

The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, February 1, 2025.

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, Mark Thompson. Board members joining by Zoom teleconference: Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti. Also present in person were Yvonne Vaucher and Cliff Kellogg. Elizabeth Getzoff, Rosie Lopresti, and Lafe Ball joined our Zoom teleconference. The Zoom connection was unstable throughout the meeting.

Pledge: Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None offered

Minutes: The minutes from the January 4, 2025, meeting were approved, with the understanding that Yvonne Vaucher's Fire Safe Council report will be included.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$91,260.66, with an additional \$1220.29 held for CERT. He has e-posted our tax returns and welfare exemption. The report was approved.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board. Cliff Kellogg says the next meeting is March 3.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski away, no report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger away; he emailed Yvonne notes regarding the Fire Safe Council. CERT was activated to help during the recent fires.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Robert Carlyle, Chair. The CCPM Board and interested others will meet today after this PMCFA meeting. Cliff Kellogg says the county has given us permission to put a new lock on the front door. We have asked to be allowed to change the rear/side door lock as well.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC): Yvonne Vaucher. We have \$35,718.09 of which \$19,388.09 is unrestricted. Our CAL FIRE CCI road improvement project's CEQA review has at last been returned from Sacramento to our local CAL FIRE staff. We expect to pay about \$13,000 for getting the CEQA exemption approved. Our tax consultant is working on our tax returns and will have to be paid soon. The SDRRF grant that funds chipping and dumpster days needs to be re-applied for for 2025. Yvonne emailed Dana Barre (USFS) to ask that the brush be kept trimmed back around and below the East Grade Road's Henshaw Scenic Overlook. We need to submit a 2025 revision of our Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP); Elizabeth Getzoff and Mariam Munoz have offered to help. The next FSC will be 9 AM February 22, in person at the CCPM and by Zoom, to be followed by the PMPO meeting.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO): The next PMPO Board meeting will be Saturday February 22, at 10 AM immediately following the PMFSC meeting.

Adjournment: 9:46 AM 02/01/2025. The next PMCFA meeting will be at 9 AM, March 1, 2025, at the Community Center. We expect to have Zoom call-ins available.

Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 03/01/2025.