

Minutes from the June 25th, 2020, Bolinas Fire Protection District Board Meeting, Via Zoom.

Pres. Molesworth called the meeting of the Bolinas Fire Protection District to order at 7:00 P.M. Vice Pres. Kimball, Dir. Torrey, Dir. Martinelli and Dir. Dunne were present. Also present: Chief Krakauer, Asst. Chief Marcotte, and Administrative Asst. Cadance Lynam.

MSC Martinelli/Torrey (unan.) to approve the Agenda.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Krakauer attended the Chief's meeting via phone on June 25th. Topics discussed included lessons learned from PG&E Public Safety Power Shut Off meeting on June 3rd. PG&E has been working on providing quicker restoration after the power shut off's and better isolation of the grid. Over the next three weeks they will be sending out drones to inspect the power lines.

MERA

Chief Krakauer attended the MERA meeting via phone on May 24th. The custom design review phase is near completion. One hundred and twenty five of the one hundred and thirty seven documents are final and the remaining are being reviewed. The County of Marin Implementation contract expires at the end of the month and AECOM is stepping in.

Prevention

Updated under Disaster Council

Roads

The road closure is still in effect on Mesa Road at Commonweal. Julie Byerly, Chief NPS Ranger reached out to Chief Krakauer to review tentative plans for reopening Mesa Road at Commonweal. The date is still unknown.

Inspections

Inspections are on hold.

Planning

No Update.

Grants

No Update.

Training

Two trainings on auto extrication have been completed. A total of four cars have been donated. Chief Krakauer thanked Asst. Chief Marcotte for leading the trainings. Many of the Volunteers have never been trained in auto extrication and learned a lot.

The trainings will now be focused on Wildland firefighting, including safety and progressive hose lays.

Volunteers

No Update.

Apparatus

U232 had its rear main seal and battery shut of switch repaired.

Disaster Council

Asst. Chief Marcotte updated the Board that he is planning to do a training with the Area Coordinators, likely on the big Mesa. The training will involve setting up cones with notes inside describing different scenarios, which will then be relayed to the Fire House. Asst. Chief Marcotte said this type of training will allow everyone to social distance and learn their neighborhoods at the same time.

Resource Recovery

No Update.

Buildings and Grounds

No Update.

General Operations/Administration

Chief Krakauer reported that for many of the Volunteers, the two recent fires were their first large fires. In both instances, there was a great response from the Volunteers and positive outcomes all things considered. No one was hurt and no additional buildings impacted.

Scott Alber of Marin County Fire Dept. is conducting an investigation on the cause of the Waterhouse Building fire. The County Building and Safety Dept. have posted restricted access for the lower businesses.

Pres. Molesworth thanked Chief Krakauer, Asst. Chief Marcotte, Dir. Martinelli and all the Volunteers for their work.

Bolinas COVID-19 Testing

Chief Krakauer reported that the Antigen test results went out at the beginning of the month.

There has recently been a spike in COVID-19 cases in Marin County, including San Quentin with over 380 cases.

On June 29th many places will be reopening in the County including short term rentals and indoor dining with restrictions. The reopening may be affected by the spike in cases.

Ian Johnson will be assisting Administrative Asst. Cadance Lynam and Chief Krakauer to purchase a current version of Quickbooks software in the next couple weeks. Chief Krakauer and Administrative Asst. Cadance Lynam will be meeting with the new CPA on June 26th to review items for the audit.

Surfers' Overlook Repair/Terrace Avenue

The Brighton Seawall Hearing has been postponed till July 9th via Zoom. Chief Krakauer recorded a statement explaining the importance of the wall for access at high tides.

Personnel

Varian Bartolini, former Seasonal Firefighter, has started working on Friday's filling the spot left by Chris Deibel, whom is on a undetermined leave.

Lucas Lind-White, also former Resident and Seasonal Firefighter is back for the summer filling in as a Resident firefighter on Thursday's.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Action Item #1 – Approve Final Budget for FYE 2020/2021

The draft budget for FY 20/21 was publicized in June for review. Some amendments were made after the draft budget approval to include increases in expenses for Firefighter personal protective equipment and general operations equipment as well as increases in tax revenue. Overall the budget is similar to last year with the main changes being increases in employee wages to meet current standards, and decreases in the TOT tax line item since vacation rentals are not open during the COVID-19 shelter in place order.

MSC / Torrey/Dunne (unan.) to Approve Final Budget for FYE 2020/2021 as amended.

Action Item #2 – Approve Resolution #190-2020 Proposing an Election be held in its Jurisdiction; Requesting the Board of Supervisors to Consolidate with any other Election Conducted on Said Date, and Requesting Election Services by the Marin County Elections Department

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Action Item #3 – Approve Agreement Between Bolinas Fire Protection District, Coastal Health Alliance, Inc., and Petaluma Health Center Inc.

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Discussion – District Wildfire Preparedness and Response

Chief Krakauer discussed the Chipper Day program starting on July 18th in Bolinas which will allow residents to get rid of excess brush and better protect their home for fire season. Chief Krakauer and Asst. Chief Marcotte have been working on putting together a tri-fold mailer to send to residents

with further information as well as posting information on Nextdoor and in the Hearsay. Everyone needs to pre-register since there are limited spaces.

Chief Krakauer and Asst. Chief Marcotte are also working on a mailer for residents that will include bullet points discussing how to stay safe during Wildland fire season. Additional information can be found on the bolinasfire.org webpage.

Chief Krakauer heard back from Battalion Chief Christie Neill regarding the Defensible Space Inspection program. It is likely they will be coming out sometime between the end of August or beginning of September. Chief Krakauer said he and Asst. Chief Marcotte agreed it would be best to begin inspections sooner than that. They will be putting together a mini training to re-familiarize some of the staff on how to do the 4291 inspections. Last year most of the inspections were done on the big Mesa so this year the inspections will take place on Terrace, Marin Way, downtown and out to Hwy 1.

Don Murch is going to begin mowing some of the main egress/access roads on August 1st. This will be the second year this mowing has been done to widen the roadway in case of an emergency.

Vice Pres. Kimball attended the June 18th MWPA Board of Directors meeting. He gave an update, noting that they elected a President, Bruce Goins, who is a Board member at Novato Fire and the Vice Pres. is Dennis Rodoni. Pres. Kimball praised Jason Weber, Marin county Fire Chief, for all his work getting this project off the ground and leading it. The budget was also approved with a spending amount of \$18,000,000. The County may be fronting money in the beginning to get some of the projects started before the Measure C tax money is received. Vice Pres. said it was a long meeting that was very productive.

Chief Krakauer updated the Board on the June 25th meeting with UC Berkley, Davis and other organizations for the Wildfire Traffic and Communication study. The meeting focused on wildfire scenarios, mostly to do with communication mechanisms, and traffic modeling. They were able to use fire propagation mapping as well as population size and approximate amount of cars to try and figure out how long it would take to evacuate town depending on the size of the fire. Chief Krakauer said they are looking to get community involvement to participate in the simulation game they put together to bring awareness to what a potential fire in Bolinas could look like.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC / Kimball/Torrey (unan.) to approve the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Dir. Torrey asked whether there were any plans on 4th of July to mitigate some of the traffic and tourists in town. Chief Krakauer responded there are no official road closures this year but he spoke with the Matt Lewis of the

Lions Club to put rebar and caution tape around town to prevent people from parking irresponsibly. Chief Krakauer also spoke with the Sheriff to ask if they can provide any additional parking enforcement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Updates from Finance and Budget, Personnel, Building and Grounds and Operational Working Group.

Finance Committee – The Finance committee has continued to work on the budget.

Personnel Committee – No Update.

Buildings and Grounds – No Update.

Operations Working Group –No Update.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Vice Pres. Kimball expressed his appreciation for Chief Krakauer, Asst. Chief Marcotte, Dir. Martinelli and the Volunteers for all their help in our community. The rest of the Board also expressed thanks.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC / Kimball/Torrey (unan.) to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cadance Lynam
Administrative Assistant

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