Board Members:

Rob Silveira- Board President Chief- Justin Chaney

Phil Putnam-Board Secretary John McDermott-1st Asst.

Jack Bucke David Kelly-2nd Asst.

Mike Schager

Ron Goings

ORLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

810 Fifth Street, Orland, CA 95963

June 29, 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, Second Assistant Chief David Kelly, Fire District Administrative Assistant Rae Johnsen, and Fire Department Administrated Assistant Mica Alva. Also present was several members of the Orland Fire Department.

Phil Putnam read the minutes from the May 18th meeting, Ron motioned to approve the minutes, Phil second the motion, all members approved the motion.

Chief Chaney presented the suggestion of forming a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). He notified the Board that the Volunteers are all on board with forming a JPA. Chief Chaney provided documents of the Williams Fire Protection Authority Joint Powers Agreement as an example. Board asked how the JPA would get funds and who would make the decisions on how the funds would be spent. Chaney explained that the County would need to put their funds into the JPA and the City would put their funds in the JPA account and there would be employees of the JPA who make the purchases and payments for the Department as a whole through this JPA. There is still be a City Fire and a District Fire but purchases and payments will all be made through the JPA. Possibly looking at a 75% City and 25% District funding for the JPA. Chief Chaney expressed that he feels this is the only way the District will stay solvent since the tax measure did not pass. Chief Chaney says the Volunteers are interested and if the District is interested then he will move forward with talking to the City. The Board had many questions about who the JPA would employ and how much the JPA would cost since the county and the city pays for employees the Fire Department uses to process funds, purchases, and payments.

Assistant Chief John McDermott said that he and all the volunteer in the room were there to show their support for the JPA because they care about the department and don’t want the District to “Crash and Burn” if something is not done now.

Ex Chief Bart Caster said this is something they looked at when he was a Chief.

There was some discussion on the confusion or misunderstanding of community about that they voted for Measure A so they think the District is getting those funds too. The Board will review documents and put it on next month’s agenda.

Chief Chaney provide an update on the Centralized Dispatch he also shared he thought the MOU document should include District Signatures. Ron said he still has an issue with Section 2 2.2 where it says If “able” , giving the County the power to decide if they are able to provide this. Chief Chaney said they are still working on the MOU and he will take any issue we have to them at the next meeting they have. There was some discussion on call volume and working out what that will look like for Dispatch and our Department. Chaney will bring more information after their meeting in July.

Administrated Assistant Rae provided documents with budget information, Chief Chaney explained what they believe the Preliminary Budget should look like. The funds was spread out from the State Other Account to cover the Strike Team Payroll, Audit fees for this year, Chief’s Salary, Mica’s Salary, and $5000 to Truck Reserve. Some minor changes were made to the other expense accounts to cover increases in things like insurance and equipment maintenance. Phil motioned to approve the Preliminary Budget, Ron Second the motion and all members approved the motion.

Next Meeting is scheduled for August 24th, 2021

Ron Goings motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm