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

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 4:05 p.m. on March 11, 2021. Directors present Joe Camara, Laura Catrina, Mickey Schilber, Mark Paulsen and Terry Pinheiro. Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Firefighter David Velasco and Volunteer Firefighter David Escove-Eaton.

Minutes for the meeting on February 11, 2021 were approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Catrina.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

February bills in the amount of \$64,442.79 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Pinheiro.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Update on Tower Insurance, lease / rental agreement and legal information discovered by the District's council. – Director Pinheiro**
  - a. Director Paulsen will bring a proposal for an Engineering review report to next meeting. Approved on a motion by Director Catrina and a second by Director Schilber. 5-Ayes 0-Nayes 0-Absent
  - b. Define Temporary Tower versus Permanent Tower request.
  - c. Fire Chief Rick Mello will contact Matt from Ayera.
- B. **Update on radio programming – Director Pinheiro**
  - a. Programming – We have all the software and the cable to program the XTS radios. We still need to get the programming cables to program the mobile radios and the APX radios. Chief Green and I have built a new code plug that is built to the P25 standard the Stanislaus County will be implementing soon. I am in the process of building a code plug to update our code plug to remove channels that no longer work. We are ready as we can be for the future changes with Stanislaus County and will have an update to our current radios soon. – Battalion Chief Pelot
  - b. Equipment – We received generous donations from both Salida Fire and Ceres Fire of their old XTS radios and equipment. – Battalion Chief Pelot
  - c. Battalion Chief Pelot is building a new plug to incorporate Stanislaus P25 channels.

- C. Bathroom Remodel Addition  
a. Hoping to have bids by April.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Request board packets be sent to board members for review prior to the meeting. – Director Pinheiro  
a. Administrative Assistant will have the bills emailed to the Board Members before the Board Meeting date.
- B. Chief's Report – March 2021
- Status of Fire Department
    - 81 calls for the month and 157 for 2021.
  - Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program
    - January Drills
      - 1-5-2021 Structure Attack (7 Participants)
      - 1-13-2021 Structure Attack (10 Participants)
      - 1-21-2021 Cross Lay Review – Load and Deploy (8 Participants)
    - February Drills
      - 2-2-2021 Radio and MDT Review (11 Participants)
      - 2-10-2021 Water Supply (8 Participants)
      - 2-18-2021 Station #2 Maintenance – Clean Station (7 Participants)
    - Conversation among the Admin. Staff is that we need to return to the basics in training. The 2021 Training calendar will focus on mainly on working on the core disciplines of firefighting. We currently have 8 new people going through backgrounds and physicals. Since COVID had cancelled most of the Fire Academies 7 of the people going through the process have little or no experience in the Fire Service. We will be putting on an in-house Academy for these people. – Battalion Chief Pelot
  - Operations and Maintenance
    - Chief's new Expedition arrived and is currently at EVO for lights, sirens, and lettering. With a completion date set for mid-March.
    - Sent Engineer Bohannon on a drivability test for both Water Tenders. We determined that Water Tender 1-2 drives best. We will be moving forward in having all necessary repairs completed prior to the up-coming fire season.
    - Replaced headlights on Water Tender 1-1 and Engine 1-4 to LED lighting. – Battalion Chief Silva
  - Buildings and Grounds
    - We are attempting to gather additional bids for the bathroom addition/remodel project.
  - San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association
    - Meeting 3-3-21, general business (via Web-Ex).

- San Joaquin County Radio Users Group
  - Meeting 2-17-21, general business.
  
- Miscellaneous
  - We currently have eight Reserve/Volunteer Firefighters in the medical examination process.

C. Public Comment

- a. No public comment.

D. Closed Session

- a. No closed session.

DATED: 4/8/21

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST: Paula Cabrera