura Catrina, Mickey Schilber and Terry Pinheiro. Director absent was Mark Paulsen. Others present, Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Moe Silva and Firefighter Engineer Cassidy Bohannon. Public in attendance was Steve Reichmuth.

Minutes for the meeting on January 14, 2021 were approved on a motion by Director Catrina and a second by Director Schilber.
4-AYES and 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

January bills in the amount of \$42,777.32.01 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Pinheiro.
4-AYES and 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Fair Political Practices Commission Ethics Training Information

OLD BUSINESS:

B. Bathroom Remodel / Addition

- Last bids were more than expected.
- Tabled - Pending additional bids

C. Mutual Aid (Water Tender)

- Portal to Portal is up and in place
- Public comment – Steve Reichmuth
 - Who is liable for the Water Tender?
 - State Liability
 - How are salaries paid?
 - State Liability
 - Who is liable for any incidents our Firefighters may be a part of?
 - State Liability
- Appoint Battalion Chief Silva to get Water Tender 1-2 a full inspection to determine what repairs need to be made.

- Tabled – Willing to participate if the opportunity arises.

D. Station Tower Incident

- Pending Insurance Adjuster
- Pending Damage to Staff Vehicles
- A temporary replacement tower has been installed
- Ayera is assuming all liability
- Forward incident reports to Attorney
- Review contract of the tower
- No final tally on total damage
- Tabled – Pending Attorney Review

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Form 700

- Forms are due by April 1, 2021
- New Directors have a 30-day window from the day they take office to turn in forms
- Completed and Signed forms will be collected at next Board Meeting.

B. Chief's Report – February 2021

- Status of Fire Department
 - 76 calls for the month and 83 for 2021.
- Fire Prevention
 - Received two variance requests for existing projects. One is a temporary security fence on the existing Roosevelt project, the second on the building expansion on Ullrey. Paddock Mobile Manor is under new ownership.
- Apparatus and Equipment
 - The 2021 Ford Expedition was received by Tom Hillier Ford and it has been transferred to Emergency Vehicle Outfitters (EVO) in Elk Grove for emergency equipment installation and lettering.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - We are working with Cromwell & Ney, VFIS and Gladfetter Insurance on claims from the radio tower.
- San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association
 - Meeting 2-3-21, general business (via Web-Ex).
- San Joaquin County Radio Users Group
 - Meeting 1-20-21, general business.
- Miscellaneous
 - We have submitted for the current Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for portable radios. We have also joined the regional SCBA grant hosted by Lathrop-Manteca Fire District.

- We will be receiving \$7,709.65 from San Joaquin County to offset expenses for COVID-19. Thanks to Supervisor Chuck Winn and Chief of Staff Denis Warmerdam for their assistance.
- We currently have eight Reserve / Volunteer Firefighters in the beginning stages of background investigations.

C. Public Comment

- a. No public comment.

D. Closed Session

- a. No closed session.

DATED: 3-11-21

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST: 