

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 12, 2021, OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOOTHILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Bozza called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Directors Gloria Bozza, Doug Escherman, Dwight Lunkley, and Tracy Park were present. As three or more board members are present a quorum was formed for the meeting. Present: Chief Chris Greene and bookkeeper Carrie Barlean.
3. **COMMUNITY INPUT:**
 - A. Mike Mayo from Yuba Feather Community Services on use of our property. Discussion on use of our property is noted below under item A in New Business.
 - B. Freja Nelson from Farmers Market – The Farmers Market will start on June 19th rather than June 6th this year.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion made by Director Lunkley to approve the March 8, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Director Escherman and minutes approved with unanimous vote of yes.
- B. Motion made by Director Bozza, seconded by Director Park to approve listed checks and warrants to be paid for the month of March 2021 and the Approval of the Financial Report for the month of March 2021. Roll call with a unanimous vote of yes.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

(A) President: (B) Chief/Manager Report: (a) Chief Greene reported 57 calls: 36 medical, 5 wildland fire/smoke check, 1 structure fire, 9 vehicle accidents, 2 public assists, 2 electrical hazard, 2 other hazards. There were 193 responders; average 3.39 firefighters per call. Nine days of the week were not covered by OSV. The total numbers of OSV calls were 14. (b) Calls – Wildland season is fast approaching. We had a 1 ¼ acre fire in challenge due to an unattended burn pile. Limited number of WAR crews due to early release with COVID 19. Instead of 5 crews will have 2. Cal Fire will go to full staffing on May 1st. Forest Service will go to full staffing April 26th. The 2021 NEU CALFIRE agreement has been signed and no big changes in regards to the Foothills. Dobbins Station is renovating its living quarters. (c) Training – Volunteers have been practicing Pump and Draft training. May 22 and May 23 we will be hosting a HAZMAT FRO class for 10 of our volunteers and 10 of Dobbins Oregon House Volunteers. (d) Members – We have issued pagers to Thomas Buelna and Walter Madden, both of Forbestown. Last meeting we had a new recruit, John Cozad “JC”, inquire about joining. Michelle Fox is back to working OSV shifts. John Young is in the process of signing up for the summer EMT session at Butte College. (e) Grants – Stacy has submitted the application to Golden State for the HAZMAT FRO class. Thursday night officers are meeting with our second rep to get another price on wildland PPES so that we can fill out the RFC grant.

Paperwork has been returned to the Yuba County Water Agency for reimbursement for the Bill Shaw Training and Equipment Grant which we were rewarded the pagers. (f) Work Day on April 24th at 8 am – Station 2 in Clipper Mills need some repairs and ground need to be cleaned up. In the afternoon volunteers will return to Station 1 to pressure test and wash hose. We will be providing lunch.

(C) Auxiliary: (D) JPA: (E) Firefighters Association: (a) The Boot Drive for the Firefighters Burn Institute raised \$5,000. (F) Board Input: (G) Fire Safe Council:

6. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. Yuba County unclaimed monies that may become property of Special Districts. The Treasurer Department told Director Escheman that the Special Districts had no unclaimed monies.

B. Use of Fire Department Property by Yuba Feather Community Services.

7. NEW BUSINES:

A. Mike Mayo from Yuba Feather Community Services is in the planning stages of bringing the Mountain Faire back to Brownsville August 21, 2021 through August 22, 2021. The Mountain Faire would be held in the Sutter Health Medical Facility and is requesting permission for the use of the Foothill Fire Department parking lot for overflow parking and shuttle people from the Foothill Fire Department to the Mountain Faire. Yuba Feather Community Services is aware that they would need insurance that would cover the Foothill Fire Department. Discussion on possible interference with the Farmers Market that is held on August 21st. Freja Nelson from the Farmers Market indicated the Farmers Market would have no objection if the Mountain Faire used the Foothill Fire Department Parking Lot but parking would need to be set up in a separate area. Mountain Faire will have first aid booths possibly manned by Fire Department Volunteers. Yuba County Sheriff should be notified and possibly have one or two sheriff's on the premises.

B. Sunset Hill repeater is in need of maintenance to the building and tower – Director Lunkley stated the Foothill Fire Department painting in the past and he wants to know if they will do it again. The guy wires are loose and could use tightening. John does not have a key for the gate on the new road to access the tower. Chief Christ Greene said he will see if he has the current code and then give it to John.

C. Appoint Budget Committee – Entire Board will be on committee and the first meeting will be in May.

D. Appoint Benefit Assessment Committee – Stacy, Tracy and Carrie will be on the committee and get together in May.

8. ADJOURN: 8:22 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Park, Clerk of the Board Foothill Fire Protection District