

MINUTES

FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

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

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Varni led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

FCFA Board: Chair Charles Varni, Vice Chair Lan George and Board Member Daniel Rushing.

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

ROTATION OF OFFICERS

The yearly rotation of officers took place. Charles Varni is the Board Chair, Lan George is Vice Chair and Daniel Rushing is in the position of Board Member.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Chair Varni asked if there were any comments on the Agenda. Hearing none, the Agenda was approved as presented.

CLOSED SESSION:

General Counsel Hale announced the closed session items. The Board adjourned to a Closed Session at 9:04 a.m. concerning the following items:

- 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

- b. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to paragraph (1) subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Boyer v. Five Cities Fire Authority, Case No. 18CV-0438
- c. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9; (One potential case)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

General Counsel Hale called the meeting back to order at 9:58 a.m. with no reportable action.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

Jeff Lane, President of Local 4403, introduced himself to the Board members and updated the Board on current events in the department.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Chair George commented on Item 2. and Item 4.

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

AYES: George, Rushing, Varni
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

1. Consideration of Approval of Minutes.

Action: Approved minutes of the Board Meeting of November 18, 2022.

2. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Activity.

Action: Received and filed the listing of cash disbursements for the period of November 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, December 1 to December 31, 2022 and January 1 to January 31, 2023.

3. Consideration of Audited Financial Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022.

Action: Received and filed the audited financial reports for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.

4. Consideration of Acceptance of Donations and Appropriation of Funds for Type III Engine Outfitting.

Action: Approved a Resolution accepting a donation and appropriation of funds in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with the purchase of equipment needed to outfit the new Type III Wildland Engine.

5. Consideration to Declare a 2014 Dodge Command Vehicle Surplus.

Action: Approved a Resolution to declare a 2014 Dodge Command Vehicle as surplus and directed the Fire Chief to facilitate the sale of the vehicle.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration of Changing the Regularly Scheduled Time and Day of the Monthly Board Meeting.**
Chief Lieberman presented the staff report detailing the history of the Board meeting dates and times. Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding changing the date of the meetings. They agreed to change the Board meeting date and time to every fourth Wednesday at 9 a.m. No public comment was received.

Action: Board Member Rushing moved, and Vice Chair George seconded the motion to adopt a Resolution changing the day and time of the Five Cities Fire Authority Board meeting to every fourth Wednesday at 9 a.m. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rushing, George, Varni
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

None.

FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:

- a. Chief Lieberman invited the Board to observe Firefighters training during the academy.
- b. The Type 3 Wildland Engine will be delivered in a few months.
- c. Truck 6645 is out of service. The truck was only in service 44% of the time in 2022. Chief Lieberman informed the Board that it is time to order a replacement truck. It takes three years to build.
- d. The utility pick-up truck is still being outfitted, therefore the arrival date is unknown.
- e. FCFA budget preparation is underway, although it will be pending until the member agencies adopt their budgets.

GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Vice Chair George shared that she appreciated her time observing the Firefighters at their academy training session at the Hancock training facility. The remaining Board members introduced themselves and shared their backgrounds.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Varni adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

/s/ Charles Varni, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 03/22/2023)