

**KENTFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MEETING TYPE: Special

DATE: Wednesday, September 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 a.m. by Chairman McLeran. Director Murray led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: All Directors were present. Director Gerbsman teleconferenced from Alexandria, VA. Chief Smith was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: As there were no members of the public in attendance, no comments were received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Resolution No. 8-2011, authorizing amendments to the Miscellaneous Category Sections 20475, 21354.4, 20037 allowing for a different tier in certain benefits, was discussed. These changes will take effect on September 8, 2011 and will affect the CalPERS retirement benefit package of the Fire District Secretary. M/S Murray/Naso to approve and sign said resolution. All ayes. Corbet/aye, Gerbsman/aye, McLeran/aye, Murray/aye, Naso/aye.

2. Chief Smith recapped a meeting with Town of Ross officials, Gary Broad and Scot Hunter, as well as Fire Chief Tom Vallee, which took place on August 22, 2011 and included himself, Director Gerbsman and Administrative Secretary Carol Abraham. Director Gerbsman outlined several significant issues. Ross representatives told Kentfield representatives that the Town is in discussion with another fire agency as well as entertaining discussion with Kentfield Fire District.

Ross noted they were expecting a \$200K financial shortfall. Director Gerbsman pointed out several financial issues to be considered including unfunded pension liabilities, unfunded health coverage issues as well as possible future purchases of capital equipment. Additionally, Director Gerbsman mentioned the process of communication with constituents of both agencies to gain their approval/disapproval of any joining of the two agencies will be a major factor. Each agency's representative will research various components of financial issues and report its finding to the other agency. The issue of property tax revenue was touched upon.

Chief Smith noted that to date he has not heard back from the Town of Ross relative to their unfunded liabilities. He mentioned a pending meeting with LAFCO regarding property boundaries.

Director Naso advised that he has always been in favor of a union between RFD and KFD, however, he did point out that it appears the Town of Ross is looking at making a possible commitment elsewhere. Director Murray stated his concern regarding the pending financial shortfall expected by the Town of Ross in 2012. He is also concerned about the disparity of salaries between the two fire agencies. He mentioned that he would welcome consideration of property tax revenue from the Town of Ross. He knows that the possibility of this transition has been discussed in the past without any action being taken. Chairman McLeran noted that although the Town of Ross does not appear to be most interested in a union with KFD, the District should continue to pursue the idea. Director Gerbsman noted that there are pertinent issues on the table that need to be answered in order to make intelligent business decisions. He feels the ball is currently in Ross' court.

Director Gerbsman excused himself at 10:25 a.m.

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3. Chief Smith reported on his meeting with the three final candidates of six chosen by the selection committee for the pending Fire District Secretary position. He reported that all three candidates are highly qualified. His recommendation is to offer the job to Lisette Varnese pending a background investigation. Carol Abraham will work with the new hire during her transition.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISTRICT OPERATIONS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: None

OTHER: None

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS: None

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of 9/11.

M/S Murray/Corbet to adjourn this meeting at 10:45 a.m. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald T. Naso, Secretary
Board of Directors