

**TUOLUMNE FIRE DISTRICT**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 6:00p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Brian Bell, Chairman.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Brian Bell – Chairman, Adam Artzer - Vice Chairman, Darlene Hutchins – Secretary, Tony Kreig – Treasurer, and Alexander Horat – Board Member.

Absent: None

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Fire Chief Nick Ohler and his family

Fire Captain Jeff Santi and his family

Firefighter Eric DeGraff and his family and friends

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

None

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** **February 13, 2024**

Adam made a motion to approve the previous minutes as written.

Tony seconded the motion.

No public comment. Vote 5/0 – Motion carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

There were many comments to Chief Ohler for his leadership of the department as well as his hard work when the department was in a crisis bringing us back into a successful and thriving fire district. Captain Santi was also acknowledged for his contributions and hard work to this fire district as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Interim Fire Chief**

Chief Ohler is stepping down as Fire Chief on March 20, 2024, and we have appointed Jeff Santi to step in as the Interim Fire Chief.

Brian made a motion to appoint Jeff Santi as Interim Fire Chief. Darlene seconded the motion. Vote 5/0 - motion carried.

**2. Oath Of Office**

Outgoing Chief Ohler administered the Oath of Office to

Jeff Santi as Interim Fire Chief – Wife Tiffany presented him with badge

and bugles.

Eric DeGraff as Interim Fire Engineer – Mother Jennifer presented him

with his badge.

**BREAK: 6:15 – 6:25**

**3. Volunteer Intern Firefighter Stipend**

Interim Fire Chief Santi recommended that the language in the policies and

procedures to reflect that the stipend for extra days that the Interns work

should reflect $80/day.

**4. Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Chief Ohler wrote the 2018 plan, and everyone accepted the plan at that

time that identifies the hazards in Tuolumne City. An updated plan has been

submitted and is in the review process.

**5. Standards of Coverage**

A draft form has been circulated of the Standards of Coverage. Sonora City

is against it and will be presenting a document of their own that they want

to be added to the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes for 3/19/24.

The document is controversial and a poor reflection of arrival times. Chief

Ohler has asked for modifications, and no one has gotten back to him.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Strategic Planning Committee:**

The Strategic Planning Committee, (Chief Ohler, Brian Bell and Tony Kreig) The committee is working on:

a. The District and Sonora City are looking into a potential future JPA

which is only in the discussion stage, no action has been taken.

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**2. Department Report (the detailed report is attached to these minutes)** Chief Ohler discussed what he had written in his attached report. Chief Ohler’s resignation letter was accepted.

**3. Administration Report**

All reports were reviewed and approved this month.

**4. Approval of Warrants and Requisitions**

All warrants and requisitions were approved.

**ADJOURN**

7:09pm

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – April 8, 2024**