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**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
JANUARY 2022**

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 4:01 p.m. on January 13, 2022. Directors present Joe Camara, Laura Catrina, Mickey Schilber, Terry Pinheiro, and Mark Paulsen. Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Moe Silva, and Firefighter Engineer Cassidy Bohannon.

Minutes for the meeting on November 4, 2021, were approved on a motion by Director Catrina and a second by Director Pinheiro.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

November bills in the amount of \$55,095.62 and December bills in the amount of \$39,244.55 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Paulsen.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. 2021 Toy Drive – Director Catrina

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Election of Officers for 2022
- Chairperson Laura Catrina – motion by Director Paulsen and a second by Director Pinheiro.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT
 - Vice Chairperson Terry Pinheiro – motion by Director Paulsen and a second by Director Schilber.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT
 - Secretary Mickey Schilber – motion by Director Pinheiro and a second by Director Catrina.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

B. COVID-19 Fiscal Relief for Special District Report

- a. Escalon Consolidated was allocated \$651,404.00.
- b. Awaiting further clarification from CSDA, State Budget Office and CPA.

C. Chief's Report – December 2021

- Status of Fire Department
 - 115 calls for the month and 1093 for 2021.
- Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program
 - November Drills
 - 11-2-2021 Forcible Entry/Fire Attack (7 participants)
 - 11-10-2021 Firefighter Survival (9 Participants)
 - 11-18-2021 Ambulance Orientation (7 Participants)
 - We have offered positions to six candidates for the reserve/volunteer positions. They are currently going through background investigations and will be following up with medical evaluations. We are hoping to have them on board before the end of the year and begin their training. The first of the year.
 - We are looking at hosting the Fire Investigation series if there is enough interest. We have an excellent instructor lined up if we have enough interest.
- Prevention
 - November saw the completion of the "Smoke Detector Battery Replacement Program". Social media postings and newspaper articles failed to draw in new residents. The number of recipients is shrinking, and we will look for new ways to get the word out.
 - Project approvals: New solar carport for Hogan MFG. on the First Street parking lot. Two new childcare locations. 400 block of First St. and 1500 block of Catherine. Two driveway approvals in the county area. One new business "Poppy" on Main St.
- Apparatus and Equipment
 - Replaced batteries on E 1-2.
 - Replaced officer seat on E 1-1.
 - Annual service was performed on the Bauer Compressor.
 - Rebuilt Blitz Fire monitor.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - We are working with Ayera to secure Wi-Fi and cameras at Station 2. Ayera is doing the project at no cost to the District.
- San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association
 - Meeting 12-1-21, meeting cancelled.
- San Joaquin County Radio Users Group
 - Meeting 11-17-21, meeting cancelled.

- Miscellaneous
 - The annual toy drive is underway. Toys will be distributed on December 22nd.
 - We will be receiving 10 mobile radios (for all apparatus) via the homeland security grant. There are no matching funds associated with this grant. The only cost to us will be for installation.

Chief's Report – January 2022

- Status of Fire Department
 - 111 calls for the month and 1204 for 2021.
- Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program
 - December Drills
 - 12-7-2021 Vent Fan and Portable Light Review (7 participants)
 - 12-16-2021 Annual dinner and meeting (11 Participants)
 - We offered positions to six of the candidates that interviewed for the Reserve/Volunteer positions. Four of the candidates have completed their background and medical evaluations. One has yet to complete his medical evaluation and one has failed to contact us or Occu-med. We have decided to rescind his employment offer.
 - We had a lot of interest in the Fire Investigation classes and are in the process of setting dates for the Investigation series.
- Prevention
 - December was a slow month for Fire prevention. A few items that are moving forward. A new Senior Housing complex is moving forward. It will occupy the lot on Irwin between California and Hwy 120. It will be 12 buildings with 48 units. Hogan MTG. is moving forward with a solar carport on its First Street parking lot. Fox and Main Salon inspection for new ownership was completed. I'll Say Anything was also inspected for new ownership.
- Apparatus and Equipment
 - Middle-Front apparatus bay door springs were replaced by Modesto Overhead Door.
 - Brush 1- 1 right rear wheel was repaired and put back in service.
 - Right rear window motor on E 1-1 removed and replaced in-house.
 - Repair front bay light at Station 2.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - Nothing to report.
- San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association
 - Meeting 1-5-22, general business (virtual, unable to attend due to technical issues).
- San Joaquin County Radio Users Group
 - Meeting 12-16-21, general business and dispatcher appreciation lunch.

- Miscellaneous

- The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) was submitted in December. The grant request, for SCBA's totals \$262,110.44. Our match if rewarded would be \$13,105.52. We are also part of a regional grant for portable radios hosted by Linden-Peters. If awarded, our share would be \$17,157.63.
- 43 families with 125 children receive gifts from the annual toy drive. The drive thru distribution was held on December 22nd.
- There were 188 trees picked up during the annual Christmas Tree pickup held January 8.

D. Public Comment

A. No public comment.

E. Closed Session

A. Update on Internal Investigation Director Pinheiro and Director Paulsen

DATED:

2/10/22

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

