

# JACKSON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## \*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\*

### Board of Directors Special Emergency Meeting

Date: December 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Location: Jackson Valley Fire Protection District Firehouse  
2701 Quiver Drive, Ione 95640

#### I) Call the Special Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Herfel, additional Board members present; Cantwell, Farmer, Thompson and Brown. Staff present was Chief Makemson, Assistant Chief Faist and Engineer Byrd; also present Secretary Fogal. Guest present was Matt Dolezal and Dana Calhoun. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited after the meeting was called to order.

#### II) Approval of Agenda:

Brown moved to approve the Agenda Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor 5 ayes.

#### III) Public matters not on the agenda:

**Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Please note there is a three (3) minute limit per speaker per topic.**

Chief Makemson told the Board he was notified today there will be 357 Covid 19 vaccines available the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. The vaccines will be free and available to Sutter Amador Hospital and all the Fire Departments in the county. The Chief has turned in the names of all staff that will be taking the vaccine. More patients are testing positive in our area so PPE protocol on mask is an N95 requirement on all calls. This mask cost approximately \$5.00 each, with the Covid Grant this will help with the additional cost.

#### IV) Grand Jury Report: Suggested action, discussion and possible action.

Chairman Herfel spoke to the Board regarding the Grand Jury report. Chief Makemson said at the Chiefs' meeting the discussion was on the thoughts of the Grand Jury Report regarding the AFPA. It was concluded that regarding (F3 through F9) from the report there was going to be a blanket response that "there was not enough information" to respond on these items.

After an in-depth discussion by the Board; Brown made a motion that in the revised JPA Agreement that the AFPA is considering, section 7.1 Phase One – Planning, items (b), (c) and (d) is stricken these referencing consolidation and unified entity. Also 7.1 Phase One Planning item (g) it be changed, the wording "recommendation" be stricken and "submission" be replaced, Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor 5-0.

Brown motioned The Grand Jury Report is tabled until the JVFPD Board meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for further discussion and possible action, Farmer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor 5 ayes.

#### V) Audit 2019/2020: Suggested action, discussion and possible action.

Cantwell reports we received a letter from General Counsel regarding "Employee Benefit Disbursements and Gann Limit". Counsel agreed we are exempt from **Gann Limits** as a Special District which did not as of FY 1977-78, levy a property tax in excess of 12.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Cantwell also shared with the Board information from Counsel regarding **Employee Benefits**, regarding our employees request to opt out of medical benefits offered by employer in lieu of a retirement account deposit option.

Brown motioned to allow our Treasurer to set up 401-A accounts for employees in lieu of paid medical insurance before the end of this calendar year, Farmer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion items only: No discussion

Adjournment: Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Farmer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor 5 ayes.

Next regular scheduled meeting of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm