

MINUTES

FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lee called the in-person Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 09:01 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Clerk to the Board, Tricia Meyers, led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

FCFA Staff Present: Fire Chief Stephen Lieberman, General Counsel Dave Hale and Clerk to the Board Tricia Meyers.

AGENDA REVIEW:

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

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

Mike LoPresti, member of Local 4403, provided public comment on the status of Five Cities Fire Authority in regards to Amendment 3 of the Joint Powers Authority Agreement. Mr. LoPresti stated that the community needs are increasing in regards to emergency medical response. Call volume is increasing and the union members are trying to do more with less. Mr. LoPresti also informed the Board of how many days the Oceano station has been closed due to lack of staffing. Union members asked the Board to make the fire department a priority to meet the needs of the communities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action: Board Member Storton moved, and Vice Chair White seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. No public comment was received. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

1. Consideration of Approval of Minutes.

Action: Approved minutes of the Board Meeting of April 15, 2022.

2. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Activity.

Action: Received and filed the listing of cash disbursements for the period of April 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration of a Resolution Declaring Weeds and Vegetation on Certain Properties to be Seasonal and Recurring Public Nuisances and Providing for Weed Abatement Consistent with Health and Safety Code Sections 14875, Et Seq.** Chief Lieberman presented the Board with a list of properties that were found in violation of the weed abatement health and safety code. Property owners will have an opportunity to protest their property being on the list at the Five Cities Fire Authority board meeting in June. No public comment was received.

Action: Board Member Storton moved, and Vice Chair White seconded the motion to approve a Resolution declaring weeds and vegetation on certain properties to be seasonal and recurring public nuisances and providing for weed abatement consistent with Health and Safety Code sections 14875, Et Seq. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

None.

FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:

- a. Chief Lieberman informed the Board that the call volume increased over the past weekend and CAL FIRE had to be called upon for mutual aid. The system was strained, as well as ambulance crews.
- b. Truck 6645 is back in service.
- c. The Type 3 Wildland engine has a delivery date of November 2022.
- d. A managers meeting will take place after the June election.
- e. San Luis Obispo County is moving forward with an RFP for ambulance services. This has not been done in over forty years.

GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Chair Lee thanked the firefighters for their service.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:14 a.m. concerning the following item:

- a. **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
Tashina Ureno – Human Resources Manager-Arroyo Grande

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

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION:

Chair Lee called the meeting back to order at 9:41 a.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

/s/ Jeff Lee, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 06/17/2022)