

Minutes from the November 21st, 2023, Bolinas Fire Protection District Board Meeting at the Bolinas Fire Station.

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

Vice Pres. Torrey asked for unanimous consent to approve the Agenda. Seeing no objections, the Agenda is approved.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None.

CHIEF'S REPORT

MERA

Chief Krakauer will attend the November MERA meeting on Wednesday, November 22.

Chiefs

Chief Krakauer was unable to attend the November Chiefs meeting.

MWPA

Chief Krakauer reported that District representatives will continue to meet weekly with the MWPA and West Marin member agencies for coordination on planning and environmental compliance work in the West Zone.

Prevention

Chief Krakauer reported that Greg Jones of the NPS notified him that his team was ready to begin a fuel reduction project along the border of federal lands at Schipper Lane. Chief Krakauer notified all impacted residents of the upcoming work.

Chief Krakauer reported that he and Stinson Beach Fire Chief Peri co-authored a letter on behalf of the two districts regarding safety elements and inspections in the County's draft ordinance on short-term rentals (STRs) in the coastal zone. These elements include NOAA radios, evacuation maps, information on how to receive emergency alerts, and smoke/CO2 detectors checks.

Roads

No update.

Inspections

Chief Krakauer reported that the District completed follow-up business inspections last week at Smiley's and the Boat Club.

Planning

No update.

Grants

No update.

Training

Chief Krakauer reported that training tonight will be on the LUCAS device, on loan from Medic 97. The District hopes to receive its own LUCAS device in 2024 through federal earmark funds expended by Marin County Fire Department.

Firefighters Easom and Kruk are trained on fit testing for new SCBA masks, using equipment on loan from Stinson Beach Fire Protection District. They are working on getting all firefighters fitted.

Volunteers

Chief Krakauer reported that the final regular training of 2023 will be a live fire training next week. The volunteers are preparing to conduct the drawing for their annual raffle, and are planning for the upcoming Holiday Dinner.

Chief Krakauer reported that Fire Safety Day was less attended than last year, after being postponed due to rain. However, the event was a success, with fire extinguisher service and sales by Fire King, and significant sales of volunteer apparel.

Apparatus

Chief Krakauer reported that flatbed Utility 232 is still in good working order after its recent electrical repairs. Utility 231 will have its annual service next week, and Engine 283 recently had a fuel leak on a new filter repaired at no additional cost.

Disaster Council

No update.

Resource Recovery

Chief Krakauer reported that the John Deere front loader remains in good working order after recent repairs.

Buildings and Grounds

Chief Krakauer reported that the new lift station septic pump has once again been failing to engage automatically. The District is working with the vendor to resolve the ongoing problem.

General Operations/Administration

Chief Krakauer reported 16 calls so far in November, and 306 for the year. This total is already approximately 10% over our annual average. Chief Krakauer recalled that 2023 began with exceptionally wet and windy weather, and noted predictions of another wet winter in 2024 due to a return of El Nino conditions. The District has recorded approximately 4.25" of rainfall so far this water year.

Chief Krakauer, Asst. Chief Marcotte and Firefighter Easom have been conducting hydrant and private water source flow testing, and training on the District's newly-acquired pitot gauge. Chief Krakauer reported that most hydrants in the District are considered "Class B" or between 500-1,000 gallons per minute.

Chief Krakauer reported that Toxic Away Day has been postponed to January by Marin Household Hazardous Waste. Once the new date has been confirmed, BFPD will notify residents.

Chief Krakauer reported that a California Department of Parks and Recreation's lease with the District for a radio repeater antenna will expire at the end of June 2024. Leasing

officials with the state agency contacted Administrative Manager Isaac Taylor to initiate the lease renewal process, with a May target for completion.

Admin. Manager Isaac Taylor reported that the District has opened an account with the Local Agency Investment Fund, and plans to make an initial deposit in the near future. Taylor also informed the board on the details of the first investment report received from the California CLASS fund.

Isaac Taylor reported that West Marin Community Services, in partnership with Marin HHS and Safeway Pharmacy, will be offering a vaccination clinic at the Bolinas fire station on Thursday, November 30th from 1-4pm.

Isaac Taylor reported on a meeting with Marin County Fire Chief Jason Weber and West Marin fire agency representatives Measure W Transient Occupancy Tax receipts and

Isaac Taylor reported attending the California Special Districts Association Board Secretary Conference in Seaside, CA from November 6 – 8, where he had learned about compliance, practices and procedures and earned the CSDA Board Clerk certificate.

Dir. Martinelli suggested the District look into the Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC).

Personnel

Chief Krakauer reported that recruitment continues for a new Full-time Duty Officer, with interviews tentatively slated for early January.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no General Business items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORT

No updates.

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. Pierce wished everyone a nice Thanksgiving. Vice Pres. Torrey reported complimentary remarks made to her about the Bolinas Fire Department by an acquaintance who works for Marin County Fire.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Pres. Torrey asked for unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Taylor
Administrative Manager

Note: Minutes of all Board meetings are available for review on the District's website.