

Hidden Valley Fire District
Board Meeting
November 30, 2022
VIA Zoom

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lee Alter at 4:35 p.m.

Board members present: Lee Alter, Greg Milward

District residents Present: Doug Crisp
Richard Flores
Charlotte Mulligan

Others Present: Thomas Benavidez, Esq
District Legal Counsel

Karl Isselhard, Chief, Rural Metro
Jay Karlik, Assistant Chief, Rural Metro

2. Call to the Public

Chair Alter opened the meeting to public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Alter made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2022 meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Milward. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Fire Chief's Report to the Board

Chair Alter recognized Rural Metro Fire Chief Karl Isselhard for his report. Chief Isselhard presented the September and October report on calls that Rural Metro responded to. In October, there were seven calls; two desert pest calls, an invalid assist call and non-emergency calls. Chief Isselhard pointed out one specific call that had a response time of fourteen minutes. He reported that when that incident was called in, both the engine and rescue vehicles were on another call, so the response came from a neighboring station. Chief Isselhard then review the staffing status for the month.

Board member Milward inquired as to what is on the horizon regarding staffing issues. Chief Isselhard reported that Rural Metro is confronted with significant challenges in this regard. This is due to competition from other fire districts, as well as other issues. He discussed programs that he will be implementing (signing bonuses, etc) that will hopefully be successful in addressing staffing shortages.

Chief Isselhard returned to presenting the report for September 2002 and reported that response times were still not at the level desired.

5. Board Member election

Chair Alter deferred this item to later in the agenda due to Ms. Mulligan having to leave the meeting to take an emergency phone call.

6. Administrative Services

Mr. Alter moved to the next agenda item and provided an overview of the work that is required to maintain compliance with rules, regulations and state statutes regarding the operation of a Fire District.

Inquiries have been made of other Fire Districts to determine if there was any interest in providing administrative services to the HVFD. There was none

Mr. Alter presented a proposal from Simon Davis to provide administrative services. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting. In the interim, legal counsel was directed to draft a proposed agreement between Mr. Davis and HFVD for the board's consideration at the next meeting.

7. Election of Board Member

Mr. Alter informed those present that he is deferring a decision on the board vacancy due to Ms. Mulligan's absence from the meeting due to an emergency. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting

8. Future Agenda Items

The following items were identified as agenda items for the next meeting of the Board of Directors:

- a. Rural Metro Report - Chief Karl Isselhard or designee
- b. Appointment of Director to fill vacant position on the Board of Directors
- c. Administrative services—review draft agreement with Simon Davis and authorize the President to provide notice to the membership of a potential revision to the HVFD budget

9. Chair Alter adjourned the meeting at 5: 18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Milward
Board Clerk