

## MINUTES

### FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

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

Chair Lee called the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 08:45 a.m.

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Chair Lee, 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, General Counsel Dave Hale and Clerk to the Board Tricia Meyers

#### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

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

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

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

None.

#### **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 August 19, 2022.

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

**Action:** Received and filed the listing of cash disbursements for the period of August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

**3. Consideration of Approval of an Amendment to the Fire Chief's Employment Agreement.**

**Action:** Approved Amendment No. 5 to the Fire Chief/Executive Officer's employment agreement.

**4. Consideration of a Resolution Declaring Obsolete Equipment as Surplus.**

**Action:** Approved a Resolution declaring obsolete equipment as surplus.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Consideration of Acceptance of Grant Award from the California Fire Foundation and Appropriate the Revenue into FY 2022-23 FCFA budget.** Captains Mark Searby and Joe Silva submitted a grant to help outfit the new Type III Wildland Engine with fire hose, nozzles and other small equipment items. The grant award was in the amount of \$13,500.00. No public comment was received.

**Action:** Board Member Storton moved, and Vice Chair White seconded the motion to accept and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$13,500.00 from the California Fire Foundation and approve a Resolution. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

Board Member Storton asked if there is an item that needs to come to this Board in the next 3 months to assist in decisions that need to be made for the future of Five Cities Fire Authority. Chief Lieberman expressed appreciation for the Board and he will be bringing more information to the October meeting.

**FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:**

- a. The new Type 3 Engine may arrive in December. Engine 6692 was repaired and is now back in service. Truck 6645 is awaiting parts to repair the generator.
- b. The alerting system at Station 1 is not working. It needs to be replaced, but there is a shortage of new units at this time. The current system will be repaired until a new unit can be purchased.
- c. As previously reported, Truck 5 needs to be replaced. The purchase of a new fire truck will be in the next fiscal year's budget proposal.
- d. The front apparatus bay doors will be replaced at Station 2 in Grover Beach. Sensors and timers will also be installed. The kitchen remodel is also moving forward.
- e. The emergency generator needs to be replaced at Station 1. Chief Lieberman worked with Cal OES to obtain a fifty percent match to purchase the equipment.
- f. Chief Lieberman has meetings every few weeks with the managers about the future needs of the department.
- g. Crews were successful in knocking down a fire on Grand Avenue in Arroyo Grande.
- h. A recruitment for Firefighter will begin in October. There are a lot of open positions throughout California.
- i. Chief Lieberman attended the Cal Chiefs conference. He also reported that Sonoma County successfully transitioned from a County Fire Department to a Fire District.
- j. The local ambulance contract is coming up for RFP.
- k. Captain Joe Silva is out as a single resource. No other employees are out on strike teams.

**GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:**

None.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

/s/ Jeff Lee, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 10/14/2022)