

**KENTFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MEETING TYPE: Regular – Virtual Meeting via Teleconference

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 p.m. by Chairman Naso. Director Gerbsman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Corbet-present; Evergettis-present; Gerbsman-present; Murray-present; Naso-present. Also in attendance were Chief Pomi, Deputy Fire Marshal Pasero, Battalion Chief Glenn, B-Shift, and Recording Secretary Wilson.

VOTE TO CONTINUE VIRTUAL MEETINGS AB 361 – Chief Pomi stated Resolution 3-2022 is required in order to continue with our virtual meetings. The Brown Act states a resolution needs to be discussed and approved every 30 days in order to meet remotely; Kentfield Fire District uses the Zoom platform. Chief Pomi has a meeting coming up with legal counsel to discuss the potential options for a hybrid meeting. He understands the Board would like to go back to in-person meetings and he is trying to do so in a respectful manner while ensuring the safety of staff and to the fire house. Chief Pomi recommended the Board approve Resolution 3-2022.

M/S Gerbsman/Evergettis to approve **Resolution 3-2022**, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Kentfield Fire Protection District proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Executive Order N-08-21, dated June 11, 2021, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the Kentfield Fire Protection District for the period March 9, 2022 – April 9, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Aye; Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye;
Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
Motion passes

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES: M/S Evergettis/Murray to approve the minutes of February 9, 2022. Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Abstain, Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye;
Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 1
Motion passes

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. ***MERA Measure A Low-Income Senior Exemption*** – Chief Pomi announced the Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) is once again offering the opportunity for a low-income senior exemption to the MERA parcel tax, which is Measure A. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2022 for the 2022/23 tax year. For more information, please visit MERA's website at <https://meraonline.org/>. The website explains who qualifies and provides information on frequently asked questions. An application for submission is also available on the website and here at the station. As a member agency, Kentfield Fire District recognizes this opportunity and wanted to report on it for those who may need it. Chief Pomi stated there was no action necessary and asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. ***Ross Valley Paramedic Tax Rate F/Y 2022-2023*** – Chief Pomi explained Resolution 4-2022 is an approval for supporting the existing Ross Valley Paramedic tax. In November of 2018, the community members of the eight agencies approved the Ross Valley Paramedic tax and every four years, this tax needs to be renewed and voted on. For Fiscal year 2022/23, starting July 1 of this year, the tax levy will be \$91.50 per taxable living unit. When it first began, it was \$79.50 and has increased \$4 each year; increasing by \$16 over the last four years. Chief Pomi stated that any member who lives within the community and is transported to the hospital by the RVPA, will not be billed by the ambulance company. Chief Pomi asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked.

M/S Murray/Evergettis to approve **Resolution 4-2022** Resolution of the Kentfield Fire District Board of Directors in Support of the Ross Valley Paramedic Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Aye; Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye
Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
Motion passes

- b. ***Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Ballot Measure Renewal*** – Chief Pomi stated this item is brought to the Board every four years regarding RVPA funding. Resolution 5-2022 allows Kentfield Fire District to be

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part of the June 7th 2022 general election with the County. The RVPA Board has met twice this past month to review the budget and has approved a \$3 annual increase; over the next four years a \$12 total increase. Financially, we are in a very solid position with the JPA. There aren't a lot of overhead costs, there is no unfunded liability, and we are able to keep the cost very reasonable per resident. Chief Pomi referenced the election ballot language italicized in his staff report, citing this will be the ballot language for the member agencies of: Kentfield, San Anselmo, Fairfax, Larkspur, Ross, Sleepy Hollow and the unincorporated areas. The members who live in the town of Corte Madera pay a different amount per their agreement. The approximate annual revenue that is generated will vary between jurisdictions due to population and the number of parcels. Chief Pomi said there is some ballot language arguments in favor of and some yes vote language listed in his staff report to review. If the Board chooses to pass the resolution, there will be an opportunity for the District to submit the ballot language in supporting the measure. Chief Pomi verbalized that he is happy to work with the Board and community members to get that accomplished and sent off to the County of Marin. They would then include that on our measure for the June 7th general election.

M/S Evergettis/Gerbsman to approve **Resolution 5-2022** Supporting the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Measure.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Aye; Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye
Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
Motion passes

- c. **CLOSED SESSION for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**- *Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4): (One Case)*
The Board entered in a Closed Session at 6:55 pm.
The Board adjourned the Closed Session at 7:14 pm and entered back into Open Session.
Director Naso stated there was nothing to report.

CHIEF'S REPORT: None

DIRECTOR MATTERS: Directors provided the following information regarding their activities:

Director Evergettis – Reported on the MWPA and expressed what a fine job Mark Brown was doing. As conveyed last month, the MWPA hired a few more people to help support Mark. All in all, things are good and in balance with the MWPA.

CORRESPONDENCE: Were reviewed.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS: February Incident Logs and Overtime Reports were reviewed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

M/S Murray/Evergettis to approve February warrant 805304151 to and including 805304223 for \$604,556.03

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made.

Roll Call Vote: Corbet-Aye; Evergettis-Aye; Gerbsman-Aye; Murray-Aye; Naso-Aye
Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
Motion Passes

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held on April 13, 2022.

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS: Chairman Naso asked for a moment of silence.

ADJOURNMENT: M/S Gerbsman/Evergettis to adjourn this meeting at 7:18 p.m. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jena Wilson
Recording Secretary