

Minutes from the April 22nd, 2026, Bolinas Fire Protection District Special 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. Molesworth, Dir. Pierce, and Dir. Dunne were present. Also present: Chief George Krakauer and Administrative Manager Isaac Taylor. Dir. Martinelli was absent.

Pres. Molesworth asked for unanimous consent to approve the Agenda. Seeing no objections, the Agenda was approved.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

The Board received public comment from one resident regarding traffic concerns on Overlook Road and Elm Road.

CHIEF'S REPORT

MERA/Chiefs

No update.

MWPA

No update.

Prevention

Chief Krakauer reported that tree work is set to begin on April 27th in the area of the intersection of Mesa Road and Olema-Bolinas Road.

Chief Krakauer will be meeting with a second contractor to look at some planned Marin Wildfire fuel reduction work behind businesses and residences along the north side of Wharf Road.

Chief Krakauer reports that PG&E completed some tree removals and limb pruning on the Mesa last week.

Roads

Chief Krakauer reported that the department is working with Recology to mitigate some issues with low hanging limbs which have been impacting Recology's new, taller garbage trucks.

Inspections

Chief Krakauer reported he is working with Marin County Fire Department on some plan reviews for new driveways and water storage projects.

Planning

No update.

Grants

Chief Krakauer reported that the Fire Safe Marin grant proposal in which the District was a co-applicant was unfortunately not successful.

Chief Krakauer reported the District has submitted a proposal to the state Office of Traffic Safety for the purchase of new battery-powered extrication tools. We expect to get their decision this fall.

Chief Krakauer also shared that the District plans to submit a proposal for a Cal Fire matching grant to support the purchase of new high-band portable emergency radios.

Chief Krakauer reported that the District is making its final PPE purchases before finalizing a Cal Fire matching grant and requesting reimbursement.

Training

Chief Krakauer reported that training has been focused on EMT skills.

Chief Krakauer reported that firefighters Walter Blair Tom and Caleb Norton have completed a water rescue swimmer class hosted by the Marin County Fire Department. The addition of certified rescue swimmers is a first step toward developing a water component to the District's rescue operations.

Chief Krakauer reported a successful medical helicopter training at the fire station Saturday, provided by the REACH Air Medical Services crew. Approximately twenty firefighters from Bolinas, Stinson Beach, and Inverness took part in the training, which covered topics related to the aircraft and landing zone procedures.

Chief Krakauer reported participating in a demonstration of new radios, intended to replace our aging high-band portable radios.

Chief Krakauer reported that firefighter Sydney Knudsen passed her drive test Friday, becoming the department's newest apparatus driver.

Volunteers

Chief Krakauer reported two new volunteers, Stewart Oakander and Rob Gailey.

Chief Krakauer also shared that firefighter Cass Kostelnik will be absent for seven months for a job out of state.

Chief Krakauer shared that the annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, May 10th.

Apparatus

Chief Krakauer reported that the District has signed the purchase order for our new Hi-Tech Type I pumper.

Chief Krakauer reported that extrication tools on Engine 285 were serviced yesterday.

Chief Krakauer reported that Ian Johnson is working on a list of minor electrical repairs for Utility 219.

Disaster Council

No update.

Resource Recovery

Chief Krakauer reported that he will be meeting next week with BCPUD officials to discuss Resource Recovery Project operations, hours, and staffing.

Buildings and Grounds

Chief Krakauer reported that the station air compressor has been repaired with a new motor.

Chief Krakauer also reported that the station roof, now 20 years old, will be inspected next week.

General Operations/Administration

Chief Krakauer reported that he and Isaac Taylor have been developing the 2026-27 draft budget, and will be seeking a meeting of the Finance Advisory Committee in early May.

Chief Krakauer will be conducting annual employee evaluations soon, and will be seeking a meeting of the HR Advisory Committee sometime after completion of these evaluations.

Personnel

Chief Krakauer reported that the department is continuing to train and develop part-time staff, new volunteers, and new drivers and engineers.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion Item #1 – Revisions to Proposed Cellular Lease Amendment from Sooner Towers, LLC

Isaac Taylor reported on a revised draft lease amendment, which he developed based on recommendations shared in last month's board discussion. The document has been reviewed and amended by counsel, and will be returned to Octagon/Sooner Towers for their consideration. The new revision includes a guaranteed minimum payment equal to the amount of one year's rent, and also reserves the right of the District to withhold consent for future subtenants, if they do not provide a public safety benefit. Board members discussed these revisions, and recommended further study of tower design concerns in the Ad Hoc Cellular Lease Committee.

Action Item #1 – Approve California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Form OES-FPD-130, "Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution Non-State Agencies"

MSC Torrey/Dunne (unan.) to approve Form OES-FPD-130, "Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution Non-State Agencies"

Administrative Manager Isaac Taylor reported that the resolution on CalOES Form OES-FPD-130 authorizes the Fire Chief or Administrative Manager to act as agents and execute agreements on behalf of Bolinas Fire Protection District for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance for certain types of disasters. This is a universal resolution and will be effective for three years.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Resources Advisory Committee – No update.

Finance Advisory Committee – No update.

Operations Working Group – No update.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dir. Dunne wished everyone a Happy Earth Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Pres. Molesworth asked for unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Taylor
Administrative Manager

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