



**RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2020

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Prather, Covington, Gabriel, Thorpe

Directors Absent: Hill

Director Gabriel called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

No action taken.

**5. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

No action taken.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2020-08 ADOPTING FINAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21**

Motion by Director Gabriel to adopt Resolution 2020-08, seconded by Director Covington.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>PRATHER:</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>COVINGTON:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>GABRIEL:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>HILL:</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**THORPE:** Yes

Motion passed. 3-0-1.

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT: “Wildfire Preparedness in Contra Costa County”**

Director Covington made a motion to approve response to Grand Jury report; seconded by Director Prather.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**PRATHER:** Yes  
**COVINGTON:** Yes  
**GABRIEL:** Yes  
**HILL:** Absent  
**THORPE:** Yes

Motion passed. 4-0.

**10. STRATEGIC PLANNING-CONTINUED FROM WOKSHOP**

Direction to staff to get a contract proposal from Municipal Resource Group and bring back to board for review.

Direction to staff was given to explore options for consolidation.

Item 10B: Formulate schedule of strategic planning tabled to September meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Jeff Miller

**11. FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

No action taken.

**12. STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

LAFCO: Director Gabriel will review meeting recording once available.

**14. MEASURE O OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

None.

**15. AD HOC BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Reserve Program ad hoc committee (Prather & Thorpe)-none.
- b. Strategic Planning ad hoc committee (Gabriel & Prather)-none.
- c. Budget ad hoc committee (Covington & Hill) –none.

Motion by Director Prather to dissolve budget ad hoc committee. Seconded by Director Gabriel.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>PRATHER:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>COVINGTON:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>GABRIEL:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>HILL:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>THORPE:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Motion passed. 4-0.

**16. LOCAL 1230 CORRESPONDENCE**

Jerry Short commented regarding consolidation.

**17. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Suggest additional ideas in regard to consolidation (Director Prather)

Motion by Director Prather to put item 17A on September agenda. Seconded by Director Thorpe.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>PRATHER:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>COVINGTON:</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>GABRIEL:</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>HILL:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>THORPE:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Motion failed.

- Reserve fund for equipment and apparatus

Motion by Director Gabriel add agenda item for reserve fund for equipment and apparatus on future agenda; seconded by Director Covington

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>PRATHER:</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>COVINGTON:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>GABRIEL:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**HILL:** Absent  
**THORPE:** Yes

Motion passed. 3-1.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Board Secretary