

## MINUTES

**FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020  
CITY OF GROVER BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
154 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET  
GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Member Lee called the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Chief Lieberman led the Flag Salute.

### **ROLL CALL:**

FCFA Board: Board Member Karen White, Board Member Keith Storton and Board Member Jeff Lee.

FCFA Staff Present: Fire Chief Stephen Lieberman and Clerk to the Board Tricia Meyers.

### **ROTATION OF OFFICERS**

The yearly rotation of officers took place. Karen White is the Board Chair, Board Member Keith Storton moved to Vice Chair, and Jeff Lee is in the position of Board Member.

### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

**Action:** Vice Chair Storton moved, Board Member Lee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the Five Cities Fire Authority's Agenda by a voice vote.

**AYES:** Storton, Lee, White  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **Consideration of Approval of Minutes (MEYERS)**

**Action:** Approved the minutes of the Board Meeting on November 15, 2019 with a voice vote.

**AYES:** Storton, Lee, White  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:**

David Ekbohm, Grover Beach, stated that he has requested four years of Five Cities Fire Authority budgets, however he has not received that information after four days. He would like to review staff salaries, requirements for all positions and retirement packages. He also stated that he has a meeting today with Chief Lieberman and will be given the requested information at that time. Chief Lieberman explained that Five Cities Fire Authority has ten days to respond to a records request. He will be meeting with Mr. Ekbohm today to deliver the records. Captain Tom Hughey, Five Cities Fire Authority, thanked Administrative Staff for their hard work.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Activity.**

**Action:** Received and filed the listing of cash disbursements for the period of December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

**2. Consideration of Audited Financial Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019.**

**Action:** Received and filed the audited financial reports.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Consideration of an Agreement and Resolution Approving Participation in the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program in Accordance with the United States Forest Service Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.** Chief Lieberman presented a staff report regarding the consideration of participating in the Federal Excess Personal Property Program. Chief Lieberman explained that Five Cities Fire Authority has not been successful in finding needed pick-up trucks through the Department of Defense/Defense Logistics Agency(DLA). These trucks would be for staff to use when responding to a single resource assignment. Chief Lieberman explained that there is no cost for the vehicle, however it may need to be painted or wrapped. The vehicles can be returned to the federal government if they are not being utilized by the department.

**Action:** Board Member Lee moved, and Vice Chair Storton seconded the motion to adopt a resolution to authorize Five Cities Fire Authority to participate in the Federal Excess Personal Property Program to obtain property.

**AYES:** Lee, Storton, White

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

Board Members welcomed new Board Member Jeff Lee. Board Member Lee stated that he is happy to serve on the Five Cities Fire Authority(FCFA) Board. Vice Chair Storton asked if FCFA would ever respond to calls in the newly opened Pismo Preserve hiking trail. Chief Lieberman stated that there is a remote possibility that we could be asked to respond as a mutual aid resource. Battalion Chief Salce also mentioned that FCFA has staff that are members of the county's technical rescue team and they could be called upon for emergency events throughout the county.

**GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:**

None.

**FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:**

- a. Chief Lieberman shared that Oceano Community Services District(OCSD) has a town hall meeting scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m. regarding Ballot Measure A-20.
- b. The response tracker has been updated for 2019, however there are a few outstanding reports that need to be completed. Call volume will slightly increase as the reports are completed.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Board Member Lee reported that the City of Grover Beach passed a Resolution in support of OCSD's Ballot Measure A-20. He also acknowledged that fire service continues to be in the top three of importance in the Grover Beach public outreach community survey. Vice Chair Storton stated that the City of Arroyo Grande is also in support of Measure A-20.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to a Closed Session at 10:38 a.m. concerning the following items:

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

Agency Negotiators: Che Johnson – Law Firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Nicole Valentine – Accounting Manager – Arroyo Grande  
Karla Mattocks – Human Resources Coordinator-Grover Beach  
Lisa Christensen – Human Resources Manager-Arroyo Grande

Represented Employees: International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4403

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

Chief Lieberman called the meeting back to order at 11:11 a.m. with no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair White adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Grover Beach Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

/s/ Karen White, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 02/21/2020)