

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

MEETING TYPE: Regular

DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Evergettis. Director Murray led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Corbet-present; Evergettis-present; Gerbsman-present; Murray-present; Naso-present. Also in attendance were Chief Pomi, Deputy Fire Marshal Pasero, C-Shift, and Recording Secretary Wilson.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES: M/S Naso/Corbet to approve the minutes of March 8, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Abstain; Murray-Abstain; Naso-Aye
Ayes: 3; Noes: 0; Abstain: 2
Motion passes

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. ***KAPF Labor Contract Negotiation Process – Negotiation Process***

CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 for Public Labor Negotiation and Government Code §54957.6(a) for Public Employee Benefit Negotiation – The KAPF negotiation team plans to meet with Board subcommittee soon. They will start the negotiation process for the KAPF MOU starting July 1, 2023. Chief Pomi asked to brief the Board regarding a CalPERS component within the current MOU.

The Board entered a Closed Session at 6:34 p.m.

The Board adjourned and entered back into Open Session at 6:44 p.m.

Director Evergettis reported the Board agreed to make a correction to the base pay schedule to ensure compliance with CalPERS.

M/S Gerbsman/Naso to approve to remain compliant with CalPERS in regard to the base salaries for our employees, we approve Appendix C and Appendix D as amended and will add them to the current KAPF MOU

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Aye; Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye

Ayes: 5; Noes: 0

Motion passes

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. ***Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS) Notice of Election*** – FASIS is holding an election to fill three positions for the FASIS Board of Directors. Chief Pomi explained there are three incumbents running for three expiring positions. He recommended the Board approve the three candidates on the official election ballot for the new term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

M/S Gerbsman/Murray to approve Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS) Notice of Election Ballot with selected incumbent Board Members Sean Grinnell, Tom Perazzo, and Carol Pioni

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Aye; Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye

Ayes: 5; Noes: 0

Motion passes

- b. ***Approval of JPA Agreement of Fire Risk Management Services*** – Chief Pomi announced on July 1, 2023, there will be a consolidation between the Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS) and the Fire Districts Association of California Employment Benefits Association (FDAC EBA). Kentfield Fire District is already a member of both organizations. These two agencies agreed to combine and form under the new name of Fire Risk Management Services (FRMS). The coverage and services currently provided by both these entities will all remain the same under the new name of FRMS. Chief Pomi recommended the Board approve Resolution 4-2023.

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M/S Naso/Corbet to approve **Resolution 4-2023**, a Resolution of the Kentfield Fire District Authorizing Participation in and Approving the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the Fire Risk Management Services Joint Powers Authority

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Aye; Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye

Ayes: 5; Noes: 0

Motion passes

- c. **Fire Ross Valley Paramedic Tax Rate F/Y 2023-2024** – The Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Tax Rate measure was brought forth to voters in June of 2022, and 83% voted in favor of a four-year extension. Within the extension, is a three-dollar annual escalator. The new RVPA tax rate structure will charge each taxable living unit a tax levy of \$94.50. Each agency has been asked to approve a Resolution for the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority. The RVPA will develop and approve a budget, and the County of Marin will then process the tax levy collection. Resolution 5-2023 ratifies the RVPA tax rate at \$94.50 for the fiscal year 2023-24. Chief Pomi asked for Board approval.

M/S Corbet/Murray to approve **Resolution 5-2023**, a Resolution of the Kentfield Fire District Board of Directors in Support of the Ross Valley Paramedic Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Aye; Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye

Ayes: 5; Noes: 0

Motion passes

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. **MERA – Low Income Senior Homeowner Parcel Tax Exemption** – MERA's Measure A application is now available for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 low-income senior exemption. The application is available online as well and will need to be completed by June 1, 2023. To receive the \$29 Measure A parcel tax exemption for a single-family residence, an application must be submitted every year. There are some requirements regarding the total annual household income for 2022, and residents must be of age 65 or older to qualify. Included in the BOD packet is the Measure A Parcel Tax Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the Measure A Low-Income Senior Exemption Application.
- b. **Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget in Progress** – The District's budget is in the developmental stage for the Fiscal Year 2023-24. The plan is to have a preliminary budget available and ready to present at the May BOD meeting. It will be an opportunity to review every budget line item, answer any questions, or make adjustments as needed.
- c. **Seasonal Firefighter Positions for 2023** – The Seasonal Firefighter interviews were conducted in March. The District has extended employment offers to two new candidates and one returning candidate. The two new candidates are currently going through the background check process. The anticipated date of hire will most likely be sometime early June.
- d. **March 2023 Regional Truck Training** – An email from Captain Marty was included in the Board Packet to serve as recognition for Firefighter Gutierrez and to those who helped organize the truck training in March. Kentfield Fire District is part of a regional truck academy and hosted San Rafael, Novato, and Southern Marin for the regional truck training. Firefighter Gutierrez took the initiative to organize and lead the training. There was a lot of great feedback from the other participating fire departments.
- e. **Out of County deployment CA Water Team-11** – There were significant events during the rainy season this year. The Cal OES Water Team-11, which is Marin County's swift water team, was deployed in early March. They started at the Mendocino Humboldt County line, were then deployed to Santa Cruz and ended up down in Tulare. Augmenting the help needed by the State of California, Captain Viau and Engineer McKnight were deployed for fourteen days, and Engineer Bridges and Battalion Chief Glenn were deployed for three days. As part of Cal Fire Incident Management Team II, Deputy Fire Marshal Larry Pasero was assigned down in the Southern Sierras in Inyo and Mono County. There, he helped manage the event while organizing supplies and resources needed on the mountains. Kentfield Fire District has always participated in helping the State of California with emergency needs and resources. Chief Pomi acknowledged these members and thanked them for their response.

DIRECTOR MATTERS:

Director Naso – Reported on the MERA Board. They met in-person last month in Corte Madera and it was nice to see everyone in person.

Director Evergettis – The MWPA Board unanimously approved an annual 6% raise increase for Mark Brown. He is doing a wonderful job and the MWPA programs are moving ahead.

CORRESPONDENCE: Were reviewed.

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DISTRICT OPERATIONS: March Incident Logs and Overtime Reports were reviewed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

M/S Murray/Gerbsman to approve March warrant 805304861 to and including 805304910 for \$473,739.35.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Aye; Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye

Ayes: 5; Noes: 0

Motion passes

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held on May 10, 2023.

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS: Chairman Evergettis asked for a moment of silence.

ADJOURNMENT: M/S Evergettis/Naso to adjourn this meeting at 7:05 p.m. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jena Wilson
Recording Secretary