

San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 14, 2010

Minutes

Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Resident Bob Cederdahl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Pastor Yenter provided the invocation for the meeting.

Board Members Present: Directors Augustine, Brainard, Clark, Jackman, Johnston (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Rickards and Winter; Board Secretary Pat Briggs

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Ghio, Division Chief Croucher, Battalion Chief Menshek, Public Information Officer Villarreal, and Business Manager O'Dell

Public Communications: Residents George Cossolins, Doug Perry and Bob Cederdahl, Dave Allen - Vice Mayor of the City of La Mesa and Andy Menshek, San Miguel Fire Management Association expressed their concerns about the Cost Recovery Ordinance for Non-Resident Emergency Response Services.

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of December 10, 2009: Upon a motion by Director Jackman, second by Director Brainard, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2009 were approved. The motion unanimously passed with Director Johnston absent.

2. Approval of Agenda: By Board consensus, the Agenda was approved.

The agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2009 was posted at the District Headquarters on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

3. Employee Service Awards: Chief Ghio and the Board of Directors recognized employees and Board member for their years of service with the District.

Board President Clark adjourned the meeting for a brief recess for cake and refreshments at 6:17 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:31 p.m.

4. Board Officers: The Board of Directors conducted an election of Officers in accordance with Director Policy 2.1.

Board President: Upon a motion by Director Johnston, second by Director Winter, and unanimous vote, Director Rickards was elected Board President.

Vice President: Upon a motion by Director Johnston, second by Director Brainard, and unanimous vote, Director Winter was elected Vice President.

Board Secretary: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Johnston, and unanimous vote, Pat Briggs was elected Board Secretary. Board Secretary Briggs stated in light of the District's fiscal emergency, he will continue to serve without pay.

Recording Secretary: Upon Board consensus, the Recording Secretary position will be filled by administrative staff.

5. Board Commissions/Committees Representation: The Board took the following action to appoint representatives to various commissions and committees:

Heartland Communications Facility Authority Commission: Upon Board consensus, Director Johnston was appointed as the HCFA representative, Director Rickards as the alternate representative.

Heartland Training Facility Authority Commission: Upon Board consensus, Director Augustine was appointed as the HTFA representative, and Director Johnston as the alternate representative.

FDAC, San Diego Chapter: Upon Board consensus, Director Augustine was appointed as the San Diego Chapter FDAC representative and Director Jackman as the alternate representative.

Capital Facilities/Land Acquisition Committee: Upon Board consensus, Directors Augustine, Jackman, and Johnston were appointed as the Capital Facilities/Land Acquisition Committee members.

Community Relations/Legislative Committee: Upon Board consensus, Directors Jackman and Augustine were appointed as the Community Relations/Legislative Committee members.

CSA 69: Upon Board consensus, Director Jackman was appointed as the CSA 69 representative.

Negotiations Committee: Upon Board consensus, Directors Brainard, Johnston and Jackman were appointed as the Negotiations Committee members.

Finance Committee: Upon Board consensus, Directors Jackman, Rickards and Winter were appointed as the Finance Committee members.

FAIRA Representative: Upon Board consensus, the Fire Chief was appointed as the FAIRA representative, and the Administrative Division Chief was appointed as the alternate representative.

PASIS Representative: Upon Board consensus, the Fire Chief was appointed as the PASIS representative, and the Business Services Manager was appointed as the alternate representative.

Fire Service Regionalization Committee: Upon Board consensus, Directors Augustine, Clark, and Jackman were appointed as the Fire Service Regionalization Committee members.

Jamul Indian Village Casino Committee: Upon Board consensus, Chief Ghio and Director Johnston were appointed as the Jamul Indian Village Casino Committee members.

Fire Mitigation Plan Committee: Upon Board consensus, Director Jackman was appointed as the Fire Mitigation Plan Committee member.

Strategic Plan Committee: Upon Board consensus, Directors Brainard, Jackman and Winter were appointed as the Strategic Plan Committee members.

6. Hydration Presentation: Katie Rusk from San Diego Sports Medicine provided information on the recently conducted hydration study.
7. Fire Operations Division: Division Chief Gary Croucher provided the Board with an overview of the Operations Division.
8. Second Reading – Ordinance 2009-3 – An Ordinance of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Setting the Compensation to be Received by Directors: Upon a motion by Director Brainard, second by Director Winter, the Ordinance was adopted (Directors Augustine, Brainard, Johnston, Rickards and Winter in favor; Directors Clark and Jackman opposed).
9. Review Action Plan Recap Items from December 10, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting: Chief Ghio gave an update on the items from the December Board meeting Action Plan.
10. Discussion – Ordinance 2009-4 of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Amending Ordinance 2002-02 and Adopting Service Fee for Non-Resident Emergency Response Services: After discussion, the Ordinance will be revised to eliminate the Non-Residence requirements; triggers will be developed for at-fault issues and implemented into the contract with Fire Recovery USA. Both the Ordinance and a contract with Fire Recovery USA will be brought back to the Board at future meetings.

11. Reports:

- A. Committee Reports: Director Augustine reported that he attended the Heartland Training Facility Meeting. Director Clark reported that the Board Policy has been revised and that a track/change version will be distributed to the Board members. Please review and direct your comments to the Fire Chief. Once edits are incorporated, the Policy Manual will be placed on the agenda.
- B. Local 1434 Communications: Local 1434 President Alan Laatsch reported that he received a thank you letter for Nick Williams for his help with the East County Toy Drive. They will be hosting their annual foundation golf tournament on May 20, 2010.
- C. San Miguel Fire Safety Professionals Communications: None.
- D. Fire Management Association Communications: Chief Menshek gave an update on the Active Shooter program and informed the Board that he participated in the SWAT callout to Barona.
- E. Directors Reports: Director Jackman reported that he became a grandfather in December and on that same day, his mother was transported by AMR. He wanted to commend AMR personnel on the incredible way they treated her with dignity and compassion and was glad that the District has a contract with them. Director Rickards requested a meeting be scheduled with Chief Ghio, himself and Director Winter. Director Johnston thanked Tom Clark for his hard work as Board President for this past year.
- F. Correspondence: Chief Ghio noted several pieces of correspondence had been received by the District.
- G. Chief's Report: Fire Chief Ghio provided a brief overview of the Chief's Report.
- H. Action Plan Recap:
 - 1) Revise Ordinance 2009-4.
 - 2) Survey the Board Members for Cost Recovery triggers.
 - 3) Set up meeting with the President and Vice President.
 - 4) Set up Finance Committee Meeting

Director Rickards adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 9:04 p.m.

12. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code

Director Rickards reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 9:25 p.m., and reported that direction was given.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be a Regular Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Director Rickards adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Liz Dibb

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Recording Secretary