

FIG GARDEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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FIG GARDEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025, 9:00AM Station 20 – 4537 N Wishon

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Caglia, Heather Janz, Erik Peterson
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Louis Linney, Larry Fortune
CITY OF FRESNO: Billy Alcorn, Fire Chief
Yvonne Dedmore, Business Manager
Christy Cronin, Senior Management Analyst
OTHERS: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Member Caglia.

1. Board of Directors Minutes – January 16, 2025

- **MOTION:** Board Member Caglia motioned to adopt the minutes of January 16, 2025; seconded by Board Member Peterson. Motion carried
- Ayes: Caglia, Janz, Peterson
- Nays: none

2. Public Commentary

- None

3. Board Member Comments and Updates

- Board Member Peterson posed the question of maintenance in the District as it applies to dead trees. Debate was had as to responsibility falling to the County or to the owner. Chief Alcorn advised that FFD does weed abatement on behalf of the District but that trees along the street may not fall under that jurisdiction. Chief Alcorn offered to contact the county for guidance and will report back his findings to the board.
- Board Member Janz relayed a thank you message she received from a resident of the district. The resident experienced a garage fire in December and was appreciative of the response from FFD and the time taken to explain the fire to her. She also expressed that the fire was caused by insufficiency in the PGE lines and she is concerned about other power lines that may potentially contribute to fires. Board Member Peterson relayed that he has had issues in the past with squirrels chewing on the power lines to his residence and that that is likely what happened.
- Board Member Janz shared that she attended the Fire District Association of California (FDAC) Certificate of Achievement in Fire District Leadership program in Felton, CA January 31-February 1, 2025. She found the training to be very informative and brought back some items she would like the board to address. The March agenda will include a recap of what she learned as well as the presentation of a draft strategic plan for the District. Chief Alcorn will also reach out to see about potentially bringing the training to the Fire Symposium taking place in downtown Fresno in March.

4. Apparatus Bay Door

- At the January 16 meeting, the board directed FFD to obtain at least one additional quote on the repair/replacement of the apparatus bay door and gave authority to move forward using the lowest bid. Chief Alcorn was looking at the potential of adding windows to the new roll up door or changing to a bi-fold door. He presented these ideas but advised in the end that the

board would need to stick with a windowless roll up door unless the board is willing to spend in the vicinity of \$150,000. The board opted to stick with the motion from the January 16 meeting.

5. FAIRA

- Board members reviewed the insurance policy for the period July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025. Questions were asked regarding what is covered by the District versus what is covered by the City of Fresno. Clarification was made that the insurance is for the property and any member of the public that may get injured on the property. All employees and vehicles fall under coverage of the City of Fresno. Requests were made to remove the Auto Liability, Medical Incident and Employee Theft line items currently listed on the Summary of Insurance as well as reduce the Excess Liability from \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000 and the Property Limits from \$100,000,000 to \$25,000,000
- The board received a tour of the station to visually relate the property listed with the property on site.

6. 2025 Scheduled Board Meetings (THURSDAYS)

Further discussion regarding moving the meetings to the second Tuesday of the month in the mornings was had but a decision was deferred to the March meeting.

- March 13, 2025 – Quarterly Meeting and Proposed FY 26 Budget
- June 12, 2025 – Quarterly Meeting (adopt FY 26 budget and 1st Weed Abatement)
- July 17, 2025 – 2nd Weed Abatement – meeting date ONLY if needed
- September 11, 2025 – Quarterly Meeting
- December 11, 2025 – Quarterly Meeting

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am