

Escalon Consolidated Fire
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**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2021**

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 November 4, 2021. Directors present Joe Camara, Laura Catrina, Mickey Schilber, and Director Terry Pinheiro. Directors absent was Mark Paulsen. 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 Nathan Rodriguez. Public Present: Mike Luis and Jeff Grass.

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

October bills in the amount of \$56,885.60 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Pinheiro.
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COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Henderson Hatfield Letter
 - a. Notify District of the Law Firm name change and the endeavors of Thomas Terpstra.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Update on surplus Ford Expedition
 - a. No interests at this time
- B. Chief's Report – November 2021
 - Status of Fire Department
 - 120 calls for the month and 978 for 2021.
 - C-Shift Monthly Report – Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program

- September Drills
 - 9-7-2021 Wildland Fire Attack (8 Participants)
 - 9-15-2021 EMT Skills (11 Participants)
 - 9-23-2021 Rescue Equipment Review (11 Participants)
- October Drills
 - 10-5-2021 SCBA/Hose Lay Deployment (9 Participants)
 - 10-13-2021 Forcible Entry (8 Participants)
 - 10-21-2021 Salvage and Overhaul (7 Participants)

We reviewed 12 applications and set up interviews. A panel consisting of Firefighter Engineer Burr, a Reserve Firefighter and a Volunteer Firefighter interviewed 11 potential candidates and made recommendations. At this time, we have 5 open positions. The next step will be the background investigations. We are hoping to begin their training before the end of the year.

- Prevention
 - October marked Fire Prevention Month. We visited both Dent and Van Allen Elementary. Presentations were given to approximately 1000 students along with the Fire Prevention and Public Education material. Students were allowed to tour the fire engine and have contact with the Firefighters for the first time since 2019. October also started our smoke detector battery replacement. Site safety plans for every school within the Escalon school district have been approved. One new business has opened, Poppy, which is owned by Jamie Butler owner of Butler's pantry. This business is in the cooperative with Escalon High School's ROP program. Students have helped to design the business, select the merchandise that will be sold and learn how to operate a business. Inspections are ongoing, with 37 inspections being completed in the month of October.
- Apparatus and Equipment
 - Serviced all chain saws in house.
 - Removed and replaced broken mirror on E 1-1 in house.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - There was an attempted break-in at Station 2 in October. The responsible(s) cut through the rear fence but were deterred by the alarm system.
- San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association
 - Meeting 11-3-21, general business (virtual).
- San Joaquin County Radio Users Group
 - Meeting 10-20-21, general business.
- Miscellaneous
 - Escalon Fire personnel participated in the "Fall Festival" at Heritage Church on Wednesday, October 27.

- We will be kicking off the annual toy drive soon.

C. Public Comment

A. A member of the public, Mike Lewis, addressed the Board for the purpose of stating a complaint against an Employee of the District. The Board listened to Mr. Lewis' statements. No action was taken.

D. Closed Session

A. No closed session.

DATED: 1-13-22

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST: 
