

Hidden Valley Fire District  
Minutes of the August 24th, 2023, Meeting

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The regular meeting of the Hidden Valley Fire District Governing Board held by video conference call was called to order by Chairman Alter at 16:34. All Board members were present. Also in attendance was Chief Karlic of Rural Metro and Administrator Simon Davis.
2. **Call to the Public:** No requests or call ins were made.
3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the June 22nd regular meeting were presented for approval by Mr. Davis. Mr. Milward made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Chair Alter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Rural Metro Chief's Report:**

Chief Karlic updated the Board on the latest run statistics and staffing for the responding units. He also gave an update on the current firefighter academy under way with 11 new fighters. Discussion was also held on responses to outlying areas of the District and acknowledgement by both the Board and R/M that security gates and distance from stations can have an impact on response times. Also noted was the issue of 'wait times' at local Emergency Rooms that delay units responding and the fact R/M does monitor the situation daily.
5. **Administrative Report:**

Financials - Mr. Davis presented the June and July financials for Board review and analysis, Mr. Milward made a motion to approve the presented financials and Mr. Flores seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Old Business:**
  - A. Discussion was held on District branding and creating a logo that can be used to identify the district to its constituents. Board members and the Administrator will work to get some samples for a future meeting.
7. **New Business:**
  - A. Discussion was held regarding the district's annual report that will be produced and distributed to the county and web site later in the year.
  - B. Discussion was held on opening a district bank account to allow for Board Members to receive reimbursements and cover occasional minor expenses (web site fees) and also deposit possible donations that occur through the course of business. Mr. Milward made a motion for Mr. Davis to research said account, and if one could be found that did not charge fees and had suitable protections and insurance for District funds to open an account with Chair Alter. Mr.

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Flores seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Davis will advise the Board as necessary.

- C. Discussion was held on the election cycle and which Board members terms would be up for election at the next general election in 2024. No action was taken.

**8. Future Agenda items discussed.**

- A. The next meeting will be on October 26th at 16:30 and will be held in person.

With no further action being taken the Meeting was Adjourned at 17:24

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