

Kuna Rural Fire District

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Minutes of Commissioners Special Meeting

March 24, 2021

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Chairman Bud Beatty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of Kuna Fire Station #1.

Present were Commissioners: Bud Beatty, Mike Smith, Randall Feaster, Greg McPherson and Tim Crawford. Also present were White Peterson Attorney William Gigray, and Officer of Administration-Secretary-Bookkeeper Krystal Hinkle.

Agenda Approval:

Comm. McPherson moved to accept the agenda as printed and posted. Comm. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Public Input/Special Presentations:

Mark Niemeyer – Boise Fire Chief – Western Fire Chiefs Association – Chief Niemeyer started off stating there is a potential conflict of interest. His wife works for Ada. Co. Paramedics, his son worked for Start Fire District and his daughter is dating one of our firefighters.

Chief Niemeyer provided a lot of information to the board about the process, the involvement from the staff and the community. They have a placement success rate of 85%-95%. The hiring process is about 4-6 months depending upon the number of applicants and the availability of our staff.

Attorney William Gigray had a few concerns before the board moved forward with an agreement. Sec. Hinkle will send the concerns to Niemeyer who will provide those concerns to the Western Fire Chiefs.

Executive Session Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of March 24, 2021– The Commissioners, upon a unanimous roll call vote, went into the executive session, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (a) To consider hiring a public officer, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. The executive session commenced at 6:18 p.m. In attendance were all the members of the Board of Commissioners, Sec. Hinkle and legal counsel Wm. F. Gigray, III. Sec. Hinkle was appointed as secretary to take the minutes of this executive session. At 6:43 p.m. Sec. Hinkle was then excused from attendance in executive session. At 7:00 p.m. Rusty Coffelt was asked to join the meeting. Information was then exchanged among the Commissioners in attendance, Rusty Coffelt and Wm. F. Gigray, III regarding the subject matters of the executive session. At 7:25 p.m. Rusty Coffelt was then excused from attendance in executive session. A motion was made at 7:56pm by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Greg McPherson to come out of executive session which motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business –

Discuss and Consider Resolution approving the Agreement with the Western Fire Chiefs Association – Commissioner Smith made a motion approving Resolution 2021-07 authorizing

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the Chairman to sign the agreement with the Western Fire Chiefs Association if they are willing to make the modifications to the agreement that were proposed by our attorney. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider the Hiring of an Interim Fire Chief – Certain Board Members would like to hire Rusty Coffelt as an interim Fire Chief. Rusty Coffelt indicated he can help fill the void for up to 6 months and does not want to become the fulltime Fire Chief for Kuna Fire. The board will meet with the Captains every month to see how the process is going.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to hire Rusty Coffelt as an Interim Fire Chief and allow the Chairman and Sec. Hinkle to enter negotiations with Rusty Coffelt. Comm. Crawford seconded the motion, motion passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioner Feaster and Commissioner McPherson voted NO on the Interim Fire Chief selection.

Discuss and Consider a Resolution Approving the Agreement with Core Construction for Stage 2 for the Station Remodel – There was a lot of discussion of what can and cannot be used with impact fees. Anne Wescott attended the call and was confident that we could modify our CIP after the remodel. However, our attorney did not agree and felt based off state statute, we must modify our CIP before we can proceed with a remodel. There were also concerns about the selection process of Core and potential for the process to start over.

Chairman Beatty made a motion to table the topic. Comm. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Open Discussion – Commissioner Smith will talk with CORE about the cost to purchase the design of the remodel. Captain Lawrence provided the board with suggested changes to the Battalion Chief job description.

Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Hinkle, District Secretary

M.G. Bud Beatty, Chairman