

**Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 11, 2022**

Attendance

Chairperson Coburn, Vice-Chair Gibbs, Director Perkins, Secretary Mackey, Director Madoski, Chief Bitters, BC Burns, Jeremiah North and Attorney William Ross. Chair Coburn called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Closed Session

At this time, (2:01) the meeting went into closed session: Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation Authorized Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)

Open Session

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:27 pm. Board Chair Coburn reported that the board will continue closed session on December 8th to resume discussion.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

None.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Mackey stated that in regards to the newly formed Board Oversight Committee that he was not appointed to be on it, just Vice-Chair Gibbs and Chair Coburn. With that correction, Secretary Mackey made a motion to accept the October 13th minutes. Vice Chair Gibbs provided the second. A roll call vote was taken. In Favor: Mackey, Gibbs, Perkins, Coburn. Nay: 0 Abstain: Madoski. Motion passed.

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda

None

Consent Calendar

Chief Bitters reviewed the Consent Calendar for the month of October. Secretary Mackey made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Director Perkins provided the second. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor, motion passed.

San Joaquin County American Resource Protection Act (ARPA) Funding

Chief Bitters gave an updated report on the American Resource Protection Act (ARPA) funding. He procured \$705,000 for Station 2 upgrades and \$525,000 for a new ambulance through the ARPA funding. We have to spend all of the funds on those specific projects or we will have to give the money back. He provided a spreadsheet of what all the fire districts in the county received through COVID grants. Director Madoski asked for the minutes to reflect that Chief Bitters has procured a total of \$896,953 in grants. Secretary Mackey also thanked Chief Bitters for his hard work on applying for and being awarded all the grant money.

Committee Reports

Battalion Chief Report- Battalion Chief Burns reported that the interview process is underway. Last month was Fire Prevention month so we just finished up with having all the elementary kids come to the fire station.

Personnel Committee- Secretary Mackey reported that the committee had met with Local 3880 representatives on November 4th and they came to a tentative agreement. They will take back the recommendation to the union and then meet again with the Personnel Committee.

2x2 Committee Report- Chair Coburn reported that Lucy & Company compiled some information from community members. They are recommending more community surveys and developing an FAQ in anticipation of questions as well. There will be an additional fee for doing more surveys.

Budget Committee

Chair Coburn reported that the Budget Committee met and looked at some preliminary numbers that the Chief is proposing for the grant funds and looking at the proposed contract with the labor group and how those numbers will fall in, along with any other income that may come in as well.

Chief's Report-

See attached

Director Reports-

Director Madoski-Thanked the Chief for providing another opportunity for procuring funding. He has been speaking to members of the community about prop 172, asked the board if it was still alright for him to continue doing so. There was some discussion of prop 172.

Secretary Mackey- Nothing to report

Vice-Chair Gibbs- Stated that the Ripon Rotary is going to donate \$9,000 (at his request) to the fire department, for the purchase of a new drone, and another member of the community is donating an additional \$3,000!

Director Perkins- Nothing to report

Chair Coburn- Nothing to report (RSVP for the dinner on the 28th that she will be attending)

Adjournment-

Secretary Mackey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Gibbs provided the second. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Sikma

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