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Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting

February 10, 2026

COLUSA STATION

Minutes

Present: Directors Garner, Miller, Moore, Kimbrell, Simmons, Brookins, Hikel, Chief Winters and Assistant Chief Pat Trotter
Absent: None

Approve meeting minutes of January 13, 2026 and special meeting of January 27, 2026. Chief Winters stated the following corrections to the January 13, 2026 minutes need to be made: Claims for January to be corrected to \$40,292.35

There being no further corrections it was moved by Director Miller and seconded by Kimbrell to approve the minutes with correction to the claims.

AYES: Garner, Miller, Moore, Kimbrell, Simmons, Brookins, Hikel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Period for Public Comment: None

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

Chief Winters stated that item #3 on the agenda should be pulled. Director Hikel pulled item #3 from the agenda and will be agenzized for a later meeting as a closed session item.

Approval of Claims for February 2026

Chief Winters presented claims in the amount of \$72,999.04. \$49,117.99 was for 12 sets of structural protective clothing. This expense was covered by the \$50,000 that the Colusa Indian Community donated last year.

It was moved by Director Moore, seconded by Simmo, to approve the claims in the amount of \$72,999.04.

AYES: Garner, Miller, Moore, Kimbrell, Simmons, Brookins, Hicikel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Discussion: Review Draft Operations /Personnel Manual.

Chief Winters stated that the Directors had all received a draft copy of the revised Operations/Personnel Manual a few weeks ago and asked if any of the Directors had any questions or would like to add/delete anything in the Manual. Director Miller stated he would like to see added a statement that there would be three directors elected/appointed to the Board representing the Grand Island area and four representing the Colusa area. He also requested the addition that Directors are required to attend a minimum of 50% of annual Board meetings There being no further comments Chief Winters stated he would make those additions and bring back the document at the next meeting for further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS: REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

DIRECTORS: NONE

COLUSA RURAL/GRAND ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS: NO FIREFIGHTERS PRESENT.

CHIEF WINTERS REPORTED: A new gate has been installed at the Moulton Weir dips by the County Public Works Department. He is working on trying to get gates installed on Gridley Rd. as well at Angel Slough, but will need to work with Butte County on that matter.

Chief reported that the County Measure A committee met and the ambulance service has requested an increase for 2026 in the amount of \$500,000. The committee received information regarding Medicare, Medical, a private insurance reimbursement for an ambulance transport. The reimbursements are less than 47% in Colusa County with the average ambulance bill being around \$3,000. 15% of total billing across the United States is not collected. The committee voted to recommend to the County Board of Supervisors the request for the increase. The ambulance contract expires March 31, 2027, so negotiations will begin soon on a new contract.

Incidents for the month: No fires, 15 EMS, with 3 at Colusa Casino, 1 Mutual Aid, 2 Public Assists, 3 Investigations and 1 water rescue at the Moulton Weir.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6: 55 pm with the next meeting being March 10, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Grand Island Station.

John Garner, Chairman

Patty Hicikel, Secretary