

MINUTES

FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

Due to the County of San Luis Obispo's Executive Order to shelter at home and Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Board and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference. Members of the public were invited to participate in the meeting by listening in and could comment electronically by submitting public comments to the Clerk to the Board at tmeyers@fivecitiesfire.org.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Chair Storton led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

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. Chair White requested the minutes be corrected to state that fireworks will be discussed at Oceano Community Services District's January meeting.

Action: Approved the amended minutes of the Board Meeting of November 20, 2020, with a voice vote.

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Activity.

Action: Received and filed the listing of cash disbursements for the period of November 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

None.

GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:

None.

FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:

- a. COVID-19 case counts are rapidly rising. The County Fire Chiefs are working on a PSA project, which asks community members to stay at home. They want to remind citizens to wear masks and continue social distancing.
- b. There have been three positive cases within the Five Cities Fire Authority(FCFA) staff. This resulted in a few employees having to quarantine. FCFA staff will be tested twice in the coming week.
- c. FCFA staff assisted the Arroyo Grande Police Department with a decontamination process due to a positive COVID-19 case within the police department.
- d. Chief Lieberman reported that the SLO County Public Health Department will be hosting a vaccination point of distribution clinic for the Tier 1 group. They have requested local fire departments provide available staff to assist with the clinic. This could lead to overtime costs.
- e. The yearly rotation of Board Member positions will take place at the January Board meeting.
- f. FCFA Board meetings may transition to Zoom meetings in the future.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Vice Chair Storton thanked the Chief and staff during these challenging times. He also mentioned that local officials have reached out to the state to request that the Central Coast be treated as their own region in regards to stay at home orders. Currently, the Central Coast has been grouped in with Southern California. Board Member Lee confirmed the City of Grover Beach supported the regional request as well.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to a Closed Session at 10:15 a.m. concerning the following items:

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Gov. Code Section 54957
Position: Fire Chief/Executive Officer
- b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Gov. Code Section 54957
Position: General Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

General Counsel Hale called the meeting back to order at 10:59 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair White adjourned the meeting at 10:59 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.

/s/ Keith Storton, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 01/15/2021)