

# Kuna Rural Fire District

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## Minutes of Commissioners Regular Meeting

April 14, 2021

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **REVISED:** \_\_\_\_\_ (see revised version)

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

Present were Commissioners: Bud Beatty, Mike Smith, Randall Feaster and Tim Crawford. Commissioner Greg McPherson arrived at 1:28pm. Also present were Battalion Chief T.J. Lawrence, White Peterson Attorney William Gigray, and Officer of Administration-Secretary-Bookkeeper Krystal Hinkle.

### **Agenda Approval:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Comm. Crawford moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2021 and April 5, 2021. Comm. Feaster seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Input/Special Presentations:**

**Amy Manning – IIIA – Annual Update** – Amy Manning with the III-A provided the annual update from the IIIA Trust.

**Dave Gronbeck – Lease/Purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> Station** – Dave Gronbeck indicated a developer might be interested in helping build a 2<sup>nd</sup> station for the district. We would be able to build that station to fit our needs and would entertain a Lease to Purchase with the developer. The location that was mentioned was on the south side of the tracks. Mr. Gronbeck did indicate we might be able to find a different location. This would potentially save the district money as it would be the developer building it and not the district. The developer would not have to follow the same posting requirements and the cost could be lower if it isn't tied to a government entity. We could also look at having a joint use facility with BLM.

There are two large developments off Swan Falls coming, one is a 160 acre development with 440 homes and another is a 600 acre development with close to 1600 homes.

**Shawn Rayne – Ada County Paramedics** – Chief Rayne provided a presentation that showed an overview of how Ada County did financially in 2020 and their call volume. A “hot map” of their response area was shown, as well as Kuna Fires. There was discussion about future co-location and the needs of Ada Co. if that were to take place. There was also discussion about assisting Kuna Fire when we are short staffed. Chief Rayne indicated that we could have more discussions about assisting when short staffed. He would not mandate OT to his staffing to do so. It would have to be on a voluntary basis.

Ada Co. will be helping with the funding for a new station in Eagle and in Meridian. There is potential they could help fund a portion of our remodel to accommodate his staffing if we were to co-locate.

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Ada Co. has offered to help with our medical billing at the rate of 15% of collected fees.

**Executive Session Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of April 14, 2021**– The Commissioners, upon a unanimous roll call vote, went into the executive session, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (a)(b) and (f) 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. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general, to hear complaints against Fire District officers and employees, and to communicate with legal counsel for the Fire District to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation. The executive session commenced at 2:19 p.m. In attendance were all the members of the Board of Commissioners, Officer of Administration Krystal Hinkle and legal counsel Wm. F. Gigray, III. Krystal Hinkle was appointed as secretary to take the minutes of this executive session. At 3:22 Chief Lawrence was asked to join the meeting. Information was then exchanged among the Commissioners in attendance, the Chief and Wm. F. Gigray, III regarding the subject matters of the executive session. At 3:37, Chief Lawrence was then excused from attendance in executive session. A motion was made at 3:46pm by Commissioner Mike Smith and seconded by Greg McPherson to come out of executive session which motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

**Open session resumed** and Chairman Beatty reported that information was received in relation to the announced purpose for going into executive session and no action was taken by the Commissioners.

**Financial Reports Presented by Hinkle:** Comm. Crawford moved to accept the financial reports and report of fund investments, and to approve disbursement of funds in the amount of \$200,000.59 for the District for payment of bills and payroll as presented. A disbursement of \$0 for the Association for payment of bills. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Purchase Order over \$5,000** – Chief Lawrence presented a PO to the Commissioner's for (2) mobile radios and (2) handheld radios. These are essential for deployment and out of district aid. The will go in the Brush Truck and the Chase. The total cost is \$10,190, installed.

Comm. Smith made a motion approving PO 2021-01 for the purchase of (2) radios and (2) handheld radios not to exceed \$10,190. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Summary of Correspondence:** None

### Staff Reports:

**Chief Report – by T.J. Lawrence:** Chief Lawrence reported the Driver Operator Testing will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Captain Assessments will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Chief spoke with Knute Sandahl to clear the air about a situation with our previous Chief. At this time,

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Knute is willing to help and didn't go into details about what took place. The crews are applying to the National Fire Academy. There is a Hometown Fair on May 21<sup>st</sup>-May 23<sup>rd</sup> with a large bonfire. The district plans on being on scene. Researched the cost of an engine and a brush truck. A new engine, equipped, will cost around \$800k, and a new brush truck will cost \$400k.

**Local 4165 - Full Time Firefighter Report:** President Coffelt thanked the Negotiation committee for fruitful negotiations.

**Association Report:** None

**Attorney Report:** Gigray reported pieces of legislation that impact fire districts. HB124, HB73, HB156, SB1020 and SB1042. He also indicated that his firm received PERSI's response brief and they will be responding over the next week or so.

**Officer of Administration Report by Krystal Hinkle:** Hinkle reported everything is on the agenda.

**Administrator of Impact Fees by Krystal Hinkle:** Hinkle reported that the current fund totals \$1,767,268.55 thru March.

### Old Business:

**State Fire Commissioners Report:** Annual Meeting is April 1<sup>st</sup> and very busy with legislation and educational classes.

**Ada County City EMS System (ACCESS) Update:** Executive Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Discuss and Consider 2021 Budget Revision:** The board was provided the proposed amendments from the Budget Committee.

**Discuss and Consider MOU – Local 4165 – CLA – Pay/Benefits:** Comm. Feaster moved to accept the MOU with Local 4165 which indicated that their pay increase will commence on the first payperiod in the new year. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Discuss and Approve Proposal from Hummel/Core Construction:** Tabled

### New Business:

**Discuss and Consider MOU – Local 4165 – Battalion Chief–** Comm. Smith moved to accept two MOU's with Local 4165 which indicate the salary and ranking of the Battalion Chief and also the temporary promotions until testing is completed. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Discuss and Consider Resolution Authorizing the Agreement with Datatel for Phone Service – Admin.** Hinkle indicated that cell phones at the office and the station have horrible reception

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and don't give us the ability to transfer calls to and from the station. The agreement will save the district over \$3000 per year.

Comm. Smith made a motion approving Resolution 2021-10 Authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement with Datatel for phone services. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Discuss the Options for the Hiring of a Fire Chief** – The board chose not to use the Western Fire Chiefs Association for the recruiting.

Comm. Smith made a motion authorizing the Chairman to call the Western Fire Chiefs Association to let them know that we will be pursuing other options. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

There are two other recruiting firms that Admin. Hinkle will contact and get proposals from.

**Appointment of Members to the Hiring Committee – Fire Chief** – Tabled

**Discuss and Consider the Proposed 2021 Revised Budget and Direct Secretary to Publish the Notice in the Kuna Melba News** – The Budget Committee provided an amended budget that reflects the removal of the remodel, the increase in overtime due to staffing shortages, the removal of grant funding due to not receiving the SAFER grant and the addition of funds from deployment.

Comm. Smith made a motion approving the Secretary to publish the public notice in the Kuna Melba News for a hearing of the amended budget on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Commissioner Open Discussion** – Comm. Feaster and Chief Lawrence offered to setup a meeting with Ada County Paramedics to discuss options for backfilling when we are short staffed or other options.

Chairman Beatty resigned as Chairman of the Board.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Hinkle, District Secretary

Greg McPherson, Chairman