

**CACHAGUA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**  
**CACHAGUA FIRE STATION – NASON RD., CARMEL VALLEY**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:57 pm.

ROLL CALL: Eli Riddle present, Monty Salas-Cordrey present; Laura Stenvick present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2023 were considered. Motion to approve submitted by Stenvick; seconded by Salas-Cordrey; motion carried.

**ACTION AGENDA**

1. Grant/ Fundraising Updates-MC Gives Fundraiser, CFCV Grant: MC Gives Fundraiser launches November 09 through December. There will be a “mixer” held specifically on Sunday, November 12 for all to enjoy. MC gives is more of a fundraiser where people can donate to its community that goes directly back to the community; including Cachagua Fire. Riddle, Salas-Cordrey and Chief Assistant Curry will attend the mixer to show gratitude and give support to their efforts to help communities like ours. Board will split the cost with association for half page of advertisement in Coast Weekly. CFCV Grant awarded \$4,000.00 to the Cachagua Fire Protection District for CPR/ First Aide community classes, along with new equipment to train with. We did not have the grant approval during this meeting for it did come in later in the week. Our efforts will continue to work with Don as he continues to do so much for us in his free time.

2. GB Risk Control Training- (administrator) is everyone receiving these emails? Do we need to update our online trainings? (for example, sexual assault etc.) Global risk control website is training website for sexual harassment, etc. The association nor the board are receiving this yearly. Every two years we should renew. Don has entered the board to let Riddle, Salas-Cordrey and Stenvick to have access. Monty is the administrator. Don is requesting an updated list of all associates addresses, emails and phone numbers. In the next meeting we can follow

up with the list of contacts on which Heather will assist.

#### STAFF & OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laura Stenvick

Current Account Balances: (as of 10/17/23)

Checking \$238,555.81

Savings \$1,002.45

Brokerage \$260,425.43

Total \$499,983.69

New Business:

- Paid off the district Samsung phone. It was set up on a \$6.95/mo payment plan. We owed \$145. We are now "eligible" for an upgrade. Changed AT&T to auto-pay.
- Jul-Sept payroll was processed, and checks were mailed to the volunteers. Quarterly report submitted to FRMS.
- Received Prop 172 payment of \$29k in late September.
- FEMA portal. Sam.gove has now been transferred from Don to Stenvick.

CACHAGUA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S REPORT: Alyssa McGowen

New Business:

- Class b/firefighter endorsements: People are starting to get their physicals done!! So far, Alex, Greg and Dee have passed their physical exams. Letters from the chief stating these people were eligible to take their permit test were distributed last night at the training.
- Turn out purchase: Kevin has a guy coming out on the 24th to size everyone for structure turnouts. Were all very excited
- Radio purchase: We have made a motion to purchase 10 new radios to outfit all chief's vehicles as well as to give to officers after they complete the proper training. We will also purchase 5 new pagers to keep as spares or for new members. The association budgeted \$20,000 on this purchase after using the annual budget from the board. Also, to purchase radio

harnesses for each engine so the new radios aren't dropped or left on tailgates.

- We held a Saturday training on the 7th, it was originally going to be a training to gain CE's. We had a smaller group than anticipated so we took the opportunity to train on our new clutch device that was purchased last year. It was great, we hope to hold a few more smaller hands on trainings with the rest of the group to get everyone up to speed on the new gear and once everyone is comfortable with it we plan to implement it as a regular tool used for rope rescues.

- Thank you to the Stenvick's who showed up and helped out on a surprise MCI scenario!

- Dam Removal?

Medicals: 5

Vehicle Accident: 1

Warming fire: 1

Tree Hazard: 1

CHIEF'S REPORT: Kevin Dixon

1. All Star will be in district on 10/24 to size personnel for the new turnouts. Anyone who cannot make that date will have to do a make-up, probably in town at a later date.

2. Still waiting to receive the new SCBA's, I will contact the vendor again and try to close that loop.

3. I want to thank everyone who is helping Don with his grant efforts, he is really putting a lot of effort into that process.

4. Most of our company officers are on board with the sale of E7711, I think we should be working towards apparatus that is preferably 4-wheel drive.

5. Heather has made an appointment on 11/02 for the B7702 vehicle to be rebranded.

6. I will start getting prices for the C7700 pick-up bed boxes once our current projects are complete. I am leaning towards the Highway Products boxes; they are the most durable that I have ever seen.

7. Jaime and I attended a meeting in the village regarding the removal of the Los Padres dam and I encourage everyone who lives in the district to strongly oppose dam removal. The study

that Cal Am had done played down the importance of that water source for firefighting. The loss of the reservoir could potentially put both lives and property at risk during initial attack fires in the absence of evacuations and during extended response times.

8. Our personnel are on track to have their firefighter endorsement licenses, I believe most have done the physical and I have signed and distributed the DMV letters.

9. Our mission is to keep the dam. Kevin first send to Lizzy (attorney) then send to us an email draft of action items so we know how to let the community know about this dam. Have this done by next month's meeting. We can put up posters "save the dam". Have public speakers let the community aware of this dam removal. We need to request cal am to consider this decision.

Stenvick motioned to approve the officer's reports. Monty second. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS: Stenvick motioned to purchase Heather for a Samsung 14 phone.; Monty second; motioned carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 08, 2023, 6:00 pm at the firehouse in Princes Camp.