

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES
March 10, 2010

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: DeMonaco, Espinosa, Evinger, Gray and Marquez.

Board Members Absent: None.

OPEN SESSION

President DeMonaco called the Open Session to order.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

President DeMonaco read the Closed Session items and adjourned to Closed Session.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Meet with Board appointed negotiators (Fire Chief Paul Benson and Human Resources Manager Nelson) regarding negotiations between the Chino Valley Professional Firefighters, Local 3522 (CVPF) Safety Unit and the Chino Valley Independent Fire District.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Government Code Section 54956.9(a): Loring Winn Williams v. Chino Valley Independent Fire District (one 132(a) claim).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Government Code Section 54956.9(a): Loring Winn Williams v. Chino Valley Independent Fire District. San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVRS 8017832.

RE-OPEN TO OPEN SESSION

President DeMonaco reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

President DeMonaco reported that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Rob DePartee.

FLAG SALUTE

Director Gray.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make a Child Smile Presentation

Captain Atkinson provided a PowerPoint presentation of the 2009 Make A Child Smile Event. He also presented a framed picture of the event to the Fire District. The Fire District's official volunteer photographer, Alex Arredondo, was recognized for photographing the event. WalMart representative, Grace Acosta, was present to receive a photo of the event and a perpetual plaque. Sponsors for the event were also recognized.

President DeMonaco presented certificates to Fire District employees who have been a key role in helping coordinate the Make A Child Smile Event. Also recognized by President DeMonaco was Captain Scott Atkinson for his leadership and commitment to the Make A Child Event.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

LIAISON REPORTS TO THE FIRE DISTRICT (County 4th District, City of Chino, City of Chino Hills, Fire Foundation, Fire Safe Council, School District)

Roman Nava, County 4th District, reported that the San Bernardino County is partnering with California Employer Association by providing workshops to help individuals acquire employment. He also reported that the County has reorganized and is merging departments. Dick Larson, the County's Treasurer-Tax Collector, has retired. Greg Devereaux is the new County Administrative Officer. The County scheduled a community clean-up day in the unincorporated area of Chino. The State of the County is schedule for March 25, 2010.

Bill Kruger, Chino Hills Mayor, reported that the road improvements at Peyton Avenue and Eucalyptus will begin and will take approximately eight months to complete. Also in progress is the flood control project in Los Serranos. Chino Hills Student Government Day was very successful. City of Chino Hills hosted an annual Volunteer Sheriff's dinner. The James S. Thalman San Bernardino County Library celebrated its one-year anniversary. He reported that at the Chino Hills Council Meeting, the 100-year anniversary for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts was recognized, and the Chino Hills volunteer of the month.

Steve Heide, on behalf of the Fire Foundation, reported that the Fire Foundation is finalizing a date for a fundraising car show. The tentative date for the car show is May 22, 2010. He also announced that the Foundation has a new member, Vicki McCloud of Assembly Member Norma Torres' office.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes

February 10, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting.

2. Monthly District Report

Month of January 2010.

3. Monthly Financial Report

Month of February 2010.

4. Monthly Treasurer’s Report

Month of January 2010.

5. Warrants

Expenses as audited, are within budget for warrants #18123 through #18300.

6. Board Meetings/Travel

None

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Calendar items #1 through #6 as presented.

Moved by Director Marquez seconded by Vice President Espinosa, carried by a 5-0 voice vote, that the Board of Directors approve Consent Calendar Items #1 through #6 as presented.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: DeMonaco, Espinosa, Evinger, Gray, and Marquez.

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Evinger reported that she attended an Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss modifying the Fire Chief’s evaluation form, and that it is completed and ready to present to the full Board for review and approval. She also attended two School Board meetings, a County Board of Supervisors meeting, and a Fire Safe Council Meeting.

Director Gray attended a Chino Hills Council meeting. He also attended a CIM Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. He reported that he received a tour of the Youth Stark Facility, which has been taken over by the California Institute for Men, which will help with the overcrowding at the prison. He also reported that the reconstruction of the building that was burned in the riot is near completion.

Director Marquez reported that he attended a Chino Council meeting. He also attended a CSDA Fiscal Committee meeting. He also attended several Ad Hoc Committee meetings, and a Fire Safe Council meeting. He reported that the Fire Safe Council is working on the By Laws, and is also working with Cal Trans on an entrance sign to Carbon Canyon. He also attended an Airports Commission Meeting and reported that they are in the process of developing a Master Plan. He thanked Director Evinger and Human Resources Manager Nelson for their work on the Fire Chief's evaluation form.

Vice President Espinosa attended a Chino Hills Council Meeting.

President DeMonaco attended a Chino City Council meeting. He reported that the CVPAC and the Chino Quarterly meeting were cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

7. **LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER.** Purpose is for the Board of Directors to review and discuss the option of nominating Fire District Board Members as candidates for the current LAFCO Regular Special District Member and Alternate Special District Member positions with terms ending May 3, 2010.

Fire Chief Benson reported that the Fire District has received a letter from LAFCO officially opening the nomination period for a position of Regular Special District Member and Alternate Special District Member. He also reported that the terms of office for the current positions are both scheduled to expire May 3, 2010. The nomination period for both positions will be 30 days, opening on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, and ending at the close of business at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Fire Chief Benson reported that if the Fire District Board of Directors would like to submit a candidate nomination for either of the two LAFCO vacancies, they must do so by official Board action. He also reported that if LAFCO receives only one candidate nomination for each position, the sole candidate will be deemed selected with no further vote required. If more than one candidate nomination is received by LAFCO, a mail ballot will be sent out to all participating agencies.

Director Sarah Evinger was nominated as a candidate for the current LAFCO Regular Special District Member position and Director Marquez for the current LAFCO Alternate Special District Member position.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and discuss the

option of nominating Fire District Board Members as candidates for the current LAFCO Regular Special District Member and Alternate Special District Member for positions with terms ending May 3, 2010, and take action accordingly.

Moved by Director Marquez, seconded by Vice President Espinosa, carried by a 5-0 voice vote, that the Board of Directors nominate Director Sarah Evinger for the position of LAFCO Regular Special District Member position and Director Ray Marquez for the LAFCO Alternate Special District Member position.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: DeMonaco, Espinosa, Evinger, Gray, and Marquez.

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

8. REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SB 1280. Purpose is for the Board of Directors to review and discuss authoring a letter of support for SB 1280.

Fire Chief Benson reported that SB 1280, as introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod, would require a fire station of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) to be the primary responder for an emergency call requesting emergency assistance that is made from a facility that is operated by the State, if certain conditions are met. He also reported that these conditions would include the fire station being immediately aware of the call; the call requesting emergency assistance of a type for which the fire station is equipped to respond; the fire station be open, staffed, and available for response; and the fire station be within a specified vicinity of the facility.

Fire Chief Benson stated that if approved, it is expected that this bill would provide some assistance to the Fire District for responses to the State prisons lying within the Fire District, particularly California Institute for Men (CIM).

There was a consensus by the Board of Directors to direct Chief Benson to author a letter and testify in support of SB 1280.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors discuss this matter and vote to provide a letter of support for SB 1280.

Moved by Vice President Espinosa, seconded by Director Gray, carried by a 5-0 voice vote, that the Board of Directors provide a letter of support for SB 1280.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: DeMonaco, Espinosa, Evinger, Gray, and Marquez.

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

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Over 90 Fire District personnel participated and completed physical examinations with Concentra. He thanked B.C. Shackelford and Human Resources Manager Teri Nelson for their hard work coordinating the physicals with Concentra.

The Fire District has received (3) three new fire engines, which are now in service at Stations 61 and 62, and 65. Engine 65 is in the final phase of being outfitted.

Water Tender 62 was on display at Firehouse World in San Diego.

Chief Summers, B.C. Shackelford and Captain Atkinson attended an enhanced unified command course at Texas A & M. The class covered unified command operations and incident planning.

Captain Tom Lemoine completed a one-week Safety Officer training course and will now be responding as a Fire District Safety Officer.

104 candidates participated in the Firefighter/Paramedic testing process, which took place March 1 thru March 5, 2010.

A succession development workshop was held today, March 10, 2010, at the Carolyn Owens Community Center. The workshop was facilitated by Mike Messina, and attended by Management staff and several Captains.

Staff worked with the Ad Hoc Committee in developing a new Fire Chief evaluation form. The work has been completed, and a Human Resources Committee meeting will be scheduled to review the results. The form will then be presented to the Board of Directors for information and discussion.

Plans are underway for an Engineer's promotional test, which is tentatively scheduled for May 3 thru May 5, 2010.

The Station 4 Remodel Project has been completed and the new workout room is now in use.

The emergency roof replacement project for the Training Center is in progress.

Board Members and District staff wishing to make contributions to the Make A Child Smile Program through payroll deduction may now do so by completing a payroll deduction authorization form.

The City of Chino's "Happy Birthday Chino—100 years of Progress" Centennial event was held February 16, 2010, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and was attended by staff and Board Members.

The first week of March marked the start of the annual Read Across America Program, an event that honors Dr. Seuss' birthday by getting kids excited about reading. Chino Valley Fire District Firefighters and PIO DeGuevara participated in this event by reading in several different classrooms at various schools. Ages ranged from kindergarten to sixth grade students.

Student Government Day was held on February 25, 2010. B.C. Guerrero and Deputy Fire Marshal Kevin

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Smith participated in this event.

Firefighters also participated in the 4th Annual Festival for Books at the Chino Fairgrounds February 28, 2010. Firefighters read to attendees of the event and answered questions about fire safety and prevention to members of the community.

Board Members and staff attended the Grand Opening of the Cal Aero Preserve Academy Library on Saturday, March 6, 2010

Upcoming Events

Daylight savings will begin March 14, 2010. PIO DeGuevara will be doing a press release regarding when changing your clock to change your smoke alarm battery.

During the month of March, District personnel will be participating in a few career day events.

Also, in the month of March, Fire and Life Safety Programs will be presented to local schools.

The Chino Hills Volunteer Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Los Serranos Golf and Country Club.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Marquez reported that he attended Chino's City Clerk, Lenna Tanner's retirement luncheon. He also attended the Chino Council meetings, and Chino's Centennial 100-Year Birthday Celebration. He also reported that he was a Captain for the recent YMCA fundraiser. He thanked everyone who supported that fundraiser.

Director Gray attended the City of Chino Hills Council Meeting, Chino's Centennial 100-Year Birthday Celebration, and Chino's City Clerk, Lenna Tanner's retirement luncheon.

Vice President Espinosa reported that he attended a Chino Hills Council meeting, Chino's Centennial 100-Year Birthday Celebration, and Chino's City Clerk, Lenna Tanner's retirement luncheon.

President DeMonaco attended the Chino Council meetings, Chino's Centennial 100-Year Birthday Celebration. He also attended Chino's City Clerk, Lenna Tanner's retirement luncheon.

Director Evinger attended CSDA Training for Understanding the Brown Act. She also attended Chino's Centennial 100-Year Birthday Celebration, and Chino's City Clerk, Lenna Tanner's, retirement luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

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President DeMonaco adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the District Headquarters Office located at 14011 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL 2010.

Sandra Heney, Clerk of the Board

John DeMonaco, President