

**CACHAGUA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
CACHAGUA FIRE STATION
NASON RD., CARMEL VALLEY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: Don Bonsper, Rod Lambert, Eli Riddle
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2022 were considered. Motion to approve as submitted Bonsper; Riddle second; motion carried.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

.01 **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported that the account balances as of July 11, 2022 are Checking: \$208,169.88; Savings: \$1,000.63; and Brokerage: \$300,162.80, for a total of \$509,333.31.

Old Business:

Worker's Compensation claim is still active. Total spent to date \$58,436. New expenditures for legal.

Audit is still on schedule to start in August 2022. Aug will cover FY 2021, Sep FY 2022.

Current Update:

Dispatch service. No new info on contract. Chief is on top of this.

The grant application for the new CalFire RFC 22 grant is still being processed. We look for results in August.

Good news. The reimbursement payment - \$15K - for the RFC 2021 grant with CalFire has been received and deposited. Process turned out to be much smoother than anticipated. This increases all the pressure to make sure we get a grant approved each year. The key will be to have a strongly defensible use of the funds. The AEDs would have been perfect for the latest grant. I am ready for a check from the volunteers for their generous contribution. (Felicia to verify \$10,000 is amount.)

CONSENT CALENDAR, Treasurer's Report, continued

The benefit assessment submission is still in progress. The county charged \$200 for a current file of the parcels in Cachagua. The resolution that was approved last month was mailed. The remaining documents will be e-mailed prior to 2 August.

Completed annual CalPERS Information report.

FASIS payment can now be paid quarterly or for the year. First payment is due in August. Annual total has increased to \$14,854 (from about \$9,000) We will get a rebate at the end of the year. FAIRA insurance has increased to \$12,599, due in August

Quarterly payroll and FASIS reports will be completed as soon as incident data are received.

Phone: the land line at the River Station has been replaced with a cell phone. This will save the district about \$150/month. Thanks to Felicia for helping with the final steps.

FASIS requested we vote for candidates running for their board. On behalf of the district, I completed the ballot and supported the recommended candidates.

New Initiatives:

There is interest in creating a priority list of future expenditures along with funding options. This would be a good way to be ready for grant opportunities as they arise.

.02 DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE: None, other than CALPERS.

.03 DISTRICT REQUESTS: None.

The Consent Calendar was approved with a motion by Lambert; Riddle second; motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS:

.01 Cachagua Volunteers: The report for June was presented by Felicia Fisher:

Old Business:

Covid-19 rates are climbing with the new Omicron sub-variants, hospitalizations are at a high, therefore it is still important to remain vigilant to the spread. Mask mandates are still lifted although with a few

STAFF REPORTS, Volunteers, continued

exceptions, e.g. in medical settings. A fourth vaccine has been approved for emergency use, and many are urged to consider a second booster.

June had a total of five call responses. Four were listed as medical calls. One ePCR was filed by me as I was the EMT on the call. One was the fire in the forest below White Oaks Campground. Nothing further on NFIRS.

The Saturday drill in June was an interactive, cutting hand line, protecting structures in the WUI drill.

We spent quite a considerable amount of time discussing the Cachagua Country Fair and the work involved to put on a successful BBQ for a large crowd.

We also mentioned, in passing, the Fiesta in the Village. It is the Kiwanis main fundraising event. They usually donate to us every year, so it is a good idea to support their event by being a vendor. It is a nice event and we tend to sell quite a bit.

Total personnel is at 23 total volunteers. The total reflects the resignation of one firefighter and one firefighter on a medical leave of absence.

Felicia announced that she has received an inquiry from MPC about the training program - do we wish to continue? She noted they require a vaccine for all students participating in the class. Felicia reiterated that she does not want to continue the classes anymore. A replacement would require a degree and a certain number of years of experience. The Chief noted he will talk to others and get back to Felicia as to whether or not there is interest in continuing participation.

.02 Chief's Report:

7731 had a ladder mount that was damaged during the last fire, it has been replaced and installed with ladders back on 7731

7732 PTO went out. It was towed by Terry Bishop to Coastal Counties Truck & Equipment in Salinas for repairs. It has been fixed, picked up and is back in service at Station 2.

STAFF REPORTS, Chief's Report, continued

We received a "new to us" Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) from Monterey County Regional Fire, it will go on 7731. It has not been placed on 7731 as of yet. We now have a gas detection meter (It just needs to be recalibrated for propane before it is put into service) and a TIC, which were two high-priced purchases that we needed.

We still have items on backorder at Cascade Fire.

We attended the FireWise event in the Village on 06/18/2022 with a booth. It was a well attended event with good information.

The approval for 7 new AEDs was given from the Board and the purchase has been made through Bound Tree Medical. We were notified on June 20th that our current AEDs have been discontinued and our Pads were expiring at the end of the month. It is unfortunate that we received such short notice to make this decision.

Jamie Powers has resigned from the department. She has turned in her gear. Carey Ostrander has taken a leave of absence. The Chief is awaiting her official letter and return of her gear.

We have ordered 32 IRPGs from Forestry's supply. They have arrived and have been handed out.

We are in the process of having five members get their Firefighter Endorsement at the DMV. These five members will be licensed to drive the engines, currently we have two drivers with this endorsement and one class A driver.

Our last Saturday drill on June 25 was at Hastings. It was a wildland drill with structure prep and structure protection, along with some more progress hose lays. Training has been going great. There has been a huge improvement overall.

The Volunteers manned the BBQ at the Cachagua Country Fair this past weekend, serving up tri-tip, chicken, and all the sides. The event was well attended and raised funding for the Volunteers.

The Chief requested to keep the cell phone with him so he can respond to messages without waiting a week before he ever gets them. The Board consented to this plan.

STAFF REPORTS, Chief's Report, continued

The Chief also brought a PR issue to the Board's attention. There was a recent social media post featuring a former Volunteer doing donuts in the soccer field after the Fair. Board agreed we should put out a statement that the individual is not affiliated with our group, followed by a community service participation announcement.

Motion to approve Staff reports Lambert; Bonsper second; motion carried.

6. ACTION CALENDAR:

- .01 The Board discussed a request to purchase a Board computer to aid in fund-raising, etc. Commissioner Riddle will research cost and bring the details to a future Board meeting.
- .02 The Board discussed an update on the website. The Assistant Chief has offered to lead on the website (to replace Eric). It was agreed we need to start with new photos.
- .03 The Board discussed further the retirement of Board members.
- .04 The Board discussed finding a new Clerk and Treasurer.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse in Princes Camp.