

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THORNTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
25999 Thornton Rd., Thornton, CA 95686

MEETING MARCH 14, 2024

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Chief Alberto Garcia - Present
Secretary Alix Strapp - Present
District Secretary - Sharon Tucker - Excused Absence

Roll Call of Directors:

Jim Allan - Present
William Stokes - Present
Frank Yoka - Present
Jose Torres - Present
Vacancy

- 1) Guests Attending: San Malachi, Eevan Stockdale, Shawna Guzman and Dennis Ray.
- 1A) Public Discussion: None
- 2) Communications Received: MAC meeting asked Thornton to be part of a Duey Upton's memorial planning on July 20, 2024.
- 3) Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the January 2024 (No meeting was held in February 2024) meeting read. Motion made to accept by Director Stokes and 2nd. by Director Yoka, so carried.
- 4) Financial report & bill log: Financials and bill log were prepared. A Motion was made to accept by Director Yoka and 2nd. by Director Torres.
- 5) Committee Meeting: Committee Meeting: Jim Allan said if we want to go forward to the registrar of voters with a tax override, we will need a public forum first. Jim passed around info he put together. It correlated to the new business item on the agenda. The purpose of the public hearing would be an agenzized meeting with the majority of the board there. Due to the Brown Act it would have to be opened up as a meeting and records taken and be published. The purpose of it is to get public input on the tax override. We do not really have a back up plan if we do not get that. Everything is getting more expensive, and the revenue is remaining relatively static and our one-time revenue like strike teams are going down. This is because state and federal responses have changes. We need to get together a committee with a JPA of joining fire districts. Jim states he doesn't know how to approach

that. Jim states there is nothing in writing yet. It is an informal discussion taking place among the chiefs. Some of the outlined fire districts like Woodbridge, Liberty, Thornton. They would form a joint powers authority to share resources and provide better coverage in the larger area. That would benefit Thornton because most of the freeway response comes from here. It would be a mutual aid agreement with one chief always responding. There has been no official decision. Jim states it could be a really good idea. This could be a huge increase in response time. Chief Garcia states the Jpa would not happen overnight. This will take time for the firefighters to train together and all of it to take place. Jim states if this is structured properly it will benefit Thornton. Jim states he will be gone in April and not reachable. Jim's advice is we have the public outreach meeting next month and that before he leaves the Chief and himself will come up with an Agenda for the meeting. There will be a PowerPoint presentation and if there is positive feedback from the public hearing then they will pass a resolution similar to Woodbridge's. Jim states during the public meeting there will be a discussion of the fire board itself. We have had a difficult time attracting board members. Chairman Allan to report at next meeting.

6) Fire Fighters Association report: None

7) Old Business: None

8) New Business: A: Discuss engine 17-1 needed repairs: Chief Garcia provided a quote in his Chief report on page 3. It is for a radiator and an oil cover cost would be 7,550.84. This includes the diagnostic that had already been done on it. Chairman Allan wants Chief to verify if the note is paid off. If so repairs are necessary. Director Torres made a motion to approve and Director Stokes 2nd. the motion. Repairs approved by all.

B: Gates at both ends of Station and replacement of saw. Director Stokes moved to approve both, and Director Yoka 2nd. motion, so approved, no further discussion. Saw will be \$2,133.00

C: Consider hold a public hearing RE the override and provide info to public: Director Yoka made a motion to have a public meeting and Director Stokes 2nd. motion. There is no date at this time.

D: Consider passing a resolution seeking override for Thorntin Fire. The board has asked Sharon to place on the May agenda under new business.

9) Chief's Report: Chief Garcia gave out his written report and went Over the report.

10) Open Discussion: None

11) Closed Session: 7:23 - 7:25 personnel issue, no action taken

12) Adjourn Meeting: - Motion made to adjourn meeting by Director Stokes and 2nd. by Director Torres, so carried - meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully Transcribed & Submitted by:
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Recorded and presented: by Alix Strapp