

San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 8, 2010

Minutes

President Rickards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence and for this meeting to be dedicated to EMT Esteban Bahena, Director Jackman's mother-in-law, and Engineer Mike Murphy's mother-in-law, all recently deceased.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Rickards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Directors Augustine, Clark, Johnston, Rickards and Winter

Board Members Absent: Directors Brainard and Jackman

Staff Present: Division Chief Butcher, Fire Marshal Larsen, Battalion Chief Lannon, Public Information Officer Villarreal, Business Services Manager O'Dell and Recording Secretary Roos

Public Communications: Captain Alan Laatsch, President of Firefighters Local 1434, addressed the Board of Directors regarding a statement made at the March 25, 2010 Board meeting. He requested the statement read by President Rickards after the closed session be included in the minutes.

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meetings of March 11, 2010 and March 25, 2010: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Augustine, the March 11, 2010 minutes were approved (Directors Augustine, Clark, Johnston, Rickards and Winter in favor; Directors Brainard and Jackman absent). Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Augustine, the March 25, 2010 minutes were approved with the following change: insert the statement read by President Rickards at the end of the closed session. (Directors Augustine, Clark, Johnston, Rickards and Winter in favor; Directors Brainard and Jackman absent.)
2. Approval of Agenda: By Board consensus, the Agenda was approved.

The agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of April 8, 2010 was posted at the District Headquarters on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

3. Heartland Communications Facility Authority Presentation: HCFA Director Chip Yarborough provided a Power Point presentation that included an overview of their services, followed by a question and answer session. He also provided information on the EMD abbreviated tiered system pilot program in El Cajon.

4. Public Hearing (First Reading) – Ordinance 2010-1 – An Ordinance of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Adopting an Updated and Consolidated Service Fee Schedule and Fines for Unlawful False Alarms: President Rickards opened the public hearing to invite comments and questions from the audience. President Rickards noted no public comment was forthcoming. President Rickards closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Augustine, and vote (Directors Augustine, Clark, Johnston, Rickards and Winter in favor; Directors Brainard and Jackman absent), the first reading was approved and this item is continuing to the May 13, 2010 meeting.
5. Resolution 10-1 – A Resolution of the Board of directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District to Participate in the San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee Program: Upon a motion by Director Clark, second by Director Winter, and vote (Directors Augustine, Clark, Johnston, Rickards and Winter in favor; Directors Brainard and Jackman absent), Resolution 10-1 was approved.
6. Receive and File 2008/2009 Audit Report in Accordance with the California Government Code: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Augustine, and vote (Directors Augustine, Clark, Johnston, Rickards and Winter in favor; Directors Brainard and Jackman absent), recommendation to accept and file the 2008/2009 Audit Report was approved.
7. Monthly Expenditure/Revenue Update: Chief Ghio provided an update on monthly expenditures/revenue.
8. Reports:
 - a. Committee Reports: Director Winter noted the Finance Committee had met twice and several suggestions from Board members regarding budget reductions were reviewed.
 - b. Local 1434 Communications: Alan Laatsch, Firefighters Local 1434 President, noted the golf tournament date has been set for July 15, 2010.
 - c. San Miguel Fire Safety Professionals Communications: Amy Wrightson, Fire Safety Professionals member, addressed the Board regarding comments made at the March 25, 2010 meeting, and ongoing budget reductions.
 - d. Fire Management Association Communications: Battalion Chief Jeff Lannon, Fire Management Association President, noted the Association has drafted a preliminary MOU and will be sending a letter requesting to meet with the Negotiations Committee.
 - e. Directors Reports: None.
 - f. Correspondence: Chief Ghio noted the CERT Academy will have 18 graduates this weekend. Chief Ghio also noted correspondence was received from Monte Vista High School.

- g. Chief's Report: Chief Ghio reported on a Training Facility meeting held on site with Otay Water District and U.S. Fish & Game. He noted that a drainage issue had been resolved, and anticipates the grading plans will be submitted next week. He hopes to hold a ground-breaking on July or August, 2010.

Chief Ghio noted San Miguel Fire and Heartland were mentioned in a Fire Deployment Briefing meeting held that morning in regard to having the best Training in the County.

- h. Action Plan Recap:

Obtain information on code/no code responses and provide a progress report on transfer of calls from Sheriff to Heartland.

President Rickards adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 7:10 p.m.

9. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6): Agency Negotiators: Directors Brainard, Johnston, and Jackman. Employee Organization: Local 1434.
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President Rickards reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 8:55 p.m., and reported that direction was given for Agenda Items 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Board President Rickards adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Roos

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Recording Secretary