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

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 4:02 p.m. on August 12, 2021. Directors present Joe Camara, Laura Catrina, Mickey Schilber, and Mark Paulsen. Director Terry Pinheiro attended via teleconference. Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, Volunteer Firefighter Kaden Christensen and Reserve Firefighter Joshua Stubbert.

Minutes for the meeting on July 8, 2021 were approved on a motion by Director Catrina and a second by Director Paulsen.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

July bills in the amount of \$97,417.39 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Catrina.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Radio Tower Survey – Director Paulsen
a. No information was presented.
b. Tabled until next meeting.
- B. Review Radio Programming – Director Pinheiro
a. Battalion Chief Pelot
i. See Chief's Report under Radio Program Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Long term and short-term strategic plan – Director Paulsen
a. Chief Mello will collect more information – Tabled
- B. San Joaquin County Grand Jury 2021 Independent Special Districts:
Transparency “Not Found”
a. Respond by October 2021

C. Chief's Report – July 2021

- Status of Fire Department
 - 110 calls for the month and 659 for 2021.

- Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program
 - July Drills
 - 7-6-2021 Basic Pump Ops/Drafting Ops (10 Participants)
 - 7-14-2021 LUCAS Device in service training (11 Participants)
 - 7-22-2021 Fire Department Relations (14 Participants)

 - July had some special needs training so Target Solutions focus was on any make up training and LUCAS Device training.

 - We have several applications for Reserve/Volunteer that we will be reviewing and scheduling interviews in late August or early September.

RADIO PROGRAM UPDATE

Programming – We have all the software and hardware for programming all the radios now. Stanislaus County has made their switch to their dispatch and all of our portable radios have programmed and are working correctly.

Equipment – I have gone through all of our portable radios and replaced all the broken antennas. I repaired the screens on two of our portable radios by using parts from two of the damaged radios we received from Ceres. I am currently going through the radios that we received from Ceres and Salida and will program the ones in the best condition.

Accountability – I have issued the Engineers radios and have created a system for Reserves/Volunteers to checkout radios while they are working and maintaining accountability.

Submitted by Battalion Chief Pelot

- **Prevention**
 - Business License approvals: We saw 6 businesses seeking final inspections for the month of July. 3 new businesses at the Lumberyard Business Park, Los Originals Barbershop on First Street, Glass Installation on St. Clair, and a Pilates Studio on Main St.

 - One request for a variance on expansion project, the department will allow for an expansion without a full sprinkler retrofit granted the owner install and 1 hour fire door and a monitored heat and smoke detection service. The problematic property on Valley Crest has been mitigated by the County Fire Wardens office.

- The name change for 2505 Jackson Street is official. Paddock MHP is now Almond Grove Manufactured Housing Community.
- Apparatus and Equipment
 - E 1-1 went to Burn's Truck and Trailer for A/C Compressor Repair, radiator and oil leak repairs.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - Nothing to report.
- San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association
 - Meeting 8-4-21, general business.
- San Joaquin County Radio Users Group
 - Meeting 7-21-21, general business.
- Miscellaneous
 - Escalon Fire Personnel participated in National Night Out festivities on Tuesday, August 3rd.
 - We are in the planning stages for our annual 9-11 Community Moment of Silence and Prayer to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the 9-11 attacks.
 - We are in the process of transitioning to a new IT company. We have notified Mid Valley IT we are terminating our service contract and will be working with Auriga Technology. Auriga has an office on Main Street in Escalon.

D. Public Comment

- a. No public comment.

E. Closed Session

- a. Follow up from Drill attended by Director Catrina and Director Pinheiro -
Director Catrina

DATED: 9-9-21

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST: 