

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on June 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Director van Duinwyk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Dougherty. Chief Neels and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

Absent: Director Powell

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Consider declaring vehicle 1304944 (2011 Chevy Silverado) as surplus and authorize the Fire Chief to sell, donate, or dispose of the vehicle as specified in the Surplus Property policy. (Strategic Plan Goal 5)**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Neels.**

Chief Neels provided a staff report regarding the 2011 Chevy Silverado. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to sell, donate or dispose of the vehicle as specified in the Surplus Property policy made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

- 3. Consider approval to close Fund 3651 – Montecito Fire Pension Obligation Bond. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Staff report presented by Accountant Nahas.**

Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding the closing of Fund 3651-Montecito Fire Pension Obligation Bond. Motion to approve the closing of Fund 3651 made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Dougherty, and unanimously passed.

- 4. Consider recommendation to approve Resolution 2024-05, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2024-25. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

a. Staff report presented by Accountant Nahas.

Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2024-05, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2024-25. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-05, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2024-25 made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Dougherty, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee, S. Easton

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. A. Powell

5. Approval of Minutes of the May 29, 2024 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2024 Special meeting made by Director Dougherty, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

6. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Neels highlighted the Academy graduation held on June 8th. The Chief stated the County Board of Supervisors have held closed session meetings regarding the Ambulance transport permit. He noted that a letter highlighting the changes and failures of the current ambulance model was signed by Director van Duinwyk and sent to the Chair of the Board. Chief Neels provided an update regarding the new website scheduled to be released in mid-July. The Chief provided an update regarding Hot Springs Road. Chief Neels highlighted the AED project stating that fourteen have been distributed throughout the community. The Chief mentioned the upcoming July 4 pancake breakfast.

7. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

8. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the July 22, 2024 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

9. CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code section 54957) Title: Fire Chief

The Board reported out of closed session at 3:13 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary Sylvia Easton