

DOBBINS/OREGON HOUSE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
P. O. BOX 164, OREGON HOUSE, CA 95962
Minutes

February 27, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pessoa

QUORUM

The Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Protection District Board of Directors met for their regular meeting on the date above with a quorum being present as follows: Charles Sharp, Lani Pessoa, and Justin DeVorss. Chief Mike Butler & Bookkeeper Lorrie Million were also present. Rissa represented the Auxiliary and there were four members of the public present. Greg Holman & Peter Pillsbury were absent. Jared Ware was absent and has sent notice he has resigned.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chair Pessoa, seconded by Director DeVorss to approve the minutes for the January 23, 2024, regular meeting. The roll call vote was Director Sharp (yes), Director DeVorss (yes) and Chair Pessoa (yes), Vice Chair Holman (absent). There were (3) Yes, (0) Noes, (0) Abstain & (1) Absent. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(03-2024) – Auditor-Controller of Yuba County – Special District Warrants Issued.

(04-2024) – Email: From the Office of Rep. Kevin Kiley - Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

(05-2024) – Email: CAL FIRE - SRA FHSZ Adoption.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Incident Report – Chief Butler distributed the Incident Report. The Chief and Roy Young went to QTAC in Chico to review the blueprint plans for our new rescue vehicle and will be approving the hard copy soon. The expected delivery for the vehicle is December.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Reports – Lorrie reports the checks and deposit slips for the new bank account have arrived. She has taken the Suburban Propane payments off auto pay due to the increased amounts. Suburban Propane will now send statements via email.

Budget Adjustments – Chair Pessoa distributed the revised budget with adjustments discussed at the last meeting.

Warrants – None

AUXILIARY

Rissa reports the Spaghetti fundraiser dinner is Saturday, March 9th at 6:00 pm. Repairs to fix the leak have been done, the wall is sealed, and the pipes have been raised at the thrift store. They are still in need of insulation. Chair Pessoa advised Rissa to complete the repairs and bill the district. The expense for the Succeed internet connection was discussed again. Since the Recology bill and charges for Succeed internet are a wash, it was decided the auxiliary will pay the Recology bill and the district will pay Succeed. She also notes AT&T is looking to shut down service in our area and VOIP was suggested as an alternative.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appoint Ad hoc Committee for Future Plans, option to discuss.

Chair Pessoa appointed Director DeVorss and Director Sharp to this committee.

B. Review Bylaws, discuss any proposed changes.

Due to the absence of Director Holman this subject will be carried over to the March meeting.

C. Review, sign Conflict of Interest Statements

The forms were distributed to each Director.

D. Approve joining California Special Districts Association

After discussing a motion was made by Chair Pessoa, seconded by Director DeVorss to join the CA Special Districts Association. The roll call vote was Director Sharp (yes), Director DeVorss (yes) and Chair Pessoa (yes), Vice Chair Holman (absent). There were (3) Yes, (0) Noes, (0) Abstain & (1) Absent. Motion passed.

E. Public Relations presentation by Director Sharp

F. Consideration of establishing a Public Relations committee, option to vote.

G. Consideration the Fire District Board taking advocacy positions regarding fire protection measures in the District's service area, option to vote.

Due to the absence of Director Holman E., F., and G. will be carried over to the March meeting.

BOARD & STAFF DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS:

Director Sharp – Referred to correspondence received from Representative Kevin Kiley suggesting inviting him to attend one of our meetings and recognize Chief Butler. He also suggested the fire station could be part of a Fire Wise Community.

Chair Pessoa – Notes Director DeVorss is our new Fire Safe Council representative, and asked Director DeVorss to advise the board on becoming a Fire Wise Community, whether or not we should proceed and what the next steps would be. Director Jared Ware has resigned, and the effective date is February 27, 2024. The Notice of Vacancy will be posted. Due to the resignation of Director Ware, a new Committee Members list was distributed to the board.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pessoa at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lani Pessoa, Chair