



# Weaverville Fire District

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## MINUTES

### WEAVERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – March 2, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Weaverville Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman George Owen at 1001 hours. Commissioners present in-person: Todd Watkins, Bill Fischer, and Larry Helsley. Commissioner's present via Zoom: Rick Wetzel. Others present in-person: Firefighter Amelia Fleitz and Admin Officer Serena Brown.
  
- II. CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the board and will be enacted by one vote. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent Agenda and will be considered separately.
  - a. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes February
  - b. Approve Warrant List/Check List and Journal Entries/EFT  
**MSC Helsley/Watkins to approve the Consent Agenda as presented**
  
- III. DEPARTMENT AND BUSINESS REPORTS
  - a. Hazardous Reduction Progress Report: No report as Chief Corbett is absent. Helsley asked why we are not burning, and Director Owen confirmed that we will start soon.
  - b. Chief's Report: Admin Officer Brown relayed that Chief Corbett had no report. She added that she was aware he had signed up to take a class. Helsley asked if there was any information from the Fire Chiefs' meeting. Firefighter Amelia Fleitz, who works for Trinity County RCD, reported that she presented, and the Fire Chiefs' accepted, the Community Wildfire Protection plan. There was discussion, at the Fire Chiefs' meeting, regarding five Departments having outdated SCBAs. There was lengthy discussion from the Board regarding SCBAs and why grant funding was attempted. There is to be an Action Item for SCBAs on the next meeting Agenda.
  - c. Fire Department Report: Admin Officer Brown reported that:
    - i. We are to-date at 101 calls for service.
    - ii. We have 25 members and one highly potential new member. That is an increase of 3 new members over the past couple of months.
    - iii. The Valentine's Day Rose sale was a success. We ordered more roses than normal and sold out in about 2 hours.
    - iv. Training is getting back on schedule. We had training each Wednesday in February.
    - v. Exterior building lights have been installed. Almost the entire building is now LED including the museum.
  - d. Sleeper Program Report: No report
  - e. Committee Reports:
    - i. Collections Committee: (Owen, S. Brown) No report
    - ii. Contract Committee: (Wetzel, Corbett, S. Brown) No report
    - iii. Budget/Financial Committee: (Helsley, Fischer, Corbett, Kormeier, S. Brown) No report
    - iv. Policy Committee: (Wetzel, S. Brown) No report

f. Director Reports: Helsley reported that a member of the public, living on Masonic, had asked him about the junk cars in the area of the creek and wondering if the fires were under investigation. The cause of the fires is unknown, but Owen suggested that we should direct the member of public to speak to CHP.

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: Firefighter Amelia Fleitz discussed grant opportunities and offered to help facilitate the writing of grants. She is, in particular, hoping to apply for the CalFire RFC grant. It is a grant that is a 50/50 match. She thought that our 50% might be split between District and Department. She is interested in seeing more handheld radios in the engines. The Board suggested she work with Chief Corbett; however, Firefighter Fleitz is "having a hard time moving it (the grant) forward" with Chief Corbett and asked the Board to intervene. Board Chairman Owen will investigate the matter and asked that the item be placed on the next meeting Agenda.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE: LAFCo has an Enterprise District Board Position available. WFPD is a non-Enterprise so we don't qualify to fill the vacancy.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1044 hours. The next regular meeting has been rescheduled for Friday April 2, 2021 at 1000 hours.

  
George Owen, Chairman

  
Serena Brown, Administrative Officer