

**OSAGE BEACH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

August 17, 2021

Present: Director Tony Cicerelli, Director Kevin McRoberts, Director Rick Goedde.

Also Present: Attorney Aaron Ellsworth, Fire Chief Paul Berardi, Deputy Chief Lucas, Fire Marshal Nicholson, Board Secretary Miranda Wimberley.

Director Cicerelli called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Opening of Business Meeting:

The public hearing was held regarding the 2021 tax rate for the District. Chief Berardi presented the 2021 Pro-Forma sheet and proposed that the tax rate be levied at .7434 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Director Goedde made a motion to accept the proposed tax rate. Director McRoberts seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Consent Agenda:

Director Goedde made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director McRoberts seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

New Business:

Fire Chief Berardi presented Resolution 2021-01 authorizing the District to place the general obligation bond question on the ballot for the November 2, 2021 election asking the voters to authorize the District's issuance of general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$13,000,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new fire station, reconstructing, improving, renovating and repairing existing fire stations and related facilities, and to acquire fire trucks, vehicles and other firefighting and emergency apparatus and equipment. Director Goedde made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01. Director McRoberts seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Berardi presented Resolution 2021-02 authorizing the District to place an emergency medical services property tax levy question on the ballot at the November 2, 2021 election to ask the voters to authorize a levy of an additional property tax of not more than \$.30 per \$100 of assessed valuation to provide funds to provide funds to operate and maintain a new advance life support/emergency medical services division for the District. Director Goedde made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02. Director McRoberts seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Further discussions took place regarding the bond and levy questions. Bond Counsel Hayden Crumpton of Gilmore & Bell and Financial Advisor Todd Goffoy of Piper Sandler were present and answered the Board's questions with respect to both resolutions passed. Firefighter Eric Newman advised the Board that the firefighters are behind the bond and tax levy and discussed campaigning in support of both ballot questions. Chief Berardi advised the Board that passage of the levy in support of the ALS/EMS division would help the District's ISO rating remain at 4.

Reports:

Assistant Chief Stafford's report was accepted as submitted

Fire Marshal Nicholson's report was accepted as submitted.

Deputy Chief Lucas's report was accepted as submitted.

Board of Directors had nothing additional to report.

Discussion regarding the proposed contract with Gilmore Bell took place between Board Counsel Ellsworth and Hayden Crumpton of Gilmore & Bell prior to the signing of the contract.

Documents for Board signature were presented and executed.

Roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:44 p.m.: Director Cicerelli - yes; Director McRoberts- yes; Director Goedde - yes.

General Meeting reconvened at 5:07 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is September 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Date: _____

Prepared by: Miranda Wimberley