

The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, July 6, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Robert Carlyle. Board members present in person at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds): Robert Carlyle, Tom Mendenhall, Michael Pique. Also present in person were Cliff Kellogg and Bill Leininger. CAL FIRE Captain Dean Kowalski, Yvonne Vaucher, Elizabeth Getzoff, Rosie Lopresti, and the Lomelis joined our Zoom teleconference.

Pledge: Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none offered.

Minutes: The minutes from the 06/01/2024 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$91,070.23, with an additional \$1220.29 held for CERT. The report was approved.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board. Cliff Kellogg says the next meeting is August 12.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski says the new ambulance is working out very well. A new firefighter/medic, Dan Nuñez, has filled one of our two open medic slots. We continue to have staffing difficulties and are taking a lot of forced overtime. Station 79 had an air conditioner problem that left water on the floor; the county fixed it. The Community Center building broken front door lock and roof leak have been reported to the county but probably not considered high priority. He will follow up next week. After the county's take-over of stations in Borrego Springs and Ramona, the county facilities staff have been very busy. Cliff will look at the non-functioning small bathroom water heater to see if it just needs a circuit breaker reset.

The Defensible Space Inspections (DSI) are delayed by "incidents" and new training to go along with significant changes to the procedures.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger says the June training has been rescheduled for two days in September. We will be doing a new order of reflective house number signs then. Robert Carlyle suggests giving more publicity to the CERT first aid training sessions.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC): Yvonne Vaucher. Our Directors and Officers liability insurance is now in effect. The cost for our CEQA is down to \$8000 and we intend to cover "everything we might do in the next ten years". Robert Carlyle and Captain Kowalski will meet to see what should be done first-priority. Gina Aven has applied for 25% advance; all must be spent in six months. Plan to go up to 20 feet from the roads. Have \$10,200 from Resource Conservation District of San Diego for chipping and dumpster.

PMFSC is aware of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) intent to run a 500,000 Volt electrical transmission line from Ocotillo to San Clemente. Much discussion of how the route and process would be affected by state assembly bill AB 3238 which would relax some CEQA requirements. Bonnie Phelps is collecting Palomar visitor “testimonials” on the hope that those would influence the routing. The project manager from NextEra, the winning bidder, has been invited to visit Palomar later this summer. PMFSC meeting 9 AM July 27.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Robert Carlyle is the new Chair. The CCPM board will meet right after this PMCFA meeting to discuss the August 31 “Hoedown”. Yvonne says she visited the Palomar Christian Conference Center (PCCC) and met the chef and the kitchen manager. They would be open to catering the event.

Board Insurance: Robert Carlyle has sent in our information for yet another attempt at getting Directors and Officers insurance. Yvonne again urges us to go through the Non-profit Insurance Alliance.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO): The next PMPO Board meeting will be Saturday August 24, at 10 AM immediately following the PMFSC meeting.

New Business:

Nominations for the three open Board Positions. We need to appoint a (non-board member) Nominations Chair to solicit and collect nominations for the three open seats (now held by Robert Carlyle, Tom Mendenhall, Mark Thompson).

Adjournment: 9:34 AM 07/06/2024. The next PMCFA meeting is Saturday August 3, 2024 at 9 AM, at the Community Center. We expect to have Zoom call-ins available. This will be the last chance to get the nominations for the September 1 Annual General Meeting.

Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 08/03/2024.