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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
JUNE 2023

I. CLOSED SESSION 3:30 P.M.

A. Board Orientation

II. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 4:04 p.m. on June 8, 2023.

III. SWEAR IN NEW DIRECTOR, STEVEN GREGG

IV. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Joe Camara, Jason Koops, Mickey Schilber, Zach Hogan, and Steven Gregg.

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, and Battalion Chief Dan Morriss.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

VI. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on May 11, 2023, were approved on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan. Director Schilber abstained.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VII. BILLS

May bills in the amount of \$53,527.34 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No Communications.

IX. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - June 2023

A. Status of Fire Department

a. 109 calls for the month and 493 for 2023.

B. Training

a. May Drills

5-2-2023	Hose Testing	(12 participants)
5-10-2023	EMS Equipment Review	(9 participants)
5-18-2023	New SCBA Training	(11 participants)
5-27-2023	Wildland Training	(7 participants)

Out of the 5 reserves we hired we have 3 remaining. Their orientation has been completed and they are able to work shifts.

We have 6 new reserves that have been offered positions and are going through the background and medical exams. We are looking forward to getting them on board.

The new 24-hour program is completed as we have transitioned to the seasonal shifts. The program worked out well and we did have an increase in covered hours.

New uniform shirts have been ordered and we were able to keep the vendor local.

Reserve Firefighters Kaden Christensen and Nathan Rodriguez headed up Fill the Boot this year and they did a great job.

C. Prevention

Weed Abatement: Several letters have been sent out requesting compliance. Most property owners have taken the initiative to keep the weeds cut without the prompting of the fire department.

Mercantile Inspections: Inspections are underway. Businesses have been receptive to inspections with minimal infractions.

Fire Prevention: The fire department will be making a presence at the remaining Farmers Market to spread information about the fire department and fire safety. We feel this is a great way to reach out to the community and show them what we have to offer. We hope to see you out there.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- The new SCBA's have arrived and are in service.
- The Bauer Compressor shipped from the factory with an in-service date sometime at the end of June.
- R 1-1 went to Hi-Tech for a PTO problem and was repaired.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- The new bathroom and the remodel are complete.
- Service work for Station 2 roll-up doors was done by Modesto Overhead Door.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- a. Meeting 6-7-23, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 5-17-23, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- Fill-the-Boot for Burns was held on May 20 and 21. The annual event raised \$26,549.75 for the Firefighters Burn Institute, which stands as our record with FFBI.
- The county has completed the RFP for the mobile radios, which will be provided via ARPA funding. A purchase order has been issued with a delivery date to follow.
- Starbuck's is hosting "coffee with a cop and firefighter" on Friday, June 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- The portable radios awarded via the Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) hosted by Linden-Peters should be delivered within thirty days.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Preliminary Budget 2023 – 2024

- a. Approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Hogan.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

B. Approval of Resolution 23-3 Adopting Prop 4 Expenditure Limitations for 2023-2024 fiscal year.

- a. Approved on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Gregg.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

C. Approval of Resolution 23-4 setting the Special Assessment Tax Rates.

- a. Approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

XII. ACCOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. located at 1531 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on July 13, 2023.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

A. No additional closed session.

XIV. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

A. No reportable action taken during the closing session.

XVI. ADJOURN

XVII. CERTIFICATION

Date: July 13, 2023

  
By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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