

Board Members:
Rob Silveira- Board President
Phil Putnam-Board Secretary
Jack Bucke
Mike Schager
Ron Goings

Chief- Justin Chaney
John McDermott-1st Asst.
David Kelly-2nd Asst.

ORLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

810 Fifth Street, Orland, CA 95963

August 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board President Rob Silveira Board Members present Phil Putnam, Mike Schager, Ron Goings, and Jack Bucke. Also present was Fire Chief Justin Chaney, First Assistant Chief John McDermott, Fire District Administrative Assistant Rae Johnsen, and Fire Department Administrated Assistant Mica Alva.

Rae Johnsen read the previous meeting minutes Ron Goings motioned to approve the minutes as read, Mike Shager seconded the motion, all members approved the motion.

Reviewing finalized version of Centralized Dispatch MOU Chief Chaney presented the MOU and explained the changes that have been made. Per Chief Chaney all Chiefs from the 11 District are all on board with Centralized Dispatching. Estimated start time would be July of 2022, because the County needs to hire Dispatchers and train them. Rob asked if the County Council has reviewed the MOU, Chief Chaney confirmed. There was some discussion on when communication meetings will take place as this is implemented. Rob Silveira said this will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting agenda to give the public time to review before they sign.

There was some discussion on forming a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). Chief Chaney explained that something needs to change so that we can meet our budget if the tax does not pass. He is proposing to change to a JPA or changing the working in the Chief Agreement. Per Rob he would like to know the fire call number so that they can negotiate with the city changing the Chief Agreement based on the fire call volume. The Board would like to negotiate with the City before they consider changing to a JPA. There was some discussion on how other Districts are navigating budget issues.

Assistant Chief John McDermott shared that it looks like he got the USDA to pay for 35% of our Water Tender. He has been working hard to do what he can to get financial help for us. There was discussion on the possible sale of the old Water Tender.

Rae Johnsen provided a review of the Special Assessment and explained the process and shared we are getting less and less help to verify if our Assessment is correct from the County. This process is now taking more time, and we have to purchase our own tax roll from the finance department, so at some point these issues will all need to be addressed. Chief Chaney is going to reach out to the County and see if he can find out why it is getting harder.

Motion to approve Assessment and Prop 218 Certification made by Phil Putnam and seconded by Mike Schager, all member approved motion.

Rae Johnsen provided information for a change to the preliminary budget. In the original preliminary budget, there was only \$4000 put in the help account. But that was before we started sending Strike Teams out, so we need to change that amount to \$101,000, because they have already made \$96,000. We also need to think about what account we are going to use in the future for the Strike Team payroll when finalizing the budget.

There was more discussion on the Strike Team funds, how many times they have gone out so far and how much money is needed to pay the team's payroll. How to overcome the need to move money around to cover the pay to the team while we wait for the pay to be sent from OES was discussed. The Board decided to make a change to the budget when it is finalized by taking \$50,000 from the Land Reserve Account and putting it into the account that the Strike Team is going to get paid out of. Once they receive the check for the Stike Team they will put the funds back into the Land Reserve.

Next Meeting is scheduled for September 28th, 2021

Ron Goings motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:21