

# LOMA RICA / BROWNS VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

### 1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Present:: Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough

### 2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None

### 3. APPROVE MINUTES:

- A. August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the Minutes as written by High  
Second by Kinkle  
Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle—AYE  
Motion carried
- Abstain: Yarborough

### 4. ACCOUNTING:

- A. Finance: No discussion  
B. Warrants: No discussion

### 5. CHIEF'S REPORT (DC Jim Mathias and BC Rob Bartsch):

- A. Chief Mathias stated that statewide fire statistics are down compared to last year, however, in the NEU district, both numbers and acreage involved are up.
- B. Chief Mathias said the District has earned approximately \$480,000 in rental income from the state so far this year
- C. Yuba County is in discussions over the disbursement of Measure K funds—approximately \$131 million has been collected to date—the fire chiefs will discuss the allocation of funds at their meeting next Monday.
- D. Chief Bartsch gave the statistics for August: 33 calls for medical assistance; 5 vehicle accidents, 9 vegetation fires, 1 vehicle fire, and 3 structure fires
- E. Chief Bartsch said the manufacturer for the new engine still does not have the chassis yet, and it will be approximately 4 months to build the engine after they receive it
- F. Engine #63 has an issue with the auxiliary pump—it was sent to the mechanic to determine if it could be repaired or must be replaced. Chief Bartsch stated a new auxiliary pump runs \$5,000 to \$6,000.
- G. They are working to find a better, more reliable internet service provider at Station #61
- H. CalFire is in receipt of a letter from Yuba County stating the Untz Festival organizers have submitted an application for a permit for the event in 2022.

### 6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. GM Shields said the District received a check in the amount of \$500 from the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council's sale of tow chain covers. The funds will be passed on to the volunteers to purchase uniforms.
- B. GM Shields reported the assessments have been completed
- C. The District received a letter from the current insurance company confirming they are renewing the policy, but they don't have the premium information yet.

### 7. DISCUSS AND APPROVE: Purchase of vehicle stickers with new logo

- A. Motion by High to approve the purchase of new stickers for vehicles and new signs for Stations #61 (double-sided) and #62 (single side) using the new logo, not to exceed \$3,500; Second: Kinkle  
Roll call voice vote:  
Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough – Aye  
Motion carried

**8. DISCUSS AND APPROVE: Water Tank purchase and engineering:**

- A. Yuba County has waived the permit fee, however, a permit for the encroachment is needed; measurements need to be taken for the curb and corner; and a culvert and gravel will be needed.
- B. GM Shields said legal counsel states the District must have engineered plans to send out for bid, however, engineering can not be determined until a tank is selected, as each tank requires specific engineering. GM Shields to contact attorney again to explain situation to determine how to proceed with the project

**9. DISCUSS AND APPROVE: Proposals for weed abatement**

- A. Motion by Kinkle to approve the proposal from All Seasons Tree and Turf Care for weed abatement at Station #62 for \$650 and Station #63 for \$1,975, timing to be at the discretion of All Seasons; Second: Yarborough  
Roll call voice vote:  
Biggs, High, Kattuah, Kinkle, Yarborough – Aye  
Motion carried

**10. BOARD AND STAFF MEMBER REPORTS:**

- A. Director Biggs stated the JPA's antenna at Walsh Mountain (Smartsville) was successfully moved September 8<sup>th</sup> to it's new location across the street on the tower owned by California Communications.
- B. The next JPA meeting will be Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Dobbins/Oregon House Volunteer Fire Station at 7pm.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:15pm**

Respectfully submitted

Kim Biggs—Vice Chair