

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, July 21, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

District Office, 1050 Wilson Boulevard, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Bennett called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m. Directors in attendance: Bennett, Giraud, Durante, and White. Director Hartley was absent. Staff in attendance: Chief Johnson and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

II. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:03 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PRESENTATION

A. **Introduction of New Employees** – Chief Johnson introduced Fire Marshal Christhana Fields and welcomed her to the EDHFD team.

The Board took a break from 6:07 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. for cake to welcome Chief Fields.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 850th Board meeting held June 16, 2022**
- B. **Approve Financial Statements and Check Register for June 2022**

Director Durante made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – Dale Hemstalk, vice-president, voiced some challenges the firefighters are facing including inflation, stress on the ambulance system, and challenging calls.
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – None
- C. **Public Comment** – Pete Voy, resident, expressed concern over the timing of the vacant lot abatement program/process.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VIII. ATTORNEY ITEMS

- A. **Accept grant deed for Station 91 property** - Counsel Cook presented the grant deed to transfer ownership of the Station 91 property to the District.

Director White made a motion to approve the grant deed for Station 91 property, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Noes)

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Bennett)**

1. **Review and approve moving the Conference Room Usage Policy from the Board of Directors Policy Manual to the Department's internal Policies and Procedures Manual** – Chief Johnson explained Staff's request to remove the Conference Room Usage Policy from the Board of Directors Policy manual.

Director White made a motion to remove the Conference Room Usage Policy from the Board of Directors Policy Manual, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

2. **Review and approve proposed revisions to Board Policy Manual** - Director Bennett explained the proposed changes to Section 7.4 of the Board Policy Manual.

Director Giraudo made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to Section 7.4 of the Board of Directors Policy Manual, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

3. **Fitch and Associates Strategic Assessment (Receive and File)** – Received and filed.

B. **Finance Committee (Directors White and Giraudo)** – The committee met and all items discussed will be covered under New Business.

C. **Joint Powers Authority (Directors Giraudo and White)** – Chief Johnson stated that Medic 49 was temporarily taken out of service by Diamond Springs Fire Protection District due to staffing challenges, and there is a chance it could be permanently removed from the JPA system. He explained the negative impact this has had on the County system as well as our Staff.

D. **Communications (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Hartley and Durante)** – No report.

E. **Training Center (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Hartley and Bennett)** – No report.

X. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** - Chief Johnson reported the following to the Board:

- The Town Center fireworks show was well attended and successful.
- There was a fire at the Mimosa House.
- There was a push-in ceremony for the Engine that the District donated to the Pioneer Fire Department.

- Staff attended the Firescope Board meeting and they discussed the challenges of managing the fires across the state.
- There was a joint active shooter training with law enforcement that went very well.
- There have been a number of strike teams that have been deployed.
- There has been a spike in COVID cases within the Department and there have been several exposures.
- The JLMC meetings have been going well and Staff appreciates the ability to work together with Union leadership.

XI. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Operations Report (Receive and File) – Received and filed.**

XII. COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION REPORT

- A. CRRD Report (Receive and File) – Chief Fields presented the activity report for the CRR Division.**

XIII. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. Audit Engagement Letter for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year Audit (Receive and File) – Director of Finance Braddock presented the audit engagement letter for the 21-22 Fiscal Year Audit. Received and filed.**

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve purchase of Ladder Truck – Chief Johnson requested Board approval to move forward with the purchase of a new Ladder Truck for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, explaining the District will take advantage of the prepayment option discount.**

Director Girauda made a motion to approve purchase of Ladder Truck for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

- B. Review and approve purchase of Type I WUI Engine – Chief Hall requested Board approval to move forward with the purchase of a Type I WUI Engine for an amount not to exceed \$923,000, explaining the District will take advantage of the prepayment option discount.**

Director Girauda made a motion to approve purchase of Type I WUI Engine not to exceed \$923,000, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

- C. Review and approve Air 85 Upgrade – Chief Hall requested Board approval to move forward with the Air 85 upgrade for an amount of \$89,632.72.**

Director Durante made a motion to approve Air 85 Upgrade for an amount of \$89,632.72, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

- D. Review and approve purchase of two (2) replacement Deputy Chief vehicles –** Chief Hall requested Board approval to purchase 2 Deputy Chief vehicles for a combined chassis cost of \$160,617.60. He added that the current vehicles will remain in service and the new vehicles will be added to the fleet. He also noted that this proposal is only for the chassis cost and the conversion cost for these two vehicles will be brought to the Board for review and approval at a future meeting.

Director Girauo made a motion to approve purchase of two (2) replacement Deputy Chief vehicles for a combined chassis cost of \$160,617.60, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

- E. Review and approve modification to the BC command vehicle purchase –** Chief Johnson requested Board approval to modify the BC command vehicle purchase for a total cost of \$218,582.81.

Director Girauo made a motion to approve modification to the BC command vehicle purchase for a total cost of \$218,582.81, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

- F. Review and approve compensation to Chief Lilienthal for OES assignment –** Director of Finance Braddock reported that the presented staff report calculates the overtime compensation to Chief Lilienthal for his recent time assigned to an OES incident.

Director White made a motion to approve compensation to Chief Lilienthal for OES assignment, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

- G. Review and approve Resolution 2022-11 confirming the report of the Fire Marshal and exercising its statutory authority to abate hazardous vegetation and rubbish constituting a public nuisance and imposing such costs upon properties upon which abatement has occurred –** Chief Fields presented the resolution to abate the hazardous vegetation on non-compliant lots and imposing the cost upon the properties.

Director Girauo made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 confirming the report of the Fire Marshal and exercising its statutory authority to abate hazardous vegetation and rubbish constituting a public nuisance and imposing such costs upon properties upon which abatement has occurred, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

XV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rescue Shared Services Agreement Update –** Chief Johnson reported that Chief Ransdell is now officially the Fire Chief of Rescue Fire Department and there was a committee meeting to discuss the transition process.
- B. Training Facility Update –** Chief Johnson reported that the training facility project is going well and is on schedule as well as on budget.
- C. EDHCSD/EDHFD 2x2 update (Directors Bennett and Durante) –** No report.

XVI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

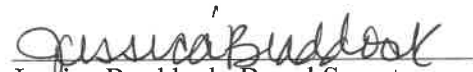
- A. Directors** – Director Giraudo thanked the professional staff for their dedication. Director Durante thanked Chief Fields and her staff for their professionalism and announced the Association golf tournament is scheduled for 8/25/22. Director White stated that LAFCO has a strategic planning committee scheduled and there will likely be two summits scheduled for the West Slope.
- B. Staff** – Chief Johnson thanked Staff for all their hard work and dedication.
- C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved:


Bobbi Bennett, President


Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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