Minutes of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Commissioners

Monday 10 March 2025

1. Meeting Called To Order:

The regular meeting of the Capay Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners was opened and called to order at 6:42 PM by Board Chair, Judith Redmond. Board Members Present were Caleb Sehnert, Judith Redmond, and Dawnmarie Eason, and Wyatt Cline. Also present was Fire Chief and District Secretary Jesse Capitanio.

1. Reading and approval of prior meeting minutes:

A motion was made by Caleb to approve the February meeting minutes, seconded by Wyatt, and passed by all present.

1. Correspondence:

The Board received invitations to attend the Yocha Dehe FD awards ceremony.

Jesse will send a thank you letters to Madison FPD and Yocha Dehe FD for donating apparatus to Capay Valley FPD.

1. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

1. Old Business:
   1. 218 Methodology:

The Board reviewed the methodology for assessing commercial properties in Guinda, and found that current assessments do not accurately represent the properties. For the following tax years, the rolls will be updated to reflect the structures and land use actually present on the parcels.

* 1. Joint Operations Update:

No update at this time

* 1. CVERA Update:

Judith reports that CVERA’s February training focused on personnel accountability, radio usage, and the Incident Command System. 10 to 12 volunteers attended.

* 1. Project Updates
     1. Station 22:

We are ready for concrete, we just need to schedule the work day.

* + 1. Station 21:

Jesse to take new measurements due to the need to change the position of the prospective building.

* + 1. ISO rating:

No news

* + 1. New Type 3 Engine Update:

BME has delayed production of the new engine until October of this year.

1. New Business:
   1. CalPers Update:

CalPers is ready to perform the actuarial valuation for a 2.7% at 57 pension plan. The cost is $900 and the contract is ready to sign. The Board would like to explore the possibility of offering post-retirement health insurance to pension recipients, which may change the valuation, so the Board declined to sign the contract at this time and Jesse will request more information and a possible contract revision to bring back to the Board.

1. Chief’s Report:

Jesse provided a number of policies to OSHA which they requested as part of their investigation into the Dunnigan Fire Captain injury. We have not received further contact from OSHA at this time.

Jesse is still working on the DMV title transfers for the apparatus donated by Madison and Yocha Dehe.

A new climate grant is available which Jesse will research – we may qualify for funding to upgrade to double paned windows and install HVAC.

YDF is hosting a wildland chainsaw class which some of our volunteers may be attending. Jesse will be teaching firing techniques to some of our staff, and will hopefully conduct the Obermeier training burn this spring. There are several areas which Jesse is interested in burning which would provide strategic fire buffers in high-risk areas of Rumsey.

We have a new Reserve Firefighter – Cesar Cruz. He graduated from the Yuba Firefighter Academy last spring and is currently working one 24 hour shift per week. He will be taking a job with Cal Fire as a seasonal firefighter very soon but we are happy to have him in the meantime.

Manny Gonsalves and Aoui Pacheco-Delfino will be eligible for strike team deployment this summer.

Jesse has heard back from several Supervisors regarding CR 40, and it seems like there is interest in finding solutions for road maintenance.

14 calls in February.

1. Firefighters’ Association:

The Almond Festival was successful, we sold out very early and raised around $3000 for the Association.

1. Other Agenda Items:

None.

1. Review Budget and Approve Payment of Bills:

The Board reviewed the current claims, a motion to pay the bills was made by Dawnmarie, seconded by Wyatt and was passed by all present.

1. Meeting Adjournment:

Caleb moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Dawnmarie and passed by all present.

Judith Redmond, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jesse Capitanio, Secretary\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_