

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 18, 2021

5:30 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:30 p.m.

II. Closed Session

A. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiations; Items under Negotiation: Potential for acquisition of property, Price and Terms; Agency Negotiators Chief and Administrative Committee; Landowner Negotiator: Matthew Kannabe; Property Under Consideration: approximately 5 acres at Golden Foothill Parkway and Cypress Point Court APN117-082-05-100**

The meeting reconvened at 6:01 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PRESENTATION

A. **Letter of Recognition** – Chief Hall presented a letter of recognition to Captain Wilkey for above and beyond service on a call where they presented a birthday cake to a patient's wife after transporting her husband. Firefighter Schlange and Engineer Wesson were also recognized but were unable to attend the meeting.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 825th Board meeting held February 18, 2021**
- B. **Approve Financial Statements and Check Register for February 2021**

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

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – Captain Wilkey, President, reported that COVID related calls are starting to decline as more people are vaccinated and the crews are doing well.
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – None
- C. **Public Comment** – None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VIII. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley) –** Director Hartley presented an outline of the Strategic Plan process.
- B. Finance Committee (Directors Bennett and Giraudo) –** Director Bennett stated that the committee met to discuss the Employee Recognition Policy and the committee is recommending that some of the ambiguous language be revised.
- C. Joint Powers Authority (Directors Hartley and Giraudo) –** No report.
- D. Communications (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Bennett and Durante) –** Director Durante stated that the committee did not have any updates for the Board but asked that he be involved in future external meetings on the communications topic so that the committee members can better understand the options. It was decided that Staff would include the directors in meetings at Chief's discretion.
- E. Training Center (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Hartley and White) –** No report.

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

- The conference room is set up for Zoom and Staff is working on completing training prior to offering a Zoom option for future Board meetings.
- Congratulations to Inspector Bryce DeWitt who was promoted to Staff Sergeant in the Air Force reserves.
- Staff has completed the Captain's test and Defensible Space Inspector interviews and is preparing for the Prevention Specialist interviews and Firefighter testing in the near future.
- Thank you to 3604 for their collaboration and the relationship with Administration.

XI. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Operations Report (Receive and file) –** Chief Hall reported that the crews completed residential hose evolution and ladder training and the call volume is increasing as things open back up. He added that he expects the new Engines to be delivered in late August or September.

XII. COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION REPORT

- A. CRRD Report (Receive and file) –** Chief Phillips stated that community development is still very active and busy and thanked the CERT team for their participation in the vaccination clinics.

XIII. FISCAL ITEMS – None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve Resolution 2021-01 of the Board of Directors to execute its statutory authority to abate weeds on properties which said weeds constitute a public nuisance –** Chief Phillips presented Resolution 2021-01 initiating the 2021 weed abatement program.

Director Giraud made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01 of the Board of Directors to execute its statutory authority to abate weeds on properties which said weeds constitute a public nuisance, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

XV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rescue Annexation Update** – Chief Johnson stated that Staff is meeting with the County and there are no updates for the Board at this point.
- B. Training Facility Update** – No report.
Richard Ross, resident, stated his concerns about the current training center proposal and the optics and potential negative affects that moving forward with the project can have on the public opinion of the Fire District.

Item taken out of order. Continued from Item X. Fire Chief's Report. Director of HR Hall updated the Board on the status of updating the District policies stating that a policy review committee has been established and is working through changes to many of the existing policies.

- C. EDHCSD/EDHFD 2x2 update (Directors Hartley and White)** – No report.

XVI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** – Director Bennett congratulated Inspector DeWitt on his promotion, Director Hartley congratulated the recognized crew for their above and beyond service, and Director White thanked the friends and family members that support the Firefighters.
- B. Staff** – Chief Johnson thanked the crews for their service and thanked the women that work for the District in honor of International Women's Month.
- C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Durante made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Bennett and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved:



Tim White, President



Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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