

EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
625 COURT ST STE 204
WOODLAND, CA 95695-3490
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD January 17, 2019
Davis Fire Station 33, 425 Mace Boulevard, Davis, CA

PRESENT: Commissioners John Lindsey, Dave Robert, Michael McMahon, Bill Weisgerber

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Davis Fire Department Interim Chief Dennis Reilly, Deputy Yolo County Supervisor Richard Reed

Chair McMahon called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion by Weisgerber, seconded by Robert, to accept the minutes of the meeting held on October 18, 2018; approved unanimously.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Reed updated the Board on a recent fire-related fatality that occurred south of the District in No Man's Land. Reed said that there were multiple code violations and that the County was investigating the fire and will be acting to cite the landowner to make sure all the violations are corrected.

Reed then told the Board that there has been a great deal of discussion in the community regarding the construction on Mace Boulevard south of Cowell. Reed said that there might be some issues with the design and construction that would have to be addressed if they become significant. Chief Reilly then offered some thoughts on how fire equipment would be able to get through traffic given the new curbing.

Reed then informed the Board that the County is actively looking for a replacement Commissioner following the departure of Cheryl Ewing and asked the Board members to refer any potential candidates to the County website so that they can apply. There was some discussion on the traditional split makeup of the Board with members from El Macero and Willowbank but there is currently no preference on which neighborhood the new Board member should come from.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Reilly introduced himself to the Board and spoke about his past assignments and his current role at the Department. Chief Reilly said that the City is searching for a new Fire Chief and that they will start advertising for the position this month. Chief Reilly also told the Board that the City recently received a report from consultants that were hired to review current Department policy and procedures. The City accepted the report and has authorized further study to address concerns raised in the report including the dispatch issues that Chief Arbuthnott presented to the Board in the past.

Chief Reilly then told the Board that the Department has applied for a grant to help cover the cost of a ladder truck for the Department. The truck will cost around \$1.5M and the grant would cover roughly \$1M of that cost with the City providing the rest of the funding. Chief Reilly has recommended that the City also plan to cover the entire cost should the grant application fail as the ladder truck will be needed for tall structures such as the new hotel being built at 2nd Street and Mace Boulevard.

SPECIAL DISTRICT FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REPORT PREPARATION

Robert reported that he has completed all the required reporting with Mark Krummenacker's assistance and that the 2018 reporting has been closed out. The Board will need to begin the process again soon for 2019.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TECHNICAL GEAR FUNDING

The Board then revisited the Davis Fire Department request for approximately \$40,000.00 to fund the purchase of technical gear to be used by the Department. Chief Reilly explained to the Board that the two classes of items that the Department needs are equipment for conducting water rescues and lifting and bracing equipment for responding to incidents where the first responders need to lift a heavy vehicle or other item in order to attempt a rescue.

The Chief then explained that the potential for flooding near the Yolo Bypass as was seen in the last rainy season when County Road 32 was inundated is the main motivation for the water rescue equipment request. The Chief told the Board that the boat can also be used to ferry people out of flooded areas in urban settings as well as the more rural areas like the Bypass. The Chief said that the purchase of the water rescue gear can be broken into two phases with the initial phase being the flotation and rescue gear and then the final phase being the purchase of the boat and trailer. There is training that must happen before the boat could be used so this will allow the multiple phase purchases to let the training occur prior to the boat arriving.

The Chief then answered questions from the Board regarding the lifting gear and the expiration of the current gear that the Department has on hand. The Chief also offered that the request can easily be split into two pieces with the lifting gear being one piece and the water rescue gear being the other piece.

After some discussion and a review of available finances, Robert moved to fund the purchase of the water rescue gear for \$3,612.00, the Airbag and Master Control Kit for \$16,988.00, and the Highway Vehicle Strut Kit for \$5,751.00 for a total commitment of \$26,351.00. Weisgerber second the motion and all members voted in favor of the funding commitment. The Chief said that he will work on getting the orders ready and then will have the City invoice the Board once the gear has been purchased.

Once the water rescue training is completed, the Board agreed that it will consider funding the purchase of the boat and trailer for a further \$16,820.00.

PUTAH CREEK COUNTY PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Lindsey told the Board that he had worked with Ron Martinez from the County Counsel's office to determine whether providing funds for the property line survey would be allowable under the funding constraints of Proposition 218. Lindsey reported that Martinez did find that the Board could

not use Proposition 218 funds for this purpose but that the Board could use property tax generated funds to assist with the cost of the survey as the survey would have a beneficial result for the District by transferring responsibility for future brush clearance to the City of Davis. Reed told the Board that any commitment of funding would help to move the project along even if it was not for the full amount as it would allow the County to fund a smaller amount from their budget. There was discussion of why the survey is very important in order to prevent another round of negotiations in five years when the Creek needs to be cleaned out again. Weisgerber pointed out that the Board in the past had allotted a \$25,000.00 reserve amount for the cleaning project that ended up being paid for by the County and the City. Therefore, Weisgerber explained that \$25,000.00 is still dedicated to the Creek project but was never used so a similar amount could be applied to the survey without a significant budget impact. The Board then discussed the process for the transfer of the property and that any transfer to the City would have to include a binding agreement by the City to perform the brush clearance as required. Weisgerber moved to dedicate \$20,000.00 to the survey if the County and City agree to fund the remaining portion of the cost. Lindsey seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the commitment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- 2019 Budget Review

CLOSED SESSION

No discussion reported.

NEXT MEETING

March 21, 2019 at Davis Fire Station 33, 425 Mace Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McMahon, seconded by Robert, to adjourn the meeting; approved unanimously at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

John W. Lindsey
Board Member