

Minutes from the July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. Pres. Molesworth, Vice Pres. Torrey, Dir. Pierce and Dir. Martinelli were present. Also present: Administrative Manager Isaac Taylor. Chief Krakauer and Dir. Dunne were 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 efforts to study traffic calming measures on Overlook Drive.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Administrative Manager Isaac Taylor provided updates from Chief Krakauer.

**MERA/Chiefs**

No updates.

**MWPA**

Chief Krakauer continued to participate in a series of meetings with MWPA over upcoming project work.

**Prevention**

District wildfire preparedness and response was discussed in item 5c.

**Roads**

There is ongoing PG&E hazardous tree work on Mesa Road and Terrace Avenue, with traffic control in place.

Roadside mowing by the District and Marin County DPW is now complete.

**Inspections**

Staff are continuing to perform annual business inspections. Chief Krakauer and firefighter Easom are currently training firefighters Tom and Knudsen on business inspections.

## **Planning**

No updates.

## **Grants**

Isaac Taylor shared that a potential grant opportunity unexpectedly closed early, but will reopen in October. The District plans to submit a proposal for additional high band emergency radios at that time.

## **Training**

Firefighters Walter Blair Tom and Italo Vaccaro are currently enrolled in the Firefighter I academy in Windsor. The department is adjusting staff schedules to ensure coverage during their training, and we wish them well in this intensive academy.

Eight Bolinas firefighters, along with several firefighters from West Marin departments, attended a volunteer wildland live burn training hosted by Marin County Fire Department at St. Vincent's. Dir. Martinelli shared that the training included multiple wildland firefighting skills and tactics.

The District has continued its own wildland training, along with trail call response training and Medic 97 orientation for newer volunteers.

Firefighter Italo Vaccaro has successfully passed his EMT exam and received both his EMT license and DMV firefighter endorsement.

## **Volunteers**

Jordan Martinelli has submitted his application to become a firefighter cadet. He will be eligible to join as a full volunteer next year.

## **Apparatus**

All firefighting apparatus have had annual services completed.

Engine 285 needs its cab tilt sensor replaced, and this will be done in house as soon as possible.

## **Disaster Council**

No update.

## **Resource Recovery**

Applications are still open for an equipment operator, and interviews are expected to be held later this month.

Belle Wood attended the initial session of a new composting workshop intended to coordinate expanded and efficient composting practices throughout Marin County.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

The District's aboveground fuel tank was inspected by Stroupe Petroleum earlier this month. Repairs were completed, and the inspection indicated the tank is approaching the end of its life cycle. Chief Krakauer is exploring replacement cost estimates, looking toward a potential capital expenditure in fiscal year 2027-28, shared between the District, BCPUD, and BSUSD.

## **General Operations/Administration**

The District had a relatively calm 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend with just two calls, but an above-average July call volume since then.

The Brighton seawall project is underway. The department is coordinating with project managers to ensure emergency access is maintained. The main ramp to the beach will be closed to the public soon, and a temporary staircase will be built on the east side of the ramp.

The department has been hosting the Bolinas Summer Camp for one day per week.

### **Personnel**

No update.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Action Item #1 – Approve Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

MSC Martinelli/Pierce (unan.) to approve the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Pres. Molesworth thanked Isaac Taylor for his work on the budget.

### **Discussion Item #1 – Proposed Cellular Site Lease Amendment**

Isaac Taylor provided background on the item and updates from the Ad Hoc Cellular Site Lease Committee. Approximately three months ago, the District received a proposed lease amendment from Octagon Towers, LLC, assignee of AT&T Mobile and operator of the monopole cellular tower located behind the fire station. The amendment would create a new lease term, adjust the rent, and add an additional carrier to a replacement tower (T-Mobile). The amendment was reviewed in committee and with County counsel, after which we made certain revisions and sent the document back to Octagon Towers. Octagon Towers then made additional revisions, including a rent increase and elimination of a provision limiting future subtenants to those providing a public safety benefit. On further consideration, the committee recommends additional discussions with Octagon Towers before bringing the amendment to the board for approval. A meeting between the committee and Octagon Towers will be scheduled in the next few weeks, primarily to address the question of future additional subtenants. The committee remains supportive of the addition of T-Mobile, which would provide greater connectivity for Bolinas residents.

Vice Pres. Torrey asked for an example of a subtenant that would not provide a public safety benefit. Isaac Taylor responded that, unlike telephone carriers which connect the public to emergency services, potential subtenants could include broadcasters, internet service providers, or other commercial infrastructure. Dir. Martinelli noted that additional interference could impair emergency radio operations. Pres. Molesworth suggested consulting with County counsel regarding alternative language that may allow the District some control over potential future subtenants.

### **Discussion Item #2 – District Wildfire Preparedness and Response**

Isaac Taylor reported that the final District Chipper Day will be this Friday. It is full with a small wait list. The District may elect to schedule additional Chipper Days later this year.

Marin County is also planning additional Chipper Days in Bolinas, and residents must register online at [chipperday.com/marin](http://chipperday.com/marin)

California Conservation Corps is scheduled to begin some hazardous understory fuel work in the BCPUD eucalyptus grove at the intersection of Mesa and Olema-Bolinas Road. This work is being coordinated by Marin Wildfire.

Defensible space inspectors are in Bolinas this week beginning their residential evaluations in downtown, Gospel Flat, and a portion of the big Mesa.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Pres. Molesworth reported attending the MWPA Board Meeting, but had no updates.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Human Resources Advisory Committee – Vice Pres. Torrey reported a meeting of the committee to discuss the annual Fire Chief performance evaluation. She notified board members that they would receive annual review forms soon.

Finance Advisory Committee – No update.

Operations Working Group – No update.

### **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

None.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Pres. Molesworth remarked on the brevity of tonight's board meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Pres. Molesworth 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

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