

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, February 17, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

President White called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m. Directors in attendance: Bennett, Durante, Giraud, and Hartley. Director Durante attended via Zoom video conference. Director White was absent. Staff in attendance: Chief Johnson and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

Item II. Closed Session taken after Item XVI. Oral Communications.

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**

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PRESENTATION

- A. **Presentation by the Lakehills Fire Safe Council – Peggy Willis Memorial Bench and Lending Library at Fire Station 84** – Rob Vomund, representing the Lakehills Fire Safe Council, presented a proposal to the Board to put a memorial bench and lending library honoring Peggy Willis in front of Station 84.

Counsel Cook recommended some documents to be established as well as some criteria in policy format for future requests.

- B. **Introduction of new Fire Equipment Mechanic David Dixon** – Chief Johnson introduced the District's new Fire Equipment Mechanic, David Dixon.

The Board adjourned for a cake reception to celebrate new employee, David Dixon, at 6:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:26 p.m.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 840th Board meeting held January 20, 2022**
B. **Approve Minutes of the 841st Board meeting held January 31, 2022**
C. **Approve Financial Statements and Check Register for January 2022**

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Giraud and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0)

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – None
- 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 Bennett)** – Director Bennett reported that the committee met, but the Strategic Assessment draft was not yet available for review. The draft has since been received and the plan is to bring it to the Board at the April regular meeting for review.
- B. **Finance Committee (Directors White and Giraudo)** – Director Giraudo stated that the Finance Committee met and reviewed financial projections for the potential Rescue annexation.
- C. **Joint Powers Authority (Directors Giraudo and White)** – Chief Johnson reported that the JPA is still working toward a two-year contract extension with the County.
- D. **Communications (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Hartley and Durante)** – No report.
- E. **Training Center (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Hartley and Bennett)** – No report.

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

- The bids for the construction of the Training Facility (Phase 1) came in today and the construction manager is reviewing them. Staff will bring a recommendation to the Board at a Special Meeting.
- Staff attended the Stockton Firefighter memorial service and Chief Lilienthal and the honor guard were able to participate in helping with the service.
- Fire Inspector I recruitment is wrapping up and an offer has been made to Vince Kauppi.
- Recruitment is open for seasonal Defensible Space Inspectors for the upcoming fire season.
- Firefighter/Paramedic recruitment is also underway.
- The EDC has started hosting classes and Staff is looking to bring in a consultant to help facilitate those.
- Congratulations to Chief Hall for getting the Training Center project to this point.
- Congratulations to Chief Lilienthal who was awarded the Chief Fire Officer title by Center for Public Safety Excellence.
- The administrative office will be closed for Presidents Day on February 21.
- Training Facility groundbreaking ceremony is tentatively scheduled for March 10.

XI. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. **Operations Report (Receive and File)** – Received and filed. Chief Hall reported that vegetation fires are already starting, and Staff is preparing for a busy fire season.

XII. COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION REPORT

- A. **CRRD Report (Receive and File)** – Chief Johnson stated that the CRRD team is still working to get the turn-around times down for plan reviews and it seems the new processes are helping.

XIII. FISCAL ITEMS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Selection of Datacate, Inc. for IT Managed Services** – Chief Johnson reported Staff is recommending awarding a contract to Datacate, Inc. to provide the District’s IT support services. Chief Lilienthal summarized the RFP process, the selection criteria used, and how Staff came to its recommendation.

Director Giraud made a motion to select Datacate, Inc. for IT Managed Services, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0)

- B. **Review and approve Public Salary Schedule effective 12/28/2021** – Director of Finance Braddock presented the updated public salary schedule reflecting the recent change to the Fire Chief contract.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Public Salary Schedule effective 12/28/2021, seconded by Director Giraud and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0)

- C. **Review and approve purchase of a Fire Mechanic Vehicle** – Chief Hall reported that Staff is recommending utilizing a bid very similar to the City of Marysville contract that already went through the competitive bid process to purchase a Fire Equipment Mechanic vehicle.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the purchase of a Fire Mechanic Vehicle, seconded by Director Giraud and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0)

- D. **Review and approve Resolution 2022-02 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California government code section 54953(e)** – No action was taken on this item. Chief Johnson recommended that the Board resume allowing public to attend meetings in-person due to the recent downward trend in Covid-19 cases in the County.

Director Giraud made a motion to rescind Resolution 2022-01 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California government code section 54953(e), seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0)

XV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Rescue Annexation Update** – No additional report.
- B. **Training Facility Update** – No additional report.

C. EDHCSD/EDHFD 2x2 update (Directors Bennett and Durante) – No report.

XVI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **Directors** – Director Bennett thanked Staff for everything they do.
- B. **Staff** – Chief Johnson stated he is proud to work with such a great Staff.
- C. **Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – None

The Board Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. The Board took no action in closed session.

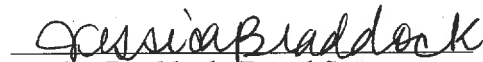
XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Approved:


Bobbi Bennett, President


Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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