

**Woodside Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Administration Building  
808 Portola Rd.  
Portola Valley, CA 94028  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The regular Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Director Holtaus.

**Directors Present:** Cain, Miller & Holthaus

**Directors Absent:**

**Staff:** Chief Lindner, Pub Ed Officer/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Selena Brown, Finance Manager Kate Edwards, B/C Picchi, B/C Tom Cuschieri, B/C Smith

**Public Comment Non-Agendized Topics:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

Items: Items 1, 2, 4, and 6 were unanimously approved and moved to the consent agenda.

**Regular Agenda:**

**Item 5:** Finance Manager Edwards discussed the financial spreadsheet.

Director Miller asked if there were any expenses due to COVID-19 that we were not prepared for. The District has created a line item in the budget specific for COVID-19 so they can be prepared for any grants or tracking.

Director Holtaus asked about a couple of significant purchases on the expense reports. Finance Manager Edwards mentioned they all pertained to apparatus and equipment.

**Staff Report:** No staff presentation scheduled this month.

**Fire Chief Report:**

The Chili Cook Off has been postponed until 2021.

Progress on evacuation zones have not moved forward due to COVID-19.

Wildland fire season is upon us and FM Bullard and Pub Ed Officer Brown have been pushing info out regularly. The Chipper Program will be starting in May. Wildland inspections will also be conducted as usual.

The topic of PSPS was discussed in the Chief's meeting. It is understood what the dangers are during the fire season, but there are differences of opinions. The County Chief's have been in contact with the Board of Supervisors and County Health. Given the lack of intense fire history, that the CPUC should reconsider the widespread shutting down of power due to the vulnerabilities due to the SIP.

Chief Lindner stated that the COVID-19 numbers are not updated daily which explains why it numbers appear to spike. The percentage of ICU beds and ventilators available is very high. This shows that the SIP is working to flatten the curve.

Currently WFPD has no current COVID-19 cases in house. Our PPE stock is ok. We get our orders through AMR. The orders have not been consistent.

At the County level multiple hotels have been contracted to provide housing to people that need a place to rest, for the homeless, and for people that cannot return home. The Health Officer is still very restrictive in easing up on the SIP. Official word pertaining to extension will be put out by the end of the week. There will be some easing of restrictions but not sure of specifics yet.

For first responders, there are 3 testing sites. Stanford is our main facility. Alternative sight is at the San Mateo Event Center, and a third option at San Mateo Consolidated Fire. County Chiefs have made the recommendation that if an employee tests positive they need to test negative twice before returning to work.

**Written Communications:**

Chief Lindner decided to hold of written communications until a later session.

Meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:31 P.M.

**Closed Session:** Closed Session was entered at 7:32 P.M.

**Re-entered Open Session:** Open session was re-entered at 7:55 P.M.

**Closed Session Report:** Chief Lindner updated the Board on an incident that occurred with a family member of retired member of the Fire District. Incident occurred in another county and did not involve any current WFPD personnel.

Chief Lindner advised the Board of the current capital campaign for the construction and remodel of two of the fire stations. No action was taken, but discussions on the future of the project(s) will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting will be held June 1st, 2020 at 7:00 P.M at the WFPD Administration Building, 808 Portola Rd. Portola Valley, CA 94028.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Cain, Board Secretary