

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED TWELFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, February 20, 2020

5:30 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Hartley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and Chief Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Bennett, Durante, Giraudo, 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.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

II. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- A. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1): Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Thomas and Helen Austin v. The County of El Dorado, et. al.; El Dorado County Superior Court Case No. 21050633**
- B. **Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9 (d)4); potential litigation; one matter**

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 811th Board meeting held January 16, 2020**
- B. **Approve Financial Statements for January 2020**

Director Durante made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Giraudo and unanimously carried.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters – None**
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association – Lantz Burvant, President, informed the Board that the Association is accepting applications for the scholarship program and plans to give a total of \$4,000.**
- C. **Public Comment – None**

V. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VI. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Bennett and Durante) – No report.**
- B. Finance Committee (Directors Giraud and White) – Director White stated the Finance Committee met and discussed the upcoming budget process and updated the approved EFT vendors list and Bank of America signature card.**
- C. Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee (Directors Durante and White)**
 - 1. Review and approve Strategic Planning Consultant RFP – Director Bennett recommended the following changes to the proposed RFP:**
 - **Section 3**
 - b. Replace the term “organizational improvements” with “strategic initiatives.”
 - **Section 5**
 - Written Response
Process – Remove the term “step-by-step” with regard to the process that will be described. A step-by-step detail of the process is not necessary.
 - Cost Proposal
Remove the word “itemized” with regard to providing a list of costs.

The Board adopted the suggested changes.

Director Durante also proposed to the Board that the District subscribe to SurveyMonkey.com at a cost of \$99 per month so the Strategic Planning Committee can conduct surveys across the organization. Direction was given to Staff to review the plan/cost options that SurveyMonkey.com offers and discuss further.

Director Durante made a motion to approve Strategic Planning Consultant RFP with Director Bennett’s proposed changes, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

VIII. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – Chief Johnson reported the following to the Board:

- Chief Hall updated the Board on the progress on the Communications Study, stating that Staff is hoping to have a final report to the Board in May.
- Chief Hall reported that Staff is working through the permitting process for Training Center Special Use Permit and he is hopeful that he will have it by the deadline.
- The first training class at the Employee Development Center is scheduled for March 24.

- CTA is working with LAFCO to complete the maps needed for the Rescue Annexation and he would like to schedule a 2x2 with the Boards to discuss any outstanding concerns.
- Firefighter/Paramedic recruitment has closed and testing will be next week.
- The JPA Executive Director recruitment is open.
- The Verizon cell tower installation has begun, and Staff is recommending that the contract be discontinued as soon as the contract allows.
- Station 85 hosted the “Count Kids/Walk with Austin” event and had a great turnout.
- The CERT program has officially launched and is recruiting participants.
- The Veterans Memorial Bridge dedication was very well done and well attended.
- The CSD is starting discussions about Cityhood and Staff recommends that the District remain involved in those discussions. Director White suggested that the District may need to contribute financially to ensure participation in the process.
- Chief Johnson requested a moment of silence at the end of the meeting for the recently fallen firefighters in Porterville.

IX. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. **Operations Report (Receive and file)** – Received and filed. Chief Hall reported an error in the calculation on page 4 stating that the District responded to 5 fires, not 15. Battalion Chief Moreno gave a report on a recent structure fire in the District.
- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – No report.

X. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. **2020/21 Budget Timeline** – Director of Finance Braddock reviewed the budget timeline for 2020/21.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Review Board of Directors’ Policy Manual, Section 8.1 (j)** – Director Hartley stated that Directors have personally endorsed political candidates in the past, but recently Director Durante endorsed supervisor Hidahl using his EDH Fire Board Title, which the existing Board Policy prohibits unless majority Board approval is obtained in advance. Director Durante stated that his EDH Fire Board title was mistakenly listed with his name on a published endorsement for Supervisor John Hidahl. The Board concurred that while they approve of Director Durante’s endorsement that was already published, the existing Board Policy is appropriate and should not be amended.

Director Durante motioned that the Board acknowledge the prior use of his EDH Fire Board title on his endorsement of Supervisor Hidahl and that the Board does not deem it a violation of existing policy, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

- B. Review and approve Resolution 2020-01 CalPERS Resolution of Intent to Amend Contract** – Director of Finance Braddock explained that the proposed CalPERS Resolution of Intent 2020-01 would (a) increase the 1959 Survivor Benefit from Level 3 to Level 4 as negotiated in the current MOU and (b) add Government Code 20434 to the contract, which broadens the definition of “Local Fire Fighter” to include employees that perform firefighting, fire prevention, fire training, hazardous materials, emergency medical services, or fire or arson investigations services.

Director Giraudo made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01 CalPERS Resolution of Intent to Amend Contract, seconded by Director Bennett and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes:0)

- C. Review and approve updated salary schedule**

Director Bennett made a motion to approve updated salary schedule, seconded by Director Giraudo and unanimously carried.

XII. OLD BUSINESS – None

XIII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** – Director Giraudo thanked the crews for going above and beyond the call of service. Director Durante stated that he was approached by potential Board member candidates and stated that other members and Staff would likely be approached as well. Director Hartley encouraged the Board members to attend the Feb Dinner.
- B. Staff** – Chief Johnson asked for a moment of silence to honor the fallen firefighters in Porterville.
- C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Approved:



Charles J. Hartley, President



Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary