

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THORNTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
25999 Thornton Rd., Thornton, CA. 95686
February 13, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Allan called the regular meeting of the Thornton County Fire Protection District Board of Directors to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: Jim Allan, William Stokes, Frank Yoka, and Jose Torres
Absent: None
Staff Present: Fire Chief Alberto Garcia and Secretary Diana Tidwell

GUESTS ATTENDING:

Paul and Shawna Guzman

AGENDA:

On motion of Director Stokes, seconded by Director Yoka, agenda for February 13, 2025, meeting approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

Chief Garcia requested amount due for payoff of Apparatus to West America Bank but has not received a reply.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Yoka, minutes for January 9, 2025, regular meeting approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BILL LOG:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Yoka, financials and bill logs in the amount of \$64,080.77 approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

Chairman Allan advised there is nothing new to report on the Measure S invoice committee. The district is looking for a committee of 5-11 people.

FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION REPORT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests are due from each Board Member by April 2025.
- B. AB1234 Ethics Training link was emailed to each Board Member and are due by April 2025.
- C. Approval of Engine 17-1 payoff to West America Bank tabled until future meeting so Chief Garcia can get final payoff amount.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- A. Chief Garcia reviewed the Alarm and Fire Prevention Reports, and each board member received a copy. Alarm reports show 51 calls for the month of January 2025, an increase of 31 calls from last year. The district is current with most business inspections. We are currently working with two businesses, Wimpy's Marina and Thomas Allen Winery.

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State mandate inspections are due in July for New Hope Elementary and Housing Authority.

- B. There is nothing new to report for station updates.
- C. All fire apparatus are still having the same issues. Engine 17-1 needs one ball valve and repairs to the master stream. The engine only operates in straight stream mode with no fog. The Transmission continues to slip when in second gear. Engine 17-2 still requires service at Caterpillar. Engine 17-3 PTO engages intermittently. There are no issues to report on the Water Tender or Command Truck.
- D. Two intern firefighters have started and are receiving training in-house and with other agencies. The district is still short one Shift Lieutenant but is working on an internal promotion with one firefighter.
- E. The district was denied appeal for the cyber security grant. The Homeland Security Grant application period closed on January 31, 2025, and the district is awaiting County's decision. There is nothing new to report on the OTS Grant.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Chairman Allan created binders for each Board Member and will bring a copy of the formation agreements and bylaws to include in each binder. He will also be creating a contact sheet with important phone numbers.

Chief Garcia received several calls for the incident at Head Start. He spoke to County and has modified the policy so the district will be dispatched for all calls.

CLOSED SESSION:

Negotiations pursuant to California Government Code Section §54957.

The meeting convened into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into open session at 7:04 p.m. with the following action from the Board of Directors:

- A. On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Yoka, increase to Chief Garcias compensation was approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Yoka, the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

DIANA TIDWELL