

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, July 11, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present by Zoom teleconference: Cliff Kellogg, Robert Carlyle, Keith Ronchetti, Michael Pique. Also on the call were Palomar CERT coordinator Bill Leininger and Palomar Fire Safe Council president Yvonne Vaucher,

Public Comment: none offered.

Minutes: The minutes from the 06/06/2020 board meeting were approved with corrected spellings of “Royce Abalos” and “Cody Eaves”.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti’s written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$103,223.96 (with \$13,948.68 held for CERT). CERT received (for reflective house number address signs) revenue of \$518.00 and incurred expenses of \$513.99. The report was approved.

Station 79 Report: Chief Reynolds is unavailable so no report.

County Fire Authority Update: Cliff Kellogg has talked to Royce Abalos, who promises to keep us informed about construction progress; now planning a “late summer” start.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger says CERT helped out on traffic control at the fire station for this morning’s public COVID-19 testing. CERT has collected enough public outreach signatures to qualify for funding for background checks, insurance, and buying a trailer for the storage and transport of CERT supplies.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): FSC President Yvonne Vaucher reports the FSC has a dumpster in place today, and as of 2:15 PM it was 80% full. Robert Carlyle is going ahead with chipping: 3 residences on July 18, to be billed later. We received \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program; our request for 36 fire gel kits, 8 dumpster days, and 6 chipping days was not fully funded so some reductions will be made. Because we have 16 home fire gel kits on hand we may defer buying more. We have submitted a California Fire Safe Council federal grant proposal strictly for chipping, requesting \$22,500 over two years.

Name of the Board and of the underlying PMVFD 501(c)3 Organization: We could file a DBA (Doing Business As) statement with the county for a cost of no more than \$50. The current working draft name is the “Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association”.

Old Business:

Donation to the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Foundation in honor of Henry Vargas: Cliff Kellogg has ordered a brick with wording approved by the Board; total expense including \$200 unrestricted contribution is \$500. The Foundation will notify Henry's widow Martha of the donations.

Elections Nominating Committee Chair: Glenn Borland says Cecelia Borland is willing to serve again. Board members whose terms expire in September are Cliff Kellogg, Glenn Borland, and Robert Carlyle.

Adjournment: 4:08 PM 07/11/2020. The next board meeting is Saturday 08/01/2020, at 9:00 AM, most likely by Zoom or other teleconference.

- Michael Pique

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 08/01/2020