

# SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

**Meeting was held via videoconference in compliance with AB 361, effective September 16, 2021.  
Join by phone: 1-669-900-9128 | Meeting ID: 914 153 1767 | Meeting Passcode: 3300**

### 1. Call to Order

President Norton called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. via a zoom videoconference call.

### 2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Board of Directors: President William Norton, Vice President John (Matt) Atkinson, Treasurer Mark Johnson, Brian Brady, Mark Emery, and Terrence Leen. Director Raymond Brunton was absent

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Leen and recited by all.

### 4. Confirmation of Agenda

Confirmed. No agenda items reordered.

### 5. Comments from the Public

None, no public present.

### 6. Presentations

None

### 7. Consent Calendar

a) Due to an increase in positive COVID cases within the County and no recommended changes to social distancing protocols the Board agreed to continue videoconferences. Conditions will be reviewed again in 30 days in compliance with new AB 361 legislation.  
**M/S/P Johnson/ Leen 6 ayes/1 absent**

b) Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the board meeting held on January 11, 2022. **M/S/P Brady/Johnson 6 ayes/1 absent**

### 8. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

The Chief presented his monthly report to the Board.

### 9. Old Business

- a) Board approved the recommendations set forth by Chief Akre and VP Atkinson as outlined below:
- Termination of lease agreement with the Dericksons, giving a 60 day notice.
  - Payment for electricity expenses to the Dericksons over the time of the lease totaling \$4,400.00 (\$20 per month for 220 months).
  - Turn the building over to the Dericksons after termination of lease agreement.

- Presentation of a plaque to the Derickson family for their dedicated service to the Glen Ellen Community for over 50 years and three generations.

**M/S/P Leen/Brady 6 ayes/1 absent**

**10. New Business**

- a) Board approved creation of policies for future prescribed fire burns in a collaborated effort between local and state agencies, creating a training element for District personnel and the ability to educate the community on the importance of maintaining fuel loads with the use of good fire. **M/S/P Leen/Johnson 6 ayes/1 absent**
- b) The Board accepted the draft letter in support of Sonoma County Fire District's effort to improve their emergency ALS ambulance service in EOA #1. The letter is to be used at the Chief's discretion. **M/S/P Johnson/Emery 6 ayes/1 absent**

**11. Other Business to come before the Board**

None

**12. Comments from the Floor**

None

**13. Comments/Reports from the Board**

- a) Emery thanked FF/PM Gibson and FM Smith for all their efforts in bringing additional fire prevention efforts to the Valley. Norton echoed his appreciation.

**14. Closed Session**

54957.6. Closed session; Labor negotiations

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions with the local agency's designated representatives regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its represented and unrepresented employees, and, for represented employees, any other matter within the statutorily-provided scope of representation. Closed sessions of a legislative body of a local agency, as permitted in this section, shall be for the purpose of reviewing its position and instructing the local agency's designated representatives. Closed sessions, as permitted in this section, may take place prior to and during consultations and discussions with representatives of employee organizations and unrepresented employees.

Closed session began at 7:40 p.m. There was no reportable actions taken during closed session. The session concluded at 9:15 p.m.

**15. Adjournment**

**M/S Emery/Johnson with 6 ayes/1 absent**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. to a regular Board meeting on March 8th, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be conducted via videoconference based on local COVID-19 restrictions in place and compliance of new AB361 legislation. *Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available at the following website at <http://sonomavalleyfire.org>*

Respectfully submitted,

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