

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 21, 2020

5:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hartley called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Directors in attendance: Bennett, Durante, Giraud, Hartley, and White. Director Durante attended via teleconference. Staff in attendance: Chief Johnson and Director of Finance Braddock. Director of Finance Braddock attended via teleconference. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:09 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. **Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9 (d)4); potential litigation; one matter**
- B. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief**
- C. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with agency negotiator regarding terms and conditions of employment: Sick Leave Policies; Agency Negotiator: Chief Maurice Johnson; Represented Group El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters**

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 815th Board meeting held April 16, 2020**
- B. **Approve Financial Statements and Financial Forecast for April 2020**

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

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – Mark Ali, President, expressed his appreciation for the support from Staff and the Board to take care of the firefighters and their families during the COVID-19 crisis. He also congratulated Captain Ferry and Engineer Lowe on their recent promotions.
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – None
- C. **Public Comment** – None

V. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VI. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administrative Committee (Directors Bennett and Hartley) – Director Bennett reported that the committee met and discussed the communications system and training center. She added that progress on both projects has been slowed down due to the COVID-19 crisis, but the permit for the training center has been secured.

B. Finance Committee (Directors Giraudo and White)

1. Review and approve proposed amendments to Board Policy Manual Addendum 3: Reserve Fund Policy – Director of Finance Braddock reported that the Finance committee discussed revising the Reserve Fund Policy to be consistent with current practice and reflect the current needs and goals of the District.

Director White made a motion to approve proposed amendments to Board Policy Manual Addendum 3: Reserve Fund Policy, seconded by Director Bennett and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes:0)

2. Update on status of 2020-21 Preliminary Budget – Director of Finance Braddock provided an updated preliminary budget for review.

C. Joint Powers Authority (Directors Hartley and Giraudo) – Chief Johnson stated the JPA continues to have discussions about the budget and the vacant Director position, but no decisions have been made.

D. Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee (Directors Durante and White)

1. Review and discuss Strategic Plan RFP response – Director Durante reported that the RFP generated one response and the committee agreed that it would be wise to postpone moving forward with the project for three to six months due to the current COVID-19 outbreak. Director White added that Fitch & Associates, LLC has agreed to hold the pricing that was proposed.

Director Bennett made a motion to approve utilizing Fitch & Associates, LLC to facilitate and develop the District's Strategic Plan, and to hold for further direction before signing an agreement, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes:0)

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

- The new Station 91 Engine was placed in service.
- Captain/Paramedic Hank Ferlini retired on May 4, 2020.
- Captain Ferry and Engineer Lowe were promoted.
- Station 91 repairs have been completed.
- Firefighters across the county were acknowledged for their above and beyond service during EMS Week.
- The County is open to Phase 2 of the COVID-19 re-opening plan.

- Devin Newsom has been hired for the Operations Support position.
- Captain Hathaway was appointed to the Training Captain role and Captain MacKenzie will be returning to shift assignment.
- The annual RT-130 wildland training is happening this week.

IX. OPERATIONS REPORT

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

X. FISCAL ITEMS – None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve Resolution 2020-08 in Appreciation of Retired Captain/Paramedic Hank Ferlini**

Director Giraudo made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-08 in Appreciation of Retired Captain/Paramedic Hank Ferlini, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes:0)

- B. Review and approve receipt of a COVID-19 grant from State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF) in the amount of \$10,000 – Chief Lilienthal reported that the District was awarded a \$10,000 grant from State Compensation Insurance Fund. The Board acknowledged receipt of the grant and thanked Chief Lilienthal for his work in securing it.**

- C. Review and approve Resolution 2020-09 to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors El Dorado Hills County Water District – Director of Finance Braddock reported that the changes in the proposed Resolution to increase employee contributions to CalPERS are reflected in the approved MOU and Administrative Support Resolutions.**

Director Giraudo made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-09 to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors El Dorado Hills County Water District, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes:0)

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discuss/Take Action on Notice of Intent to Annex Rescue Fire Protection District – Chief Johnson recommended filing an official Notice of Intent to Annex Rescue Fire Protection District with LAFCO.**

Director Giraud made a motion directing Staff to file a Notice of Intent to Annex Rescue Fire Protection District, seconded by Director Bennett and carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 1- Durante)

XIII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

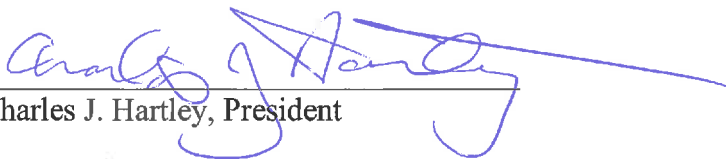
- A. Directors** – Director Bennett thanked Staff for accommodating the Directors’ remote attendance of recent Board meetings. Director White thanked Captain Bennett, Engineer Ramsey, and Firefighter Scroggins for their service and professionalism responding to his call. Director Hartley thanked Staff and the crews for all the work to get Engine 91 in service.
- B. Staff** – Chief Lilienthal stated that Captain Ferlini’s retirement ceremony would be held on June 9th and invited the Directors to attend.
- C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Approved:



Charles J. Hartley, President



Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary