

## MINUTES

### FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Lee called the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 09:00 a.m.

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Battalion Chief Riki Heath, led the Flag Salute.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

FCFA Staff Present: Chief Stephen Lieberman, Battalion Chief Riki Heath and General Counsel Molly Thurmond.

#### **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:**

Shirley Gibson, Oceano, commented on the recent brush fire out in the Huasna area. She stated that crews working the fire felt the ground operations were very organized.

#### **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 June 17, 2022 and Special Board Meeting of June 30, 2022.

#### **2. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Activity.**

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

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

None.

**PROTEST HEARINGS:**

**a. Protest Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution Confirming Weed Abatement Cost Accounting Report Consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 14905 and 14906 ET SEQ.**

Chief Lieberman presented the staff report to the Board regarding the final step in the annual weed abatement process. A list of abated properties was presented, along with the cost to abate. Chief Lieberman reported that open lots in the Vista Del Mar area of Arroyo Grande were an issue this weed abatement season. Discussion ensued on possible ways to impose an agreement for new lots sold to ensure abatement of weeds occurs by property owner. No public comment or protest of charges was received.

**Action:** Board Member Storton moved, Vice Chair White seconded the motion, to close the public hearing and approved the Resolution, including weed abatement charges. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Storton, White, Lee

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Status Update – Oceano Measure A-22 & Wind Down Period.** Chief Lieberman presented the staff report and reported that 58% of the voters in Oceano did support the measure, but that was not enough for the measure to pass. The measure was unsuccessful. The wind down period of the Joint Powers Authority will begin after the votes have been certified. The wind down period will last through June 30, 2023. It will include negotiating a modified Joint Powers Authority, distributing assets, establishing financial obligations, and reconciling assets/liabilities. No public comment received.

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

None.

**FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:**

- a. Zero fireworks related calls were reported for the department on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- b. A COVID outbreak has happened at Station 1. Employees will follow guidelines prior to returning.
- c. A power failure took place at Station 1 in Arroyo Grande, which has now escalated the priority to replace the generator at Station 1.

**GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:**

None.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chair Lee reported that funds were approved to make necessary building improvements to Station 2 this fiscal year in Grover Beach.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:24 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

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

Chair Lee called the meeting back to order at 9:32 a.m. General Counsel Thurmond reported that there was a unanimous vote and the Board has directed Chief Lieberman to sign the MOU side letter with Local 4403.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

/s/ Jeff Lee, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 08/19/2022)