



SACRAMENTO RIVER FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting

February 8, 2022

COLUSA STATION

Minutes

Meeting: Called to Order by Chairman Garner at 6:30PM

Present: Directors John Garner, Roger Moore, Patty Hickel, John Miller, John Kimbrell, Matt Simmons, Rande Brookins and Fire Chief Winters

Absent: None

Approve meeting minutes of January 11, 2022

Correction to the January claims was made to reflect \$22,961.07 as a corrected amount.

Motion was made by Director Hickel, 2nd by Brookins, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022 as corrected.

Ayes: Garner, Moore, Hickel, Miller, Kimbrell, Simmons, Brookins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Period of Public Comment:

There was no Public comment

Items for Board Consideration:

1. Approval of Claims for February 2022

Chief Winters presented the February claims in the amount of \$41,340.84. It was moved by Director Brookins, 2nd by Director Kimbrell to approve claims in amount of \$41,340.84. Chief Winters made comments regarding the claims.

Ayes: Garner, Moore, Hickel, Miller, Kimbrell, Simmons,
Brookins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Increase in Health Insurance Premium paid by Fire District and salary increase for Secretary position.

Chief Winters stated that in February 2019 the District approved a contribution of \$300 per month towards the District Secretary's health premium in lieu of an hourly wage increase. Present wage at that time \$17 per hour. It was further stipulated there would be no consideration to increase of salary or insurance contribution for at least three years.

At this time Secretary Susie McCullough is requesting a \$2.00 hourly wage increase in salary from \$17 per hour to \$19 per hour and a \$100 increase per month contribution to medical insurance premium paid by District from \$300 to \$400 per month. A brief discussion was held regarding what other Fire Districts in the area pay their secretaries. Arbuckle is \$25/hour with no benefits, Williams is \$35 per hour with benefits and City of Colusa does not have a secretary position.

It was moved by Director Miller, 2nd by Director Brookins to approve the requested increase in hourly wage from \$17 to \$19 per hour and to contribute an additional \$100 per month towards health insurance premium from \$300 to \$400 per month and increases would be good for three years.

Ayes: Garner, Moore, Miller, Hickel, Kimbrell, Simmons,
Brookins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Board Communications: Reports and Presentations:

Directors: No report

Colusa Rural Firefighters, Inc./Grand Island Firefighters:

No Firefighters present.

Fire Chief/CEO.

Chief winters gave an update on the Ambulance matter that the Board of Supervisors has been discussing for a lengthy period of time. At the last board meeting they approved a contract with an outside agency to review sales tax revenue from the County to see if all sales tax is being collected correctly and the County is not missing out on sales tax it should be receiving. Once that information is collected the County will then further consider a sales tax increase with money generated from the increase to go towards funding the ambulance service.

The Consultant that the County hired to study the Ambulance service costs, ect. has submitted various options that could be considered by the County. Chief winters presented his pros and cons on two of those options, I & III and has discussed those pros and cons with several Supervisors. Chief winter's recommendation is that the Board of Supervisors needs to seriously consider Option #1 which is contracting with a private contractor who would provide 2 ALS Ambulances.

Option #2 which is creation of an Ambulance District is not being considered by County.

Option #3 Sub-Contracting ALS Ambulance with private company for 1 ALS Ambulance and 2 BLS Ambulances is substantially higher in cost, loss of an ALS Ambulance and there is no need to have 3 ambulances in the County. This option is also being considered; the BLS Ambulances would be contracted with a Fire Agency.

Williams Fire Protection Authority has stated they would consider providing the BLS Ambulance in their station under contract with the County.

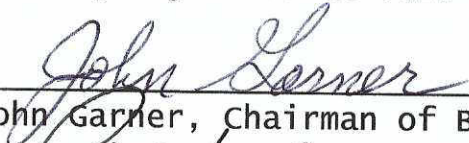
The Sacramento River Fire District Board held a lengthy discussion regarding Option III and concluded that it would not be a viable solution as there is to many concerns; staffing, operational costs, knowledge and experience in operating an Ambulance business and impacts to other fire agencies.

The Board asked Chief winters to continue to follow this matter closely and concurs that Option #1 is the best proposal for the county to accept.

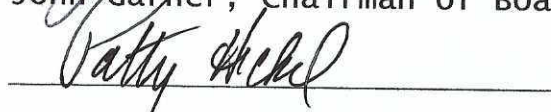
There were 30 incidents in the month of February: 1 fire, 24 EMS, 1 Mutual Aid, 2 Investigations and 2 Public Assists

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Grand Island Station.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM



John Garner, Chairman of Board of Directors.



Patty Hikel, Secretary