

Escalon Consolidated Fire
Protection District

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

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Laura Catrina at 4:01 p.m. on February 10, 2022.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present Laura Catrina, Terry Pinheiro, Mickey Schilber, Joe Camara and Mark Paulsen.

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Battalion Chief Dan Morriss, Battalion Chief Moe Silva, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, and Firefighter Engineer David Velasco.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on January 13, 2021, were approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Pinheiro.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

V. BILLS

January bills in the amount of \$45,567.18 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Paulsen and a second by Director Schilber.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATION

A. Board Handbook Handout

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2022

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 104 calls for the month and 104 for 2022.

B. Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program

a. January Drills

- 1-4-2022 Thermal Imager/4 Gas Monitor (15 participants)
- 1-12-2022 Cross Lays Review (11 Participants)
- 1-20-2022 Ladder Review/Turnout drills (10 Participants)

- b. We have 4 new reserve/volunteers with a start date of February 1, 2022. We have begun their probationary training and will be put online as soon as it is finished.
- c. We have the instructor and dates set for the investigation series and will be sending out a flyer to neighboring departments in March.

C. Prevention

- a. Monthly report: There has been limited activity regarding Fire Prevention. No new businesses for the month and one proposal for a new housing subdivision. "Murphy Ranch" by Florsheim Homes has submitted a sketch for a new subdivision location adjacent to Brennan and Hwy 120. The plan calls for 75 single family structures.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- a. Bay door in front of Brush 1-1, sensors were repaired by Modesto Overhead Door.
- b. Left rear window on E 1-1 repaired in-house.
- c. Rebuilt left side water intake valve on E 1-1 in-house.
- d. Removed and replaced all exterior lights at Station 2.
- e. Sized EFD personnel for wildland gear.
- f. BC pickup was serviced, and recalls were completed by Tom Hillier Ford.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- a. Wi-fi installed at Station 2 by Ayera. Camera system is in progress.
- b. Flooring work in downstairs office area of Station 1 is in progress.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- a. Meeting 2-2-22, general business (virtual).

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 1-19-22, general business (unable to attend).

H. Miscellaneous

- a. On January 23, 2022, at 2:06 a.m. Escalon Fire responded to a fully involved structure fire in the 22000 block of Sexton Road. The fire involved a fatality. Ripon Fire responded automatic aid. San Joaquin County Sheriff, San Joaquin County Medical Examiners Office and the Fire Investigation Unit assisted.
- b. On February 2, 2022, at 12:44 p.m. Escalon Fire responded to a structure fire in the area of River Road and Santa Fe. The structure was a barn which was fully involved and a total loss. Stanislaus Consolidated, Ripon, Farmington, Salida and Colledgeville assisted.
- c. Escalon Fire personnel attended the funeral service for Stockton Captain Max Fortuna. The services were held at Banner Island Ballpark on Tuesday, February 8.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. No old business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on new Policies & Procedures

- a. Pending legal review
- b. Have something for the Board to review at the March Board Meeting.

A. Discuss recent structure fire

- a. See VII. Fire Chief's Report - H. Miscellaneous

B. NFIRS Reporting

- a. Fire Chief Mello clarified that the District had been reporting to NFIRS since approximately 2004.

X. ACCOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. located at 1531 1st Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on March 10, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Update on Internal Investigation

Presented by: Terry Pinheiro, Director
Requested Action / Purpose:
Attachments:

B. End resolution of last month's closed session meeting

Presented by: Joe Camara, Director

Requested Action / Purpose:
Attachments:

- XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION
- XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION
 - A. No reportable action taken during closed session.
- XIV. ADJOURN
- XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: March 10th, 2022


~~By: Laura Catrina, Board Chairperson~~

BY: TERRY PINTHEIRO, VICE CHAIRPERSON

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