

**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District was called to order virtually through a platform made available to the public, by presiding President, Read Miller, at 6:00 P.M.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Mr. Read Miller, President  
Mr. Robert Fougner, Vice President  
Mr. James Elliott, Director  
Mr. Jerry Hill, Director  
Mr. Wallace Stewart, Director

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief, Ned Vander Pol, Fire Inspector, Jeremy Nichols, Board Clerk, Christie Ross, Legal Counsel, Fred Pfister

**II. APPROVAL OF THIS MEETING'S AGENDA**

On motion made by Director Hill and duly seconded by Director Fougner, the Directors present unanimously approved the agenda.

**III. OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD**

Member of the public, John Ploetz, thanked the Board, and Director Hill in particular, for their efforts to widen the Buena Creek intersection at South Santa Fe to improve response times.

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion made by Director Fougner and duly seconded by Director Stewart, the Minutes were unanimously approved by the Directors present for the meeting held July 8, 2020.

**V. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

- A. Accounts Payable. The Board reviewed the report of the District's Accounts Payable for the month ending July and August 2020. On motion made by Director Fougner, and duly seconded by Director Hill, the Board agreed to make the payments as listed in the amount of \$51,349.68 for the month of August payables, and to ratify payment of the July payables. The Treasurer, Jeff Golden, reported the District has sufficient funds to pay the bills, and all payments are within the approved budget.

B. Portfolio Summary/District Investments. The Board reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's Report on the District Investments as of August 2020.

C. Appointment of Auditor for 2020-21 Audit. Director Elliot presented candidates for conducting the District's 2020-21 Audit, for the Directors' selection and appointment. On motion made by Director Fougner, and duly seconded by Director Hill, the Board unanimously moves to hire Fedak & Brown for audit services for a three-year contract with the potential to be hired for two more years, subject to approval by District Counsel.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **VII. SPECIAL MATTERS DESIGNATED FOR CONSIDERATION**

None

## **VIII. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

A. Emergency Access Roads. Director Hill provided an update on the status of the Emergency Access Roads.

B. District Fire Inspector's Report. Fire Inspector Jeremy Nichols provided results of activities in July and August including weed abatement inspections of access roads and District website requests, in addition to proposed activities for September.

C. Fire Marshalls Report. In Deputy Fire Chief Craig Usher's absence, Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol presented for the Board's review a list of pending and approved projects for properties located within the District.

D. Fire Department Performance Report. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol reported on performance by the City of Vista's Fire Department during June and July 2020.

E. Fire Chief's Update. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol reported on matters of interest to the Department and the District, including a slide presentation on the Departments preparations for this year's fire season.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. District Insurance. Counsel, Fred Pfister reported on the District's application to replace the District's existing policies with coverage provided by the Special District Risk Management Agency, On a motion made by Director Fougner and

duly seconded by Director Elliott, the Board unanimously approved payment for the renewal of the existing insurance at the end of September, subject to Director Fougner and Counsel Pfister's efforts to continue investigating alternative insurance providers.

**X. DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Hill gave an update on the recent Budget Hearing meeting with San Diego County Board of Supervisors regarding the Buena Creek/Robelini/South Santa Fe intersection project. After providing a background on his extensive research and efforts to encourage the County I funding this project, Director Hill reported that the Supervisors approved \$500,000 to commence the requisite environmental impact study as the first step to its accomplishment.

Directors' were invited to make announcements and share written communications.

**XI. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Director Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

**Copy of the Agenda and the Board Package of Meeting Materials Are Available at the Office of the Clerk of the Board**

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