

MINUTES

*Special Board Meeting
April 5, 2022
10:00 a.m.*

Location: Remote Via Zoom

Board of Directors

*Randy Mendosa (Division 3) - President, Blaine Maynor (Division 1) - Vice-President,
Nicole Johnson (Division 2) - Director, Eric Loudenslager (Division 4) - Director
David Rosen (Division 5) - Director*

CALL TO ORDER

The special session of the Board of Directors for the Arcata Fire District was called to order by President Randy Mendosa at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance has been suspended during Shelter in Place.

ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting continued with a quorum and the following were present remotely via zoom: President Randy Mendosa, Vice President Blaine Maynor, Director Nicole Johnson, Director Eric Loudenslager and Director David Rosen.

Additional District administrative staff included Fire Chief Justin McDonald, and Board Secretary Becky Schuette.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. Approval to Purchase and Finance a New Engine from Golden State Fire Apparatus in the Amount of \$725,806.39 and Authorize the Fire Chief to Sign the Agreement: Chief McDonald reviewed his staff note aloud and slightly modified his recommendation. He advised the Board that the lowest lender contract and resolution will be part of the regular Board meeting agenda next Tuesday.

Each of the Directors had questions and made comments. Discussion points included whether or not the specifications on the engine are meeting the needs of the District, how this process meets the competitive bid process and the vehicle replacement plan. Two of the Directors had questions and concerns about the need for the topic being handled in a special meeting, seeming rushed and not transparent.

Chief McDonald reiterated to the Board that by waiting for the regular monthly meeting, the District would have missed the opportunity for the lower interest rates in addition to missing out on the pricing and delivery proposal presented by Golden State Fire.

The following members of the public commented:

Roy Willis
Steve Cole
Rob Cannon

With no further comments from the public or the Board, a motion was made.

It was moved to purchase and finance the new engine from Golden State Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$725,806.39 and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the agreement and lending agent offering the best terms.

Motion: Johnson; Second: Maynor


Roll Call: Ayes; Johnson, Loudenslager, Maynor and Mendosa. **Nays;** Rosen
Motion Carries

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Director Johnson, President Mendosa adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for **April 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Schuette,
Clerk of the Board