

SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

**Meeting was held in person at Station 1, 630 2nd Street W, Sonoma, Ca. 95476
and via video conference for general public access.
Join by phone: 1-669-900-9128 | Meeting ID: 914 153 1767 | Meeting Passcode: 3300**

1. Call to Order

President Norton called meeting to order at 5:57 PM

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Board of Directors present: President William Norton, Vice President John (Matt) Atkinson, Treasurer Mark Johnson, Director Brian Brady, Director Mark Emery. Directors Nick Greben and Terrence Leen were excused.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Emery and recited by all.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Public

Public: Chief Steve Akre, Sean Lacy, Trevor Smith, Koda, and Laura Banuelos.
Virtual: Jennifer Jason, Gary Johnson, Chris Landry
No comments heard from the public.

6. Presentations

None

7. Consent Calendar

a) Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 10th, 2023. **M/S/P Brady/Atkinson – 4 ayes/ 2 excused / 1 abstained (Director Emery)**

8. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Chief Akre gave a monthly report to the board

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

- a) Director Johnson motioned to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-3 approving state required mandated annual inspections per California Health & Safety Code sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 for 2023. **M/S/P Johnson/ Emery – 5 ayes/2 excused**
- b) Director Atkinson motioned to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-4 approving to take an official position in support of the County-wide sales tax measure to take place on the March 5th, 2024 ballot **M/S/P Atkinson/ Johnson – 5 ayes/2 excused**

11. Other Business to come before the Board

- a) Chief Akre informed the Board of a recent threat that took place at Sonoma Valley High. In response we had crews on standby, which resulted in no incidents. Chief Akre debriefed with local authorities on how to further improve response and communication for future incidents.
- b) Chief Akre informed the Board that on November 15th, 2023 Sonoma City Council will consider an item on traffic safety. Chief Akre plans to attend the meeting and publicly speak in opposition, due to the area in question, being that it is a primary response route, serves as an evacuation route and would negatively impact response times directly affecting the district and public safety needs.
- c) Chief Akre informed the Board that on November 1st, 2023 we started a new volunteer firefighter academy with a total of 25 participants who once completed will support the Valley (18 SVFD/KW, 7 Schell vista).

12. Comments from the Floor

None

13. Comments/Reports from the Board

Director Emery wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

14. Closed Session

None

15. Adjournment

M/S Brady/ Emery – 5 ayes/2 excused

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm to a regular Board meeting on January 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted in person with videoconference capabilities available to the public. *Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available at the following website: <http://sonomavalleyfire.org> under the Governance tab.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jason

Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the regular board meeting held on November 14, 2023 at the January 9th regular meeting. **M/S/P Johnson/Greben – 5 ayes/2 abstained (Atkinson and Leen)**