

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES

February 10, 2021

TELECONFERENCE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Vice President Kreeger opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and stated that all future CVFD Board meetings will be held remotely in hybrid format until further notice in accordance with the California Governor's executive Order N-29-20; guidance from the California Department of Public Health; and in an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19. He explained the process for members of the public to participate in the meeting and provide public comment. Vice President Kreeger also announced that the meeting would be recorded and President Ramos-Evinger would join remotely and he would run the meeting.

ROLL CALL

All Board Members were present in person. President Ramos-Evinger joined meeting remotely.

OPEN SESSION

Vice President Kreeger called the Open Session to order.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Kreeger read the closed session items and adjourned to Closed Session.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Meet with Board previously appointed negotiators (Fire Chief Tim Shackelford, Finance Director Steve Heide and Human Resources Director Kristi Kuchwara) regarding negotiations between the Chino Valley Professional Firefighters, Local 3522 (CVPF) Safety Unit and the Chino Valley Fire District per Government Code Section 54957.6.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

Dismissal/Release/Retirement (Gov. Code 54597)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Name of case: City of Chino v. California Dept. of Correction and Rehabilitation, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1917019.

Vice President Kreeger asked if there were any requests to speak from the Public.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that there were no requests to speak from the Public.

RE-OPEN TO OPEN SESSION

Vice President Kreeger re-opened to Open Session.

Vice President Kreeger opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and stated that all future CVFD Board meetings will be held remotely in hybrid format until further notice in accordance with the California Governor's executive Order N-29-20; guidance from the California Department of Public Health; and in an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19. He explained the process for members of the public to participate in the meeting and provide public comment. Vice President Kreeger also announced that the meeting would be recorded.

ROLL CALL – OPEN SESSION

All Board Members were present in person. President Ramos-Evinger joined meeting remotely.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Kreeger asked Legal Counsel to report out of Closed Session.

The item pertaining to Public Employee Dismissal/Release/Retirement (Gov. Code 54597): Legal Counsel Isaac Rosen announced that the Board voted with a 5-0 voice vote to approve a CalPERS industrial disability retirement of one Fire Captain.

No reportable action on the other two Closed Session Items.

FLAG SALUTE

Vice President Kreeger

INVOCATION

Henry Aguilar, Fire District Chaplain

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Vice President Kreeger asked Clerk of the Board Heney if there were any changes to the agenda.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that there were no changes.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employee Service Awards - Engineer Joel DeLuca – 15 Years

Vice President Kreeger recognized Engineer Joel DeLuca for his 15 years of service to the Fire District.

Employee of the Year – Fire Inspector Tori Jung

Vice President Kreeger recognized and announced Fire Inspector Tori Jung as Employee of the Year.

Firefighter of the Year - Chino Valley Fire Suppression Personnel

Vice President Kreeger recognized and congratulated all of the Chino Valley Fire Suppression Personnel as Firefighter of the Year.

Fred L. Burns Award Recognition

Vice President Kreeger announced that the Fred L. Burns Community Service Award was established in 1993 honoring the late Fred L. Burns as the first award recipient recognizing him for a lifetime of extraordinary service to the community. The award has since been presented to individuals in the Chino Valley who have made a significant contribution to the Chino Valley Fire District in the area of furthering the District's Mission Statement and/or who has made a significant contribution to the Chino Valley Community in the area of community service in support of Public Safety.

He also announced that the Chino Valley Fire District was proud to recognize two recipients this year as the 2020 recipients of the Fred L. Burns Community Service Award. Both award recipients were instrumental in making the Chino Valley safer by dedicating their time and effort to community awareness, outreach, and education.

Charlie Blank

Vice President Kreeger recognized Charlie Blank as a recipient of the Fred L. Burns Award.

Charlie Blank thanked the Fire District for the award.

Peter Pirritano

Vice President Kreeger recognized Peter Pirritano as a recipient of the Fred L. Burns Award.

Peter Pirritano thanked the Fire District for the award.

Proclamation – American Heart Month

Vice President Kreeger read a summary of the proclamation and stated that the proclamation was available as an attachment on the agenda on the Fire District website.

Property Tax Update – Paula Cone, HdL

Paula Cone provided a presentation on the Chino Valley Fire District Property Tax Review.

Finance Director Heide asked if there will be a lower than a 2% CPI adjustment under Proposition 13.

Paula stated in the District's five-year model, two years are at 1.5% and the District goes back to 2% for years three, four and five.

Vice President Kreeger asked if there were any requests to speak from the Public.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that there were no requests to speak from the Public.

Vice President Kreeger asked for Board comment.

Director Williams thanked Paula for her report.

Director DeMonaco also thanked Paula for her report.

Director Luth asked about the impact on the appeals.

Paula stated Prop 8 allows the assessor to unilaterally reduce values of property. She further stated that if someone feels their property is overvalued, they can file an appeal. Paula also gave information on the appeal process with the Assessors Appeals Board.

Director Luth asked when the District would see the effects of the appeals if there were any.

Paula stated that appeals that result in a reduction such as a taxpayer refund mid-year are pulled county wide and are shared in the refunds paid in every jurisdiction in the county. The following year when the value is lower and if it is enrolled in the District, it belongs to the District.

Director Luth thanked Paula for her report.

Vice President Kreeger asked who sets the CPI for the state.

Paula stated the state sets the CPI for the state.

Vice President Kreeger thanked Paula for her report.

President Ramos-Evinger also thanked Paula for her report.

No vote required.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Kreeger asked if there were any requests to speak from the Public.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that there were no requests to speak from the Public.

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

Clerk of the Board Heney announced Suzette Dang, San Bernardino County 4th District was present.

Representative Dang congratulated all the award recipients.

Representative Dang gave an update on COVID vaccination opportunities for seniors.

Representative Dang gave an update for individuals and organizations to apply for volunteer opportunities for the COVID vaccination team campaign.

Representative Dang stated that the county will become the first Southern California Top Golf location. She also stated that the attraction is slated to open in early 2022 and will create revenue and jobs for the county.

Clerk of the Board Heney announced that City of Chino Mayor Pro Tem Marc Lucio was listening in on the meeting but would not be providing a report.

Clerk of the Board Heney announced that City of Chino Hills Council Member Art Bennett was unable to participate in the meeting but did submit a report to the Board and copies were handed out to the Board. She also reported that copies were available for the public to review.

Clerk of the Board Heney announced Fire Safe Council Chair Charlie Blank.

Charlie Blank thanked Suzette Dang and Supervisor Hagman for his recognition.

Charlie Blank also stated that the evacuation maps for the entire Carbon Canyon Road Community have been completed and will be sent to homeowners in the area.

Clerk of the Board Heney announced IEUA Director Steve Elie.

Director Elie congratulated the Fred L. Burns award recipients.

Director Elie gave an update on construction enhancements of their office regional plant 5 on Kimball.

Director Elie commented on IEUA senior staff retirements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES

Minutes – January 13, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
Minutes – January 28, 2021 – Special Board Meeting

2. MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORT

Month of December 2020

3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Financial Report – January 2021

4. MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Treasurer's Report – December 2020

5. WARRANTS

Warrants for January 2021 #52687 through #52836

6. BOARD MEETINGS/TRAVEL – AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, MEETING OR TRAINING

None.

7. 2020-21 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

Purpose is to conduct a mid-year budget review for discussion purposes.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 1 through 7 as presented.

Vice President Kreeger asked Clerk of the Board Heney if there were any public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that there were no public comments.

Vice President Kreeger asked if any Board Members wanted to pull an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Item 6 was pulled by Director Williams.

Moved by President Ramos-Evinger, seconded by Board Member Luth, carried by a 5-0 voice vote for the Board of Directors to approve the Consent Calendar items #1-5 and #7 as presented.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Ramos-Evinger, Kreeger, DeMonaco, Luth, and Williams.

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

Director Williams asked about Board travel, attending conferences and training during COVID and asked if events and training have been cancelled.

Vice President Kreeger stated that those who are on committees are still attending meetings virtually.

Director DeMonaco informed Director Williams that he would take online webinars through the CSDA and FDAC websites if he was interested and stated that the webinars would not be reimbursable if he attended.

Moved by Director Williams, seconded by Board Member Luth, carried by a 5-0 voice vote for the Board of Directors to approve the Consent Calendar #6 as presented.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Ramos-Evinger, Kreeger, DeMonaco, Luth, and Williams.
NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

8. **CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTOR SEAT A**

Purpose is for the Board of Directors to review and discuss the CSDA call for nominations for a seat on the CSDA Board and determine Fire District participation.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that CSDA is currently accepting nominations for a CSDA Director seat for the Southern Network. This seat is a three-year term expiring in 2024. The Fire District is eligible to nominate a District Board Member or managerial employee, for election as a CSDA Director.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated the CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions effecting CSDA's member services and legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board represents the common interest of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that CSDA's Board of Directors is made up of six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Directors are nominated and elected by network. Chino Valley Fire District is included in the Southern Network which represents the counties of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and Imperial.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that the incumbent for Seat A is Jo MacKenzie from Vista Irrigation District. The incumbent has expressed a desire to run for re-election.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that if the Fire District Board of Directors elects to submit a nomination, a copy of the Fire District's minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must be submitted to CSDA by March 29, 2021.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that all qualified nominees received by CSDA will be placed on the election ballot. This year CSDA will be using a web-based online voting system, allowing the District to cast its' vote easily and securely. Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the District by May 28, 2021. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 16, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and discuss the California Special Districts Association call for nominations for a seat on the CSDA Board and either vote to submit a nomination or decline to participate.

Vice President Kreeger asked if there was any Public comment.

There was no public comment.

Vice President Kreeger asked if there was any Board comment.

Director Williams asked if there were any board members that would like to be on CSDA Board.

Director DeMonaco stated the he has known Jo MacKenzie for a long time and supports her.

Director Luth agreed with Director DeMonaco.

Vice President Kreeger also stated his support for Jo MacKenzie.

President Ramos-Evinger agreed with Vice President Kreeger to support Jo MacKenzie.

Board did not submit a nomination. No vote was required.

FIRE CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Deputy Chief Atkinson provided an overview and presentation on projects at Fire Station 66.

Fire Chief Shackelford stated that the Fire District personnel assisted in vaccinating the public at the Auto Club Speedway on February 2nd.

Fire Chief Shackelford stated that the District's Administration Office will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of the President's Day Holiday.

Fire Chief Shackelford stated that a Special Board Meeting is scheduled for March 2nd and March 3rd at the Training Center.

Director DeMonaco asked for an update on new hires.

Human Resources Director Kristi Kuchwara provided a recruitment update and stated they are on target with a start date of March 15th.

Director Williams asked if all District personnel had been vaccinated.

Fire Chief Shackelford gave an update on suppression personnel and administration staff

vaccinations.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Williams thanked staff for confirming that his agenda item will be on the next meeting agenda.

Director Williams congratulated all the award recipients.

Director DeMonaco stated he participated in the Chino Hills Council Meeting, IEUA Meeting, Board of Supervisors Meeting and CSDA Legislative Committee Meeting.

Director DeMonaco also congratulated all the award recipients.

Director Luth stated he participated in the San Bernardino County Airport Commission, ASBCSD, Chino Hills Council, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor and adhoc policy review meetings. He also stated he participated in the Chino Sphere of influence Meeting and will continue to stay involved with it.

Director Luth congratulated the all the award recipients.

Director Luth also commented on CSDA requesting letters of support action for Federal Bill HR535, Senate Bill 91 and Assembly Bill 361.

Vice President Kreeger stated he participated in a quarterly review meeting with Mayor Ulloa and Mayor Pro Tem Lucio, Chino City Manager, President Ramos-Evinger and Chief Shackelford and the school district. He also stated he met with representatives of the Fire Suppression Union and Fire Chief.

Vice President Kreeger inquired about the Women's Prison Advisory Commission.

Vice President Kreeger congratulated all the award recipients.

Vice President Kreeger also stated that he participated in the agenda review and ASBCSD Meetings.

President Ramos-Evinger stated that she attended CSDA meetings as well as the quarterly meeting with Mayor Ulloa, Mayor Pro Tem Lucio, City Manager Ballantyne and Chief Shackelford.

President Ramos-Evinger stated that she participated in a finance committee and a board policy adhoc meetings.

President Ramos-Evinger also congratulated all the award recipients.

Vice President Kreeger commented on the sphere of influence meetings and how important it is to stay up to date on them. He also commented on an upcoming City of Chino Hills Housing Development Workshop on February 16th.

Vice President Kreeger also stated he will notify the Board on any other meetings at the City of Chino Hills and asked Director Luth to notify the Board on the City of Chino Sphere of Influence Meetings.

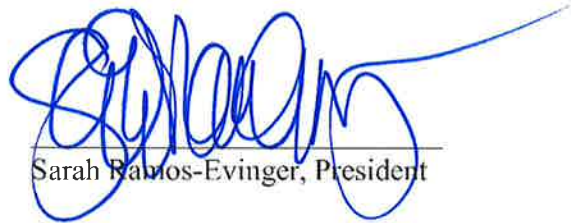
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. to a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District to be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location subject to changed and or be held as a hybrid meeting and or teleconference based on current Governor's executive order N-29-20.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH 2021.


Sandra Heney, Clerk of the Board


Sarah Ramos-Evinger, President