

Minutes from the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Bolinas Fire Protection District Board Meeting at the Bolinas Fire Station.

Pres. Molesworth called the meeting of the Bolinas Fire Protection District to order at 7:00 P.M. Vice Pres. Torrey, Dir. Dunne and Dir. Pierce were present. Also present: Chief George Krakauer. Dir. Martinelli joined the meeting late. Administrative Manager Isaac Taylor were absent.

Pres. Molesworth asked for unanimous consent to approve the Agenda, with the amendment to move item 9 (Personnel Matters) to the beginning of the meeting, immediately following item 3 (Public Expression). Seeing no objections, the Agenda was approved as amended.

**PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

A resident gave public expression in support of bringing T-Mobile service to the District's cellular towers.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**MERA/Chiefs**

No update.

**MWPA**

Chief Krakauer discussed MWPA meetings in item 5c.

**Prevention**

Chief Krakauer discussed District wildfire preparedness and response in item 5b.

**Roads**

Chief Krakauer reported that mowing along Poplar Rd. is incomplete, but will be finished by NPS crews. The District plans to complete roadside mowing with the assistance of Don Murch when he returns later this summer.

Chief Krakauer reported that the Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency Project will necessitate one-lane traffic control for several days in mid- to late-August. The project will be completed by this fall.

**Inspections**

No update.

**Planning**

No update.

**Grants**

Chief Krakauer reported the District is expecting decisions on two grant proposals sometime in August.

**Training**

Chief Krakauer reported that training continues to be focused on wildland firefighting. Chief Krakauer also shared that three Bolinas personnel will attend a three-day off-road fire apparatus driving course hosted by Marin County Fire Department.

A planned live-fire wildland training for West Marin agencies has been canceled due to low enrollment.

### **Volunteers**

No update.

### **Apparatus**

Chief Krakauer reported that staff and volunteers are working to repair minor charging issues with Engine 285 and Engine 283.

### **Disaster Council**

No update.

### **Resource Recovery**

No update.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Chief Krakauer reported that the District was unable to complete the attic stairway project prior to the end of the fiscal year, but will be moving forward with the project after consulting with an engineer.

### **General Operations/Administration**

Chief Krakauer reported that the District has been working to record final income and expenses for fiscal year 2024-25, and we expect our contribution to reserves to be higher than budgeted.

Chief Krakauer reported that the District is planning to solicit a long-term financial study, to help in planning for future staffing needs, capital expenditures, and a potential ballot measure to update the District's parcel tax. Pres. Molesworth asked to have this added as a discussion item on the August meeting agenda.

Chief Krakauer reported the District is awaiting further information on RF emissions and design details related to a proposed addition to the AT&T cellular tower.

Chief Krakauer reported that he may be asked to provide a letter of support for the Stinson Beach Fire Protection District's new fire station project. Chief Krakauer stated his support for the project, noting the benefits to public safety in Bolinas and Stinson Beach from a modern facility with space to accommodate Stinson Beach Fire's growing department.

### **Personnel**

Chief Krakauer reported some changes to staff schedules, as Firefighter Easom will begin attending a Paramedic program this September.

Chief Krakauer reported a meeting with Marin County Fire Department and Stinson Beach Fire Protection District to discuss the future of seasonal ambulance Medic 97, and potential revenue sources to expand the service season.

Chief Krakauer reported the District continues to work on resolutions to CalPERS compliance matters.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Action Item #1 – Approve Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

MSC Dunne/Torrey (unan.) to approve the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Chief Krakauer introduced the final budget, noting it is unchanged from the draft budget approved in June. Pres. Molesworth asked about the current fiscal year's over-budget net income, and whether any adjustments were made to the income side for 2025-2026. Chief Krakauer responded that no changes were made, and that he would discuss this year's discrepancies in the Consent Calendar.

### **Action Item #2 – Approve Publicly Available Payroll Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

MSC Pierce/Martinelli (unan.) to approve the Publicly Available Payroll Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Chief Krakauer reported that the Publicly Available Payroll Schedule is a CalPERS requirement, and is being submitted to the board to align with the beginning of this fiscal year. The schedule has been adjusted to reflect actual positions and compensation.

### **Discussion Item #1 – District Wildfire Preparedness and Response**

Chief Krakauer reported that the District's four Chipper Day events have concluded, with each event filled and very positive feedback. Three Marin Wildfire Chipper Day events remain for Bolinas.

Chief Krakauer reported that the District continues to get responses from a number of downtown Bolinas parcel owners in regard to a planned Marin Wildfire fuel reduction project between Altura and Wharf. The District will be seeking Right of Entry and Liability Release Agreements from parcel owners prior to initiating surveys and project work.

Chief Krakauer reported that Stinson Beach Fire Protection District will be conducting an evacuation drill this Saturday, and will be borrowing the District's Long-Range Acoustic Device for audible alerts. Pres. Molesworth asked Chief Krakauer whether progress has been made on the mobile alerting issues observed in the Bolinas evacuation exercise. Chief Krakauer responded that he was informed those issues have been corrected, and reminded residents to verify their AlertMarin registration. Dir. Pierce asked where the Stinson residents would be evacuated to during the drill, and Chief Krakauer responded that they will be directed to the beach parking lot for this exercise.

Chief Krakauer reported that the District's latest wildfire preparedness postcard went out to all Bolinas residents. He thanked Dir. Dunne for his input on this postcard, which focuses on "Zone Zero".

Chief Krakauer reported the District is coordinating with BCPUD on annual mowing within the eucalyptus grove at Mesa & Olema-Bolinas Rd.

Chief Krakauer noted that Marin Wildfire will hold a public hearing on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Dance Palace in Point Reyes to discuss the Draft Marin County Forest Health and Fire Resilience Public Works Plan.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Dunne/Pierce (unan.) to approve the Consent Calendar.

Chief Krakauer noted a larger-than-budgeted contribution to the District's reserves. The main positive budget deviations on the income side included Marin County Investment Pool interest income, TOT revenue, two Cal OES reimbursements from 2024, and rental income. On the expense side, under-budget items included payroll expenses (due to unexpected elimination of one paid position and an unsuccessful recruitment), building and grounds (due to an incomplete stairway project), dispatch services (due to anticipated fees which did not materialize), and prevention (due to lower-than-budgeted defensible space evaluation charges.) The total reserve contribution is expected to be approximately \$190,000.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Human Resources Advisory Committee – No update.

Finance Advisory Committee – No update.

Operations Working Group – No update.

### **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Pres. Molesworth reported the Board took no reportable actions during its closed session conference with legal counsel and discussion of the Fire Chief's annual performance evaluation.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Pres. Molesworth asked for unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Taylor  
Administrative Manager

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