



SACRAMENTO RIVER FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting

October 14, 2025

COLUSA STATION

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairman Garner

Present: Directors Garner, Miller, Moore, Simmons, Brookins, Kimbrell, Hickel, Chief Winters and Assistant Chief Trotter.

Absent: None

Approve meeting minutes of September 2025

Chief Winters stated the following corrections to the minutes need to be made:
Claims for September were: \$32,263.89.

There being no further corrections it was moved by Director Miller and seconded by Brookins to approve the minutes as corrected.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Period for Public Comment: None

Approval of Claims for October 2025

Chief Winters presented claims in the amount of \$172,265.20 for approval.

It was moved by Director Moore and seconded by Kimbrell to approve the claims in the amount of \$172,265.20.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

Request by Firefighter Vargas to waive the six month Health, Dental and Vision Insurance premium eligibility from six (6) months to one(1) month. Staff recommends thirty days of continuous employment.

Director Hickel asked if Firefighter Vargas currently has health insurance coverage. It was stated that he does. She stated the MOU was signed at the last meeting and he was aware of the six(6) month requirement at that time. Providing coverage now would just allow him to collect the in-lieu funds that would have been spent on coverage costs since he currently is covered by a policy.

Director Miller stated he felt that Firefighter Vargas has served for a long time as a volunteer and he did not have a problem with granting the request.

It was moved by Director Miller and seconded by Brookins to approve the request.

AYES: Miller, Kimbrell, Brookins

NOES: Garner, Moore, Simmons, Hickel

ABSENT: None

The request was denied 3-4.

Amend the total cost for the new 2024 Freightliner / Toyne Type II/III Engine from \$431,239.29 to \$508,183.50 as invoiced by Hi-Tech Emergency Vehicle Service Inc..

A brief discussion was held and it was moved by Director Brookins and seconded by Kimbrell to approve the increase in cost. The increase was due to the original invoice from Hi-Tech not reflecting the cost of the Cab and Chassis.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Approve Lease-Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. for Type II/III Fire engine and authorize Board Chairman to sign Agreement and all associated documents.

It was moved by Director Hickel and seconded by Kimbrell to approve the Lease-Purchase Agreement and authorize Chairman to sign agreement and all associated documents.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVE 2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT

A brief discussion was held and the staff was complimented on how well the report was done.

It was moved by Director Brookins and seconded by Simmons to accept the report as presented.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVE 2025-26 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: TRANSFER \$20,007.00 FROM ACCOUNT #5705.00, HEAVY EQUIPEMENT TO ACCOUNT #53180, PROFESSIONAL / SPECIALIZED SERVICES AND MAKE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS TO BUDGET ACCOUNT BALANCES.

It was moved by Director Hickel and seconded by Miller to approve the budget transfer.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RESCIND RESOLUTION #2025-003 LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TYPE II/III ENGINE

Chief Winters indicated the Board approved this resolution in August 2025, but additional language was needed for legal purposes, therefore this resolution needs to be rescinded and a new one adopted.

It was moved by Director Hickel and seconded by Miller to rescind the Resolution #2005-003.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-004 – A RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER FIRE DISTRICT APPROVING A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LEASING 2, INC. FOR A TYPE II/III ENGINE

It was moved by Director Brookins and seconded by Moore to approve the Resolution.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

COMMUNICATIONS: REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

DIRECTORS: NONE

COLUSA RURAL/GRAND ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS: NO FIREFIGHTERS PRESENT.

CHIEF WINTERS REPORTED:

- * Enclosed in the agenda packet was the first quarter report of budget revenues and expenditures and all accounts are in good standing.
- * Enclosed in agenda packet was letter from legal counsel regarding legality of utilizing a Directors business to do work for the District.
- * The 2023-24 Audit has been completed and will be presented at the next meeting for approval.
- * Work is being done to update and amend the Personnel Manual
- *Statement of Economic Interest was included in the agenda packet and needs to be completed annually by all Directors.
- *Number of Incidents for the past month was 22: 2 fires, 13 EMS with 5 at Casino, 1 Mutual Aid, 3 Investigations, 1 Public Assist and 2 activated alarms.

Assistant Chief Trotter reported that he has been diligently working on grants and received notice that the District was awarded a \$336,000 FEMA grant for 30 SCBA and pare cylinders. He is also working on another grant application for funding for new turnouts.

A \$6650 grant was received for 12 sets of wildland fire gear and 2 portable radios. The Board Commended him on his securing of the grant funds.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting being November 11, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Grand Island Station.

John Garner, Chairman

Patty Hickel, Secretary