

**Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District
Special Budget Committee Meeting
September 4, 2020
Phone Conference**

Directors Present:	Peter Benjamin Dustin Joll	Larry Henson
Directors Absent:	John Soltau	Tina Fritz
Budget Committee Members:	Mickie Lindquist Mel Beery	Jim Provance
Budget Committee Member Absent:		Sara Vandehey
Others Present:	Chief Tom Sakaris David Oliver Mary Lou Morris	Paul Rimola Mike Burt

Call to Order/Establishment of a Quorum

- President Benjamin called the meeting to order at 16:00. There was a quorum.

Purpose of Special Meeting

- President Benjamin read a statement from the Seal Rock Fire District attorney:
“I believe you need to reconvene the budget committee, but then you can skip to opportunity for public comment. Then open it up to discussion from the committee prior to voting to approve the budget document.”

Public Comments

- President Benjamin asked for public comment stating each person would be limited to three minutes.
- Paul Rimola read his comments which are attached.
When Mr. Rimola’s three minutes expired, Mike Burt deferred his three minutes so Mr. Rimola could continue.
- President Benjamin reminded Mr. Rimola that a lot of his statement was a rehash of what had already been addressed in writing.
- President Benjamin stated the five year budget plan will be discussed at the September Board of Directors meeting and he hopes it will be approved. Mr. Burt asked if the plan is available for review and Mr. Rimola wants it on the website. President Benjamin stated it will be available to the public when it is approved, not while it is in the draft form.

Committee Comments

- There were no comments so President Benjamin asked for a motion to approve the budget document. Mr. Beery made the motion. Director Henson asked for discussion prior to voting.
- Director Henson said he has an issue with the budget especially the amount budgeted for firefighters. He understands there is not enough in the budget for four firefighters. President Benjamin stated that is correct. The Fire District went to the voters to approve hiring firefighters. That ballot measure was approved. The Fire District went back to the voters again for additional funds to hire another firefighter. That measure was not approved. President Benjamin feels having three positions and working with Central Coast Fire District is a success.

Motion to Approve Budget

- Mr. Beery made a motion to approve the budget as proposed for 2020-2021. Director Henson opposed the motion. Jim Provance abstained since he was traveling and didn't have the budget with him. The other members of the Board and Budget Committee voted in favor. Motion passed.

President Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 16:14.

Minutes prepared by Mary Lou Morris