

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES of Meeting Held
Wednesday, April 14, 2021

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District was called to order virtually through an audio-visual remote conferencing platform made available to the public, by the presiding President, Robert Fougner, at 6:00 P.M.

Directors Present: Mr. Robert Fougner, President
 Mr. James Elliott, Vice President
 Mr. Daniel Gomez, Director (Attending in part)
 Mr. Read Miller, Director
 Mr. John Ploetz, Director

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Chief, Ned Vander Pol, Board Clerk, Christie Ross, Legal Counsel, Fred Pfister, Esq., Jeffrey Golden, Treasurer

I. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVAL OF THIS MEETING'S AGENDA

On motion made by Director Fougner and duly seconded by Director Miller, the Directors unanimously approved the agenda as amended by reordering the sequence of matters for discussion.

III. OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD

The Board invited District Residents and others in attendance to address the Board on any matter of public concern related to the District's business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Fuel Modification (Item VII.A. From Published Agenda). The Subcommittee introduced a presentation by Anchor Point on a proposed update to the District's Wildfire Protection Plan that includes a web portal accessible by the public.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion made by Director Ploetz and duly seconded by Director Elliott, the Minutes for the meeting held March 10, 2021 were approved by the Directors as presented. Director Gomez abstained.

V. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. District Fire Inspector's Report. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol, in the absence of Fire Inspector Jeremy Nichols, provided results of activities in March including parcel inspections for weed abatement, the District's emergency access roads, and proposed activities for April.

- B. Fire Marshalls Report. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol in the absence of Deputy Fire Chief Craig Usher, discussed pending projects for properties located within the District.
- C. Resolution For Fire Mitigation Fees (Item VIII.A From Published Agenda), Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol in the absence of Deputy Chief Craig Usher, presented the second reading of a proposed Resolution for fiscal year 2021-2022, to continue the District's program for collecting fire mitigation fees. On a motion made by Director Elliott, and duly seconded by Director Miller the Directors unanimously approved the Resolution for fiscal year 2021-2022.
- D. Signage (Item IX A. From Published Agenda). Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol, in the absence of Deputy Chief Usher, presented for the Board's approval a proposal for purchasing and installing replacement signage in the District for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. On a motion made by Director Fougner and duly seconded by Director Elliott, the directors unanimously approved this expenditure.
- E. Fire Department Performance Report. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol reported on response time performance by the City of Vista's Fire Department during March 2021.
- F. Fire Chief's Update. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol reported on other matters of interest to the Department and the District, including anticipated inspections in the District by Cal Fire and pending approval of the revised Standard of Cover.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- A. Accounts Payable. The Secretary of the Board and the treasurer presented for approval the District's Accounts Payable for the month of March 2021. On motion made by Director Elliott, and duly seconded by Director Ploetz, the Directors present approved the payments as listed in the amount of \$114,083.56 for the month of March. (Director Gomez was unable to participate for the rest of the meeting due to a power outage at his location).
- B. Portfolio Summary/District Investments. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report on the District Investments as of March 31, 2021.
- C. Management Report. The Treasurer presented a report on the District's budget performance for the first nine months of the 2020-21 fiscal year.
- D. Resident Communications. The Treasurer reported on progress in creating a dedicated answering service for calls to the District.
- E. Legal Affairs. District Counsel reported on pending matters and subjects of general interest to the District.
- F. Panoramic Subcommittee During the course of the meeting, on a motion made by Director Fougner and duly seconded by Director Ploetz, the Directors approved the formation of a

temporary subcommittee of Director Elliott and Director Miller to research the merits of selling the District's panoramic property.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued).

- A. Response Times. No report was received from the Subcommittee at this meeting. Director Miller announced his resignation from this committee.

VIII. SPECIAL MATTERS DESIGNATED FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

- A. Gopher Canyon Substation. No presentation was received at this meeting.

IX. CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. Emergency Access Roads. Director Ploetz provided an update on the status of the Emergency Access Roads.
- B. District General Manager. Vice President Elliott reported on progress in developing and staffing a position for a part time District administrative manager.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ballot To Re-Elect Jo MacKenzie To CSDA. The Board considered and voted on the District's ballot for re-election of Jo MacKenzie to the CSDA's board. On a motion made by Director Fougner and duly seconded by Director Miller, the directors present approved the nomination and election of Jo MacKenzie.

XI. DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Directors were invited to make announcements and share written communications.

After discussion about the future of in-person meetings, Chief Vander Pol offered to explore the feasibility of using the City's Community Room for the next meeting.

At Director Ploetz's recommendation, the Board will schedule a workshop on the District's strategic direction, to be led by Chief Vander Pol.

XII. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Director Elliott and duly seconded by Director Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

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